



Appearing on the Shore

John 21:1-14

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) Hello, every-bahhh-dy.

Leader
So Lello, I hear you want to tell us about today's Bible story.

Lello
Yeah (bleat). I've been reading it over and over, so I don't leave anything out.

Delbert
Haw! Let's hear it, Lello!

Lello
Jesus' friends decided to go fishing. They thought Jesus was still dead. They saw someone standing on the shore, but they didn't know it was Jesus.

Delbert
But I thought Jesus had died on the cross.

Leader
He did, Delbert. But remember that God raised Jesus from the dead? That's the miracle of forever life – Jesus lives forever and ever as Lord of all!

Delbert
Haw! But why would Jesus go to the beach instead of going to heaven?

Lello

Jesus went to help his friends believe.

Leader

And Jesus did that by showing them the miracle that He was alive.

Delbert

Haw! What happened next?

Lello

His friends in the boat then saw that it was really Jesus. Peter jumped into the water and swam to shore while the others rowed the boat in.

Delbert

Haw! I bet Peter was too excited to wait for the boat to get there. If I had been there, I would have jumped in, too!

Lello

Yeah! (bleat) Then they all ate a fish breakfast together on the shore with Jesus.

Leader

Lello, you did a great job telling that story. And do you know what we should remember about this story?

Delbert

That the Lord Jesus is alive and He has forever life.

Leader

That's right, Delbert.

Delbert

Hey Lello, let's go down by the water and you can tell me the story again, so I can tell it to others, too.

Leader

That sounds like a great idea. You two have fun.

Lello

We will! Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert

Haw! Bye! See you soon.

Leader

Bye, Lello! Bye, Delbert! (exit)