



Ascending into Heaven

Mark 16:19-20

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, "DehhhhhhI-bert, DehhhhhhI-bert!" (Children repeat and Delbert the Donkey pops head out of a window.) **"Hellohhhhhhhhhhh Lello!"** (Children repeat, Lello does not show up.)

Delbert
Hee Haw! Let me hear your Hee Haw!

Leader and Children
Hee Haw! Hi, Delbert!

Leader
Delbert, where is Lello? I thought she was with you today?

Delbert
Nope, she went to the playground with Beaker the Duck.

Leader
How do you know that?

Delbert
I saw her go—with my own two eyes!

Leader
Oh, just like the time Jesus' friends watched him go back up to heaven.

Delbert
Haw! What? They saw Jesus going up to heaven?

Leader
They sure did. God lifted Jesus up to heaven right in front of Jesus' friends.

Delbert
Wow! That's a miracle!

Leader
It sure is, Delbert.

Delbert
Haw! Wait a minute... I thought you always said Jesus is with us everywhere we go.

Leader

Yes, He is.

Delbert

But, you just said Jesus is in heaven.

Leader

You are right, Delbert, but Jesus can be in both places at once.

Delbert

Wow! That's a miracle, too!

Leader

Jesus *is* up in heaven, but He is also here with us – His Spirit is in the heart of all who believe in Him. His Spirit is called the Holy Spirit.

Delbert

Haw! So Jesus is in heaven *and* here with us?

Leader

That's right, Delbert.

Delbert

I'm going to go find Lello and Beaker at the playground. I can't wait to tell them that Jesus was lifted up to heaven.

Leader

And, don't forget to tell them that Jesus is here with us too, because of His Holy Spirit.

Delbert

Haw! I won't forget - I think that is the best miracle of all! See you soon!

Leader

Bye, Delbert. (exits)