

Delbert & Lello
 Lesson 27, Unit 5
 The Promise of Guidance
LETTERS ABOUT FOCUS
 Hebrews 12:1-3

Suggested setting: Prophets & Promises puppet sketches adapt to any setting such as a garden, forest, or farm. 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. In Units 5 and 6, Posty the parrot pops up from a mailbox or a nest.

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. Units 5 and 6 introduce a new puppet, Posty, the parrot. He wears a lanyard to carry letters from Delbert's Uncle Donny to the mailbox (or nest).

Sound Effects (SFX): bird chirps and/or flapping wings for Posty's entrance

Props: Preprinted letter folded and attached to Posty's lanyard:

*Dear Delbert and Lello,
 Thank you for all your prayers. The weather here has been much better. No more rain or storms! Here's another letter from the Bible.*

*Love,
 Uncle Donny*

*Dear brothers and sisters in the family of God,
 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.*

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

Lello (bleats)
Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy. Delbert and I were just working on making a blanket for his Uncle Donny. I'm looking for some more thread.

Leader
Well, I don't have any thread, but I'm glad you're here. Posty will be here any minute!

Lello
Ohhh...yeah. I was so busy with the blanket, I forgot all about Uncle Donny's next letter!
 (SFX: bird chirps or flapping wings)

Leader
It sounds like Posty is here!
 (Posty the parrot pops up at his nest or mailbox with the letter.)

Posty
**You've got mail!
 I deliver without fail!**

Lello

Yeah! Hi, Posty! A letter from Uncle Donny! (To leader) Would you read it for me?

Leader

Of course. It says,

Dear Delbert and Lello,
Thank you for all your prayers.
The weather here has been much better. No more rain or storms! Here's another letter from the Bible.
Love,
Uncle Donny

Lello

Yeah. Uncle Donny is so nice. Well I guess I better go find that thread for the blanket.

Leader

Lello, don't you want to read the Bible letter?

Lello

Oh...yeah. I guess I got distracted. I do want to read it.

Leader

Here you go. (Holds letter for Lello)

Lello

Dear brothers and sisters in the family of God,
Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.

Hmmm... what does that mean?
Fix our eyes on Jesus.

Leader

It means to keep thinking about Jesus. Imagine you're in a race. When you're running, you look where you are going. You're focused on the finish line.

Lello

Yeah. I but just can't stop thinking about the blanket Delbert and I are making.

Posty

We know where to fix our eyes; Jesus is the greatest prize.

Lello

Yeah. You're right, Posty. And I'm going to go share this letter with Delbert. Together, we can keep thinking about Jesus—no matter what we are making!

Posty

So long and goodbye!
It's time to fly!

Lello

Bye Posty. Bah-bye every-bahhhh-dy!

Leader

Bye, Lello. Bye, Posty.
(All exit.)