



Healing the Friend

Matthew 8:5-10, 13

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.

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 and leads group interaction with the puppets.

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

Delbert
Hee Haw! Let me hear your Hee Haw!

Leader and Children
Hee Haw! Hi, Delbert and Lello.

Lello
Yeah! (bleat) Hello every-bahhh-dy.

Leader
Delbert, what's up? It looks like you are thinking about something.

Delbert
My friend Beaker the Duck hurt his wing and it's in a cast. My mom and dad told me I need to help him, but I'm not sure how.

Lello
What's a cast?

Delbert
It's like a hard cover around his arm to help it heal—that means to get well.

Leader
Well, I know a Bible story that may be able to help you know what to do.

Delbert
Haw! You do?

Leader
Yes. It's about a sick man and his four friends who took him to Jesus.

Lello
What was wrong with the sick man?

Leader

Every day he lay on a mat. He could not move his body or his legs.

Lello

How did his friends help him?

Leader

They carried him to see Jesus.

Delbert

Because Jesus could heal him?

Leader

Right! And Jesus did heal him. It was a miracle!

Delbert

Wow. I wonder what I could do to help Beaker.

Lello

You could help him carry his books to school.

Delbert

Haw! That's a great idea.

Lello

Or you could help him put on his jacket when it's cold outside.

Leader

Those are great ideas, Lello. And there's one other thing you could do Delbert...you could pray for him!

Delbert

Haw! Praying is the way we can bring our friends to Jesus.

Lello

Ohhhh, I get it. The men brought their friend to Jesus when Jesus was inside a crowded house. And now Jesus is in heaven...

Delbert

So, we can bring Beaker to Jesus by praying to Jesus.

Lello

And, Jesus can heal Beaker's wing!

Leader

He sure can! In the Bible story, Jesus healed the man after he saw the faith of the friends.

Delbert

Haw! I'm going to go see my friend Beaker right now!

Lello

Delbert, can I help your friend, too?

Delbert

That'd be grrrreat! Let's go, Lello! Bye everybody!

Lello

Yeah! Bahhh-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Delbert and Lello

See you soon!

Leader

Bye, Lello. Bye, Delbert.