



Healing the Deaf and Mute Man

Mark 7:31-37

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, "DehhhhhI-bert, DehhhhhI-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
Lello, do you two remember what we've been learning about the past few weeks?

Lello
How Jesus can heal people!

Delbert
That means Jesus can make people well.

Lello
So they feel aahhhhhhII (bleat) better!

Leader
That's right. What is one way we've learned that Jesus healed someone?

Lello
I know. He healed the officer's servant by the power of His word.

Leader
Yes! And in today's Bible story He heals someone by the power of His touch!

Delbert
Haw! You mean, Jesus touched someone and they were healed? His touch is powerful!

Leader
It sure is.

Lello
Who did he heal? Was some-baahhh-dy sick?

Leader
No. This man was deaf and mute.

Lello
What does that mean?

Leader
Deaf means that he couldn't hear.
Mute means that he couldn't talk.

Delbert
Haw! That must be so hard! That man couldn't hear his Hee Haw. And Jesus made him able to hear and speak just by touching him?

Leader
That's right. The man's friends begged Jesus to touch their friend. They knew Jesus could heal him.

Delbert
Haw! So what happened?

Leader
Well, Jesus touched the man's ears and right away the man could hear!

Lello
Wow! What happened next? Did Jesus touch the man's tongue, too?

Leader
Yes! And right away the man could speak perfectly!

Delbert
Haw! Jesus can heal anybody! I wonder when He will heal our friend Beaker's broken wing.

Lello
Yeah. (bleat) Me, too! Delbert, let's go and tell Beaker all about this Bible story! He loves to hear how Jesus heals people.

Delbert
Haw! Great Idea! Let's go, Lello! Bye, everyone!

Lello
Yeah. (bleat) Bahhh-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Delbert and Lello (exit)
See you soon!

Leader (waving goodbye)
Bye, Delbert. Bye, Lello.