



**Worship Illustration: Storybook**  
*The Adventures of Delbert and Lello*  
**Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah through Malachi**  
**Unit 7, Lesson 35**

## **I will listen**

**God Speaks to Elijah**  
**1 Kings 19:11-13, 16**

As Granny B walked out on the porch, she jumped with surprise to see Delbert and Lello sitting in rocking chairs patiently waiting for her. Usually they arrived either running, singing, or shouting, but today they crept silently onto the porch.

"Hello, little ones," Granny B greeted them.

"Baa. Hello, Granny B. We came to hear more about Elijah. We hope you don't mind," Lello said.

Granny B smiled as she pulled her Bible from her apron pocket and sat down on a rocking chair. Then she asked, "Yesterday, Pops told you the story about Elijah and the fire, didn't he?"

Lello nodded, "We learned God sent fire to show He was the one true God."

"Haw! I wish I could see God's power just like Elijah did," Delbert commented.

"Delbert, did you know God doesn't always come in big powerful ways?" Granny B asked, turning to another story about Elijah in the Bible.

"He always did for Elijah!" Delbert exclaimed.

"Not always," Granny B began. "Sometimes, God came to Elijah in quiet ways."

Lello's eyes grew wide. "What do you mean?"

Granny B looked at her Bible and began to tell the story. "One day, Elijah stood near a mountain waiting to hear from God. First, God sent a powerful wind."

Delbert jumped up, excited about the story and wanting to help. "Haw!" he exclaimed, "I bet it sounded like this ... wooooooosh!"

Lello and Granny B laughed. "But, God wasn't in the wind. Then, God sent an earthquake," Granny B continued.

Now, it was Lello's turn to help with the story. She began to walk around as if the ground was shaking as she said, "I bet it sounded like this ... rumble-rumble!"

Granny B nodded. "But, God wasn't in the earthquake. Then, God sent fire."

Delbert and Lello both started making sizzling sounds like a fire. Granny B laughed again and said, "But, God wasn't in the fire."

Delbert and Lello looked confused. They asked, "Where was God?"

Granny B motioned them to move in close and sit next to her. Granny B whispered, "Next, God sent a quiet whisper. Elijah was very still and he listened."

"What did God whisper to Elijah?" Delbert asked in a hushed whisper.

"God told him to go find a man named Elisha," Granny B answered.

Lello thought for a moment and then said, "Baa. Sometimes God speaks to me in quiet ways, too. When I look at the clouds, it is like He is whispering that He made the sky and everything in it."

"Haw! And when you hug me," Delbert began, leaning towards Granny B, who of course hugged him tightly, "I feel like God is whispering He loves me."

Granny B smiled proudly at Delbert and Lello. "That's right! And when we hear Bible stories, it is like God is telling us who He is and what He has done."

"Haw. Lello let's go back to sitting quietly," Delbert suggested.

"Baa! Granny B, would you like to sit quietly with us?" Lello asked.

"Of course, and I have a Bible verse we can think about quietly. It says, 'Be still and know that I am God,'" Granny B shared, as she closed her Bible. For a time, the three friends sat on the porch quietly thinking about the stories of Elijah and remembering how great God is.