

Delbert & Lello
 Lesson 51, Unit 10
 The God of Peace
 THE PROMISE OF ADVENT
**FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE:
 ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS**
 Luke 2:8-20

Suggested setting: Prophets & Promises puppet sketches 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 pop up from behind a colorful blanket hung on a rod, or from a card table turned onto 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 hear Bible stories about God. The Leader is the children's teacher or worship leader dressed in regular clothing or in costume consistent with the set (a gardener, forest ranger, etc.) The leader helps children focus on puppets, and leads group interaction with puppets.

Leader (Stands at puppet stage.)
It's time to call for Delbert and Lello. Repeat after me,
"Dehhhhh!-bert Dehhhhh!-bert!"
 (Children repeat and Delbert, the donkey pops up.)
"Hellooooooooooooo Lello!"
 (Children repeat and Lello, the lamb pops up.)

Delbert
 Hee Haw! Hello everybody!

Lello (bleats)
 Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert (To children)
 Who has been playing with their manger scenes? (Respond.)

Leader
 It sounds like many of you have!
 Would you like to hear more of the story? (Respond.)

Lello
 Yeah. What happened after baby Jesus was born in the manger?

Leader
 After Jesus was born, God sent an angel to tell the shepherds all about it.

Delbert
 Haw! I'll bet the shepherds were surprised to see an angel appear.

Leader
 Yes. The Bible says that they were afraid.

Lello
 Yeah, I would have been scared, too.

Delbert
 Haw! Not ol' Delbert here.

Leader
 The angel came to tell the shepherds that baby Jesus was born.

Delbert
 That was good news!

Leader

Yes, it was good news because God had kept His promise to send His Son for us.

Lello

I remember that promise: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

Delbert

What did the shepherds do after the angel told them about the promise coming true?

Leader

They saw the sky suddenly fill with an army of angels praising God.

Delbert

Haw! I wish I had been one of those shepherds.

Lello

Yeah. I wish I had been there to hear what the angels said.

Leader

The angels said, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth."

Delbert

If I were one of those shepherds, I would have run as fast as I could to see baby Jesus in the manger.

Lello

Yeah. Me, too. I would have told everyone about everything that had happened.

Leader

Me, too. And that's exactly what the shepherds did!

Lello

Delbert, let's go make the shepherds and army of angels for our manger scene.

Delbert

Haw! That's a great idea. See you later!

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhhh-dy!

Leader

See you guys next time.
(All exit.)