



Jesus Cares for Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

John 11:3-4, 21-27, 38-44

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 and Lello.

Lello
Yeah. (bleat sadly) **Hello, every-bahhh-dy.**

Leader
Lello, what's wrong? You sound sad.

Lello
Oh, I am sad. I miss my cousins. They moved away, and I don't get to see them any more.

Leader
Yes, it's hard when you miss someone you love, isn't it?

Lello
Yeah! (bleat)

Leader
But, it helps to remember Jesus cares for you.

Delbert
And, I care for you, too! Seeing you so sad makes me sad, too. Haw!

Leader
Delbert! That reminds me of today's Bible story.

Delbert
Haw! It does? The one where Mary and Martha cried?

Leader

That's the one! Remember? They were sad because their brother Lazarus had died.

Lello

Yeah (bleat) that is sad. Then what happened?

Delbert

Haw! I know. Jesus came to see them. Mary and Martha were crying. When Jesus saw how sad they were, he was sad too!

Leader

That's right. Jesus cared for them. He cried when He saw how sad they were.

Lello

So ... does Jesus see me when I am sad?

Leader

He certainly does. When we are sad, Jesus is sad, too. Jesus cares for us—just like he cared for Mary and Martha.

Lello

I'm glad Jesus knows how I'm feeling. Do you think He knows I love Him?

Delbert

Of course Lello. He knows you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Leader

That's right, and that makes Jesus glad.

Delbert

Hey, Lello, I have an idea. Your cousins must miss you, too! Let's show them we care for them. We can make them a card and paint them a picture.

Lello

Yeah, (bleat) I'd like that. Bahhhh-bye everybody.

Leader

Goodbye, you two.

Delbert

Haw! See you soon!

Lello

Yeah. (exit)