



Paul and the Shipwreck

Acts 27:14-15, 18, 20, 23-2

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.

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. (acts somewhat distracted for awhile)

Leader
Have you two been praying for your friend Freddy the Frog?

Delbert
Haw! We sure have.

Leader
That is a great way to love your friend.

Delbert
And guess what! Freddy came yesterday to ask us to tell him more stories about Jesus.

Leader
That's wonderful. Lello, you sure are quiet today. Are you ok?

Lello
Yeah. I was just thinking about the terrible storm we had last night.

Delbert
Haw! There sure was a lot of rain, thunder, and lightning.

Leader
Were you scared, Lello?

Lello

Yeah. My sister and I hid under our blankets.

Leader

The story we are learning today might help.

Lello

Really? Please tell me.

Leader

In the Bible, there is a story about Paul and a shipwreck.

Delbert

Haw! You mean his boat crashed? Tell us all about it.

Leader

While Paul was sailing along, a terrible storm came. All the people were worried.

Lello

I would be worried, too.

Leader

But Paul stood before them and told them, "Keep up your courage." Paul knew God was watching over them.

Delbert

Haw! Keep up your courage! Isn't that today's Whisper Verse?

Leader

It sure is.

Delbert

Boys and girls, let's all say the Whisper Verse. Maybe that will help Lello feel better. Ready?

Delbert, Leader, & Children

Keep up your courage.

Lello

Baa. Thank you, everyone. I know God is watching over me. Next time a big storm comes, I'll tell my sister this story so she won't be scared.

Leader

Why wait, Lello? You could tell her today.

Delbert

Haw! Let's go right now, Lello. I know she'd like to hear it.

Lello

Yeah. Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Delbert

See you later.

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)