



I will obey

Elisha and Naaman
2 Kings 5:1, 9-10, 14-15

Granny B brought out a plate of warm cinnamon bread, fresh from the oven. Pops followed behind her with butter, a knife, and some little plates. Delbert and Lello were waiting on the porch. At the sight of the food, they began licking their lips.

"Yum, yum!" Delbert said hungrily, as Granny B passed out the bread.

"I can't wait to hear another story!" Delbert said, looking at Pops.

"Why?" Lello asked.

"Because I love learning about God and His power!" Delbert explained.

"Why?" Lello asked.

"Because that's a way God shows us He loves us," Delbert answered.

"Why?" Lello asked.

Granny B sat next to Lello and chuckled. "Lello, you sure have a lot of questions today. I have a question for you. Have you ever wondered why you have to do certain things?"

Lello thought for a moment, took a bite of her bread, and said, "Yes. Why?"

"Today, I have a story about a man who obeyed God, even though he didn't understand why," Granny B said.

"Haw! Who was it?" Delbert asked.

Pops opened the Bible sitting on the porch table. "In the Bible, there was a man named Naaman who was sick," Pops began.

"Oh dear. Why?" Lello asked.

Granny B answered, "He had something wrong with his skin that hurt very much. Someone told him to go see Elisha."

"Could Elisha make him better?" Delbert asked, just before biting into the bread.

"No," Pops answered, "but God could. Elisha told Naaman to dunk himself in the Jordan River seven times."

"Wasn't the water dirty?" Lello asked.

"Probably," Pops said laughing.

"Haw! Did Naaman obey?" Delbert wanted to know.

"Yes," Granny B replied, "he dunked himself in the Jordan River."

"Seven times?" Lello asked.

"Yes," Granny B answered again.

Delbert looked confused. "Why seven times, Pops?"

Pops answered, "I'm not sure, and Naaman didn't know why either. He obeyed, even though he didn't understand."

"And, God healed him!" Delbert shouted, as he finished up his last bite of bread.

Pops and Granny B smiled. She collected the empty plates. Lello sat still for a long while deep in thought. Pops was sure she was going to ask another question. Instead Lello said, "So, that means we should obey God, too."

"That's right!" Pops said rubbing her ears. "Granny B, do you need help?"

"Thank you, Pops. That would be great. Did you all enjoy the bread?" Granny B asked before walking inside.

"Haw! We sure did. Thank you Granny B. I think we're going to go play by the stream. See you guys later!" Delbert shouted, as he bounced down the steps. Lello gave Granny B and Pops a goodbye nuzzle and ran after Delbert.