

Delbert & Lello

Lesson 30, Unit 6

The Promise of Heaven

LETTERS ABOUT JESUS' RETURN

Revelation 22:12

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,
The church we are building here is almost finished, so I'll be coming back soon. Did you know that Jesus is coming soon, too? Jesus told John to write down what He said about that.*

*Love,
Uncle Donny*

*Dear Family of God,
Jesus said, "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with Me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done."*

*Love,
John*

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. I can't wait for Posty to get here.
(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 Delbert's Uncle Donny! Can I read it please?

Leader

Of course. (Holds out letter to Lello)

Lello (reads)

Dear Delbert and Lello,
The church we are building here
is almost finished, so I'll be
coming back soon. Did you know
that Jesus is coming soon, too?
Jesus told John to write down
what He said about that.
Love,
Uncle Donny

Yeah...I glad Uncle Donny will
be coming home soon! I'd like
to hear the part about Jesus
coming back? Will you read the
letter from the Bible?

Leader

Of course. It says,

Dear Family of God,
Jesus said, "Behold, I am
coming soon! My reward is with
Me, and I will give to everyone
according to what he has done."
Love,
John

Lello

How exciting. I can't wait to see
Jesus. When is He coming back?

Leader

No one knows when it will be.
But the Bible says we will all see
Him coming on the clouds of
heaven.

Posty

One day we will see the Lord,
Coming soon with our reward!

Lello

Did you say, "reward"?

Leader

Yes. Jesus sees when we obey
Him. He has a reward to give
each one of us!

Lello

Yeah...I love rewards! My
teacher gave me a beautiful
sticker as a reward for obeying.

Leader

And when Jesus comes, He will
give everyone an even greater
reward!

Lello

Yeah! I can't wait! I'm going to
go tell Delbert. He'll be so
excited to hear that Jesus is
coming soon!

Posty

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

Lello

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

Leader

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