



The Resurrection: Jesus Lives

Acts 16:25-26

Suggested setting: The Prophets & Promises 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. 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: Two "Jesus' Empty Tomb" crafts. Directions are available in the Lesson 15 Teacher's Guide that corresponds with this puppet script.

Leader (Stands at puppet stage.)
It's time to call for Delbert and Lello. Repeat after me, "Dehhhhhl-bert Dehhhhhl-bert!" (Children repeat and Delbert the Donkey pops head out of window.) **Hellohhhhhhhhhh Lello!"** (Children repeat and Lello the Lamb pops head out of window.)

Delbert
Hee Haw! Hello everybody!

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

Leader
Happy Easter!

Delbert
Haw! And Happy Easter to all of you!

Lello
Happy Easter, Delbert! Happy Easter, boys and girls! Um, why do we celebrate Easter?

Leader
That's a great question, Lello. Would you like me to tell you the Easter story?

Lello
Yeah.

Delbert
Haw! Can I help? I know this story!

Leader
Of course, Delbert. Let's begin with the cross. Jesus died on the cross.

Lello
Oh no. That's so sad.

Leader

Yes, it was sad. But, it was also good.

Lello

Why?

Delbert

Jesus loves us so much, He died so we can be forgiven.

Leader

That's right. When Jesus died on the cross, He paid for all our wrongdoings.

Lello

Oh. Jesus loves us a lot! But, I am sad He is gone.

Delbert

But, He's not gone, Lello!

Lello

What do you mean?

Leader

On the first Easter morning, Jesus' friends went to the tomb where He was buried. But, Jesus was not there.

Lello

(gasp) He wasn't?

Leader

God had brought Jesus back to life.

Delbert

Haw! Jesus is risen! He will always be with us.

Lello

How wonderful! Jesus is risen! Oh! That reminds me; I finished my craft!

Leader

Did you bring it with you?

Lello

Yeah. (Lello pops down and pops back up with two crafts attached to her mouth.)

Leader (Takes crafts from Lello's mouth)

It's wonderful. Can you tell us about it?

Lello

Yeah. It's the tomb where Jesus was buried. And there are His friends coming to see Him, but now I know that Jesus wasn't inside.

Delbert

That's right! He is risen!

Leader

Lello, why did you make two?

Lello

So, I can tell others about Jesus. Delbert, would you like to walk with me. We can find our friends and tell them Jesus is risen!

Delbert

That sounds great! See you guys later!

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Leader

Happy Easter!

(All exit.)