



# The Lord is my shepherd

Ezekiel and the Sheep  
Ezekiel 34:6, 11-15, 31

Delbert and Pops walked out of the barn together. Delbert was running in circles around Pops and making him laugh his deep laugh. They were laughing and smiling as they sat down on the bench outside the barn. Delbert loved spending time with Pops, even if it meant helping him clean the barn. Then suddenly, Delbert's smile faded.

"What's wrong, Delbert?" Pops asked, noticing his mood change.

"Haw. I can hear Lello coming, and it sounds like she's sad," Delbert said. His ears were lifted high and his head turned to one side.

Pops looked around the barn and saw Lello coming their way. She did look as if she had been crying.

"Lello," Pops called gently, "come here."

Lello glanced up and caught sight of Pops and Delbert. She slowly walked over and put her head in Pop's lap.

"Baa. One of the little lambs is missing, and I'm so worried," she explained.

Delbert's mouth dropped open. "Haw! Oh dear! Lello, it sounds like you need a shepherd."

"That's a great idea, Delbert," Pops said, smiling at him.

Lello looked up at Delbert and asked, "What's a shepherd?"

Pops answered, "A shepherd is someone who cares for sheep."

"Haw. He searches for lost sheep and he leads the sheep to green pastures for food," Delbert continued.

Pops nodded in agreement. "That's right. A shepherd helps injured sheep and keeps the flock safe," Pops said.

"Baa, a shepherd." Lello's bottom lip began to tremble as she held back the tears which were starting to come. "But, I don't know a shepherd."

Delbert opened his mouth, but then closed it again. He also looked troubled. "Me neither," he said. "I wonder where we can find one."

Pops smiled at his two little friends. He stood up and quickly walked into the barn. He returned carrying his Bible.

"Did you know we all have a shepherd?" Pops asked.

"Haw! But, I'm not a sheep!" Delbert exclaimed.

Pops smiled while opening his Bible. "No, but in the Bible, God told a man named Ezekiel that the Lord is our shepherd," Pops explained.

"You mean the Lord is my shepherd?" Delbert asked.

Lello perked up a little and said, "Baa. Jesus leads us and keeps us safe, just like a shepherd does with his sheep."

"That's right, Lello! Jesus is Lord of all," Pops said.

"All of what?" Lello asked.

"All of heaven and earth. Jesus is Lord of everything that has breath!" Pops exclaimed, rubbing Lello's ears.

"Even Lord of that poor lost lamb?" Lello asked hopefully.

Delbert raised an eyebrow. "Even the Lord of a worried little lamb and a certain great, big, strong, and handsome donkey?"

Pops and Lello laughed. Pops nodded. "Yes, Delbert, Jesus is Lord of all, even of you and Lello."

Delbert jumped up suddenly. He looked at his friend Lello with a great big smile on his face. "Lello! Let's go pray Jesus helps us find the lost lamb."

"Oh Delbert, that's a great idea!" Lello said. She turned to Pops and said, "Thanks for teaching me that Jesus is my shepherd."

"Haw! And that Jesus is Lord of all! Come on, Lello. Let's go down by the stream to pray," Delbert called, as he started running toward the stream.

Pops waved goodbye as he watched them run off to pray. When he could no longer see them, he bowed his head and prayed for the lost lamb.