

Worship Illustration: Storybook

The Adventures of Delbert and Lello

Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts through Revelation

Unit 5, Lesson 25

Forgive each other

A Letter About Forgiving Others Ephesians 4:32

Delbert and Lello raced to the mailbox. They knew Posty would be delivering another letter from Delbert's Uncle Donny. Each week, he sent a letter about his trip to help build a new church. Each week, Delbert and Lello waited excitedly for the next letter to arrive.

"Haw! I hope we didn't miss Posty. I can't wait to hear what Uncle Donny has to say," Delbert exclaimed with a big jump.

Lello smiled and said, "Baa! I know. I love getting mail. It's so much fun, and Uncle Donny has been teaching us alot about the Bible."

As they turned the corner and looked down the path toward the mailbox, they both came to a sudden stop. The mailbox was gone! Panic flashed across their faces and they started running again. Once they reached the spot where the mailbox usually stood, they saw Pops bent over with a wrench in his hand.

"Well, hello there! I was just fixing the mailbox; the door had fallen off," Pops started to explain.

Delbert and Lello both sighed a huge sigh of relief. Delbert said, "Haw! We thought the mailbox was gone. We were so worried Posty wouldn't know where to deliver the mail!"

Before Pops could answer, they heard Posty's squawk. Looking up to the sky, they saw him swoop down gracefully and land on the fence. Posty seemed a bit confused. Lello thought that was because the mailbox was on the ground, but she soon discovered the real reason.

"You've got mail. I deliver without fail," Posty squawked. He began searching the ground, behind bushes, and in the trees.

"Haw! I can't wait for Uncle Donny's letter. Please hurry, Posty," Delbert urged.

Posty searched and searched. "A letter? A letter? Let me see. Where, oh where could it be?"

"Oh, I hope he didn't lose it," Lello whispered to Pops.

Pops patted Lello's head reassuringly. "Now, let's be patient. I'm sure Posty has it," Pops whispered back.

Posty pulled out an envelope and announced, "Please have no fear; your mail is right here!"

"Haw! Thanks Posty," Delbert replied, tearing open the envelope. Then he cleared his throat and began to read:

Dear Delbert and Lello,

Remember that it is important to forgive each other. I have a letter from the Bible I'd like to share.

Love,

Uncle Donny

Delbert handed the letter to Lello so she could read, too.

Dear brothers and sisters in God's family, Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive each other, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done. Love.

Paul

Pops smiled and asked if they remembered what forgive means.

"Baa. It means to not count someone's wrongdoing against them," Lello replied.

"That's exactly right!" Pops praised Lello.

"Once, I took Delbert's favorite toy without asking. I was sorry and he said he forgave me. I was so happy."

"When you forgive others like Jesus does, others can see what Jesus is like," Pops added.

"Haw! Forgiving each other is great," Delbert remarked.

Posty began to fly away as he called out, "So long and goodbye. It's time to fly."

Delbert and Lello stayed around and helped Pops with the mailbox. Then, the three friends talked a little more about how God wants us to forgive each other.