



Hagar and Ishmael

Genesis 21:9-21

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.) **"Hellohhhhhhhhhh 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.

Lello
Yeah. (bleat) Hello every-bahhh-dy.
Ribbit, ribbit.

Leader
Lello, are you making frog noises?

Delbert
Ribbit, ribbit. We both are. We've been learning about all the different animals in the garden.

Lello
And today we've been learning about frogs. Did you know that frogs start off as little fish-like things called tadpoles?

Leader
I did, then they slowly turn into frogs.

Lello
Did you also know that their mommies and daddies aren't with them during that change? Oh, I'd be so scared.

Delbert
Haw, not me! I know God would be with me.

Leader
That's right, Delbert. God promises to be with us and watch over us. In today's Bible story we're learning that God watched over Hagar and Ishmael.

Lello

Yeah, I remember this story. They were sent out into the desert. God promised Abraham that He'd take care of Hagar and Ishmael.

Delbert

God kept His promise! When they ran out of water, God showed Hagar a well filled with water.

Leader

That's right! God made a promise to Abraham that He'd take care of Hagar and Ishmael and God always keeps his promises.

Lello

Yeah, and God takes care of us, too, and He takes care of baby frogs!

Leader

Yes, tadpoles, too! God watches over everyone and everything.

Delbert

Haw, why don't we go watch over the tadpoles in the river and see if any have started to grow legs.

Lello

That sounds fun. We'll see you guys next time. Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert

Haw, see you soon!

Leader

Bye, Delbert. Bye, Lello. (exit)