



Jonah Part Two: Jonah Prays to God

Jonah 2:1-10

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 his head out of the window.) **Hellohhhhhhhhhhhh Lello!"** (Children repeat and Lello the Lamb pops her head out of the window.)

Delbert
Hee Haw! Hello everybody!

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

Leader
Do you remember what we learned last time?

Delbert
Haw! I do! We found out God still watched over Jonah even when he had disobeyed!

Leader
Lello, did your Bible tell you what happened to Jonah while he was inside the fish's belly?

Lello
Yeah. It's my favorite part. That's where Jonah prayed.

Delbert
Haw, if I disobeyed God like Jonah did, I would have had lots to pray about!

Leader
Yes, I would have thanked God for saving me from the stormy sea.

Lello
And, I would have asked God to forgive me for disobeying.

Delbert
Haw, me, too. And that's just what Jonah did.

Leader

That's good. It's good to pray. And it's good to tell God you're sorry when you've disobeyed.

Lello

Yeah. God heard Jonah's prayer and God forgave Jonah.

Leader

That's right, because God told the fish to spit Jonah out on dry land.

Delbert

Whoa! Hmm . . .

Leader

What are you thinking about, Delbert?

Delbert

Well, I'm thinking about yesterday when I disobeyed my mom. That was wrong in God's eyes.

Leader

Yes, it was.

Delbert

Should I go pray just like Jonah did and ask God to forgive me?

Lello

Yeah. That's a great idea, Delbert! I know that God will forgive you.

Delbert

How do you know that?

Leader

God promises to forgive us when we are truly sorry and God is faithful to keep all His promises, remember?

Lello

Yeah! Delbert, let's go sit by the stream. We can both pray there!

Delbert

You'll pray with me, Lello?

Lello

Yeah. Come on, Delbert. Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Delbert

See you guys later.

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)