



Advent 2: Naming the King

Matthew 1:18, 20-21

Suggested setting: The Kings & Kingdoms puppet scripts adapt to any setting such as a garden, forest, farm, or stable. Once or twice a year, a set change or addition to the set is recommended for added interest. Decorate with colorful flowers, butterflies, birds, and ladybugs. Puppets can pop out from behind a window, hedge, tree hollow, stonewall, etc. For a simple, portable puppet stage, puppets can pop up from behind a colorful blanket hung on a rod or from behind a card table turned on its side. Adjust setting and puppet names according to available puppeteers and resources.

Characters: Delbert the Donkey and Lello the Lamb are good friends who are always excited to learn more about Jesus and the Bible. Ranger Ryan the Lion is the wise forest ranger who occasionally visits Delbert and Lello. Ranger Ryan will appear throughout Unit 10 to tell the Christmas story. The leader is the children's teacher or worship leader dressed in regular clothing or in costume consistent with the set (a gardener, a farmer, etc.) The leader helps children focus on the puppets and leads group interaction.

Props: Christmas lights decorating the stage

Leader (Stands at puppet stage.)
Why don't we call for Ranger Ryan and see if he has another story to share. Can you all roar with me? Roooaaar!

Ranger Ryan
Roooaaar! Ranger Ryan here.

Leader

Before we get started, let's call for Lello, too. I know she'll be excited to see you Ranger Ryan. Ready everyone? "Hellohhhhhhhhhhh Lello!"

Ranger Ryan and children

"Hellohhhhhhhhhhh Lello!" (Lello pops up.)

Lello

Hello every-bahhh-dy. Hello Ranger Ryan! Delbert told me you were here for a visit!

Ranger Ryan

That's right. I wanted to come visit all my friends here at Praise Time and share the Christmas story with you.

Lello

Oooh. Are you going to tell another part of the story today?

Leader

Yes, Ranger Ryan. Please tell us more. Last week you told us about the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the coming of King Jesus.

Ranger Ryan

Indeed. And this week it's about an angel and Joseph.

Lello

Yeah, I love angels!

Ranger Ryan

Let's begin. Mary was going to be married to a man named Joseph. An angel from God appeared to him one night in a dream.

Lello

Oooh, what did the angel tell Joseph.

Ranger Ryan

The angel told Joseph not to be afraid. Mary was going to have a baby boy and Joseph was to name Him Jesus.

Leader

What an honor to be the one chosen to name the baby!

Lello

Yeah! So, what did Joseph do when he woke up from his dream?

Ranger Ryan

Joseph did just what the angel had told him. When the baby was born, Joseph named Him Jesus.

Leader

Thank you for that story, Ranger Ryan.

Ranger Ryan

Any time! Lello, why don't we go for a walk and look for Delbert.

Lello

Yeah. I know he'd love to hear that Joseph named the baby Jesus.

Ranger Ryan

Terrrrrific! See you arrrrround.
(Pronounced with a friendly roar.)

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)