



Worship Illustration: Script
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 6, Lesson 31

The Lost Son

Luke 15:11-24

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: Ranger Ryan the Lion is the wise, fatherly forest ranger. He wears a badge and a ranger hat. He gathers everyone at the campfire to tell the lesson's parable. Delbert the Donkey and Lello the Lamb love to sit around the campfire and listen to Ranger Ryan tell the stories Jesus told.

Leader (stands at puppet window)
Are you ready to hear a special story from Ranger Ryan? (Children respond.) **Let's call Ranger Ryan and invite him to join us. Can you all roar with me? Roooaar!** (Ranger Ryan pops up near campfire.)

Ranger Ryan
Roooaar! Ranger Ryan here. Hello, my little ones. Come on and let's gather by the campfire. Would you help me call our friend, Delbert, to join us?

Ranger Ryan, Leader & Children
Dehhhhhi-bert Dehhhhhi-bert!

Delbert (Delbert pops up.)
Hee Haw! Hi, everybody.

Leader
Hi Delbert! Thanks for coming.

Delbert
Haw, no problem. Ranger Rick told me he had some news to share today.

Ranger Ryan
That's right, Delbert. Next week is going to be my last week in these woods.

Delbert
Your last week?

Leader
Where are you going, Ranger Ryan?

Ranger Ryan
I've been invited to visit a forest that I've never seen.

Leader
That sounds like a lot of fun!

Delbert
Ranger Ryan, you are always welcome to come back and visit us. Right boys and girls? (Pause to let children respond.)

Ranger Ryan
Thank you, everyone. That reminds me of our story today. It's about how God always welcomes us back to Himself.

Delbert

Haw! It is? Oh, please tell it to us.

Ranger Ryan

Of course! Jesus told a story about a man whose son packed up his things and left home to see the world.

Delbert

I bet the dad was sad when his son left. Did the son ever come home?

Leader

After a while he did; that's my favorite part of the story. After the son spent all his money, he knew he had to go home and tell his father he was sorry for leaving.

Delbert

Haw! I bet his father was happy to see him!

Ranger Ryan

Yes, he was. The father was so excited to see his son that he ran up and hugged and kissed him. He gave his son the best robe, and a ring and sandals.

Leader

Yes, and then he celebrated by giving his son a special meal.

Delbert

What a great father!

Leader

That's right, Delbert. It's just like that with God. He always forgives us and welcomes us back, too, just like the father in the story.

Delbert

Haw! God is so good! I think I'll go tell Lello that story. See you guys later.

Ranger Ryan

I need to go read about the new forest I'll be visiting. See you arrrrround. (Pronounced with a friendly roar.)

Leader & Children

Bye, Ranger Ryan! Bye, Lello! (All exit.)