

**Delbert & Lello**  
 Lesson 29, Unit 6  
 The Promise of Heaven  
**LETTERS ABOUT STRENGTH**  
 Ephesians 6:10-18

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: Play armor: shield, helmet, sword lying nearby. Preprinted letter folded and attached to Posty's lanyard:

*Dear Delbert and Lello,  
 I know how you both like to play dress up, so I think you'll like this letter from Paul. He tells us about an invisible armor we can wear and be strong in the Lord.*

*Love,  
 Uncle Donny*

*Dear family of God in Ephesus,  
 Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on His mighty power. So put on all of God's armor. Wear on your feet what will prepare you to tell the good news of peace. Also, pick up the shield of faith. Put on the helmet of salvation. And take the sword of the Holy Spirit. The sword is God's Word. At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit.*

*Love,  
 Paul*

**Leader** (Stands at puppet stage.)  
**It's time to call for Delbert.**  
**"Dehhhhhl-bert Dehhhhhl-bert!"**  
 (Children repeat and Delbert, the donkey pops up.)

**Delbert**  
**Hee Haw! I am Mighty Knight**  
**Delbert in search of my armor.**

**Leader** (picks up shield, helmet, and sword) **Is this it over here?**

**Delbert**  
**Haw! You found it!**  
 (SFX: bird chirps or flapping wings)

**Delbert**  
**Haw! Here comes Posty!**

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

Delbert

Haw! Thank you, Posty.

Posty

What's this in my sight?  
Could it be a brave knight?

Delbert

Haw! It's me, Posty. I can't wait to hear what Uncle Donny says.

Leader

Would you like me to read it?  
(Delbert nods his head):

Dear Delbert and Lello,  
I know how you both like to play dress up, so I think you'll like this letter from Paul. He tells us about an invisible armor we can wear and be strong in the Lord.

Love,  
Uncle Donny

Delbert

Haw! Uncle Donny knows me so well! I can't wait to read Paul's letter. Ahem (clearing throat):

Dear family of God in Ephesus, Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on His mighty power. So put on all of God's armor. Wear on your feet what will prepare you to tell the good news of peace. Also, pick up the shield of faith. Put on the helmet of salvation. And take the sword of the Holy Spirit. The sword is God's Word. At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit!

Love,  
Paul

Haw! Did Paul say, "God's armor?"

Posty

With God's armor and His sword,  
We'll be strong in the Lord!

Delbert

Do you mean if we put on the invisible armor of God, our hearts will be strong in the Lord?

Leader

That's right. Boys and girls, let's teach Delbert and Posty our Whisper Verse.

Delbert

Haw! Please do!

Leader and children

"Be strong in the Lord."

Delbert

Haw! Let me try... "Be strong in the Lord."

Leader

Great job. We can all put on God's armor every day.

Delbert

Haw! Knight Delbert is off a new mission—to find out more about God's invisible armor. The shoes, the shield, the helmet and the sword can help Lello and me be strong in the Lord. See you later!

Posty

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

Leader

Bye guys! (All exit.)