

God of Wonders: The Wonder of Advent Unit 10, Lesson 48

Gabriel Visits

The Adventures of Delbert and Lello

# Gabriel Visits Zechariah

**Worship Illustration: Script** 

Luke 1:8-17

Suggested setting: The God of Wonders 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.

<u>Characters</u>: 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 and leads group interaction with the puppets.

Leader (Stands at puppet window.)
It's time to call for Delbert and Lello.
Repeat after me, "Dehhhhl-bert,
Dehhhhl-bert!" (Children repeat and
Delbert the Donkey pops head out of a
window.) "Hellohhhhhhhhhhhh Lello!"
(Children repeat and Lello the Lamb pops
out of a window.)

## <u>Delbert</u>

Hee Haw! Let me hear your Hee Haw!

<u>Leader and Children</u> Hee Haw! Hi, Delbert.

## <u>Lello</u>

Yeah (bleat) Hello every-bahhh- dy. Oh... what is that? (Referring to the advent wreath.)

# **Delbert**

Haw. That's a special wreath with Christmas candles. Isn't it pretty?

## <u>Lello</u>

Yeah. What's it for?

# Leader

We light the Christmas Candles to get out hearts ready to celebrate Christmas.

## Leader

This wreath reminds me of God's love because it's a circle that has no end.

#### Delbert

And God's love never ends either.

## Lello

Can we light all the candles? It would look so pretty.

## Leader

We'll just light the first one today, and one more each week until Christmas is here.

# **Delbert**

Haw! I LOVE Christmas! My favorite part is the angel on the top of my Christmas tree.

# **Leader**

Then you will enjoy this week's candle Delbert – the first candle is the Angel Candle.

## Lello

Can one of the children help you light the Angel Candle now?

# Leader

Yes. That's why child's name is here with me today. Let's light the candle together. (Lello and Leader continue as leader helps child light candle and return to seat.)

## Lello

Why is it the Angel Candle?

#### **Delbert**

Is it because the angel came to visit Zechariah?

#### Lello

An angel visit! What happened?

#### **Delbert**

The angel told old Zechariah that he and his wife were going to have a baby.

#### Leader

That's right, Delbert. Their son would be John the Baptist.

# Lello

Who is he?

#### **Delbert**

He helped get people ready for the coming of Jesus.

# Lello

Oh. (pauses) One, two, three, four.
There are only four more weeks until
Christmas comes!

# **Leader**

That's right. Are you getting excited?

## Lello

Yeah. I am going to make my mommy something very special for Christmas.

# <u>Delbert</u>

Haw. That's a great idea Lello. What are you going to make?

# <u>Lello</u>

Well... I don't know yet. But my favorite thing about Christmas is making her Christmas gift!

# **Delbert**

Haw! Why don't we go make a list of things you could make for your mom.

#### <u>Lello</u>

Yeah. Let's get started!

#### Leader

Well we'll see you guys next week. And we can light another candle.

# **Delbert**

Haw! I can't wait. Come on, Lello, let's go. See you guys!

# <u>Lello</u>

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

#### Leader

Bye guys. See you next time. (exit)