



# Saving the Official's Son

John 4:46-54

**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.) **"Hellohhhhhhhhhhhh 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**  
**Yeah. (bleat) Hello, every-bahhh-dy.**

**Leader**  
**Hi guys. How are you two today?**

**Delbert**  
**Haw. I'm great. But did you know that Lello was sick?**

**Leader**  
**Oh no! Are you feeling better now Lello?**

**Lello**  
**Yeah, (bleat) I had a cough and a fever. I felt so baaah-d.**

**Leader**  
**What did you do?**

**Lello**  
**My mommy called the special animal doctor and he came to visit me.**

**Leader**  
**What did the doctor say?**

**Lello**  
**He gave me some special things to eat and told me I would feel better in the morning.**

**Delbert**  
**Haw! Did you?**

Lello

I did! The doctor knew just how to make me feel better.

Leader

Lello I am so glad to hear you are better. Hearing how the doctor helped you reminds me of the Bible story about Jesus helping the official's son.

Lello

It does?

Delbert

Haw! I know why. The official's son was sick—just like Lello was sick.

Leader

That's right, Delbert. And do you know who made the boy well?

Lello

Jesus?

Leader

Right! Jesus told the official that his son would be better. And the official believed Jesus.

Delbert

That's because Jesus always keeps His promises.

Lello

Yeah. Just like the doctor kept his promise that I would feel better. (pause) You know what? I think I'm going to go draw a picture for the doctor to tell him thank you.

Delbert

Haw! Can I help?

Lello

Sure, let's go. Bahhhh-bye everyone!

Delbert

Haw! See you soon!

Leader

Bye, Delbert. Bye, Lello. (exit)