



Jesus and the Children

Mark 10:13-16

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.) **"Hellooooooooooooo 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! Hi, Lello!

Lello
Yay! Oh, I'm so excited.

Delbert
Me, too! Haw! Me, too!

Leader
What are you two so excited about?

Delbert
Lello and I decided to pick some fresh strawberries as gifts for the littlest lambs.

Lello
Yeah. They've never had strawberries before.

Leader
Yum! I'm sure they will love that!

Lello
And we're going to make little cards to go with the strawberries.

Delbert
We are going to decorate the cards with the words, "Jesus loves you!"

Lello
We want the littlest lambs to know that they are important to Jesus.

Leader
What a great idea! That's what Jesus did when He hugged the children.

Delbert

Wow! A hug from Jesus! I would love that! What happened?

Leader

People were bringing little children to Jesus. But His followers told the people to stop.

Lello

Oh no, that's baaaad.

Delbert

Haw! I'd be mad.

Leader

Jesus warned His followers and said, "Let the children come to Me."

Delbert

Haw, that showed everybody Jesus wants children to come to Him. Then what did He do?

Leader

Jesus took the little children in His arms.

Lello

Wow! A hug from Jesus! They must have felt very special.

Leader

Yes, and then He blessed them.

Delbert

Haw! Jesus sure loves the little children.

Lello

Yeah, and we love the littlest lambs. And we are going to show them that by giving them our strawberries.

Delbert

Haw! And, by reminding them Jesus loves them.

Leader

That's just what Jesus wants all little ones to know!

Delbert

Haw! Let's go Lello. We've got some strawberries to pick.

Lello

Yeah, and some cards to decorate, too. Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert and Lello

See you soon!

Leader

Bye, Lello. Bye, Delbert. (exit)