



Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Genesis 50:17-21

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.) **"Hellohhhhhhhhhhh 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) Humph!

Leader
Lello, what's the matter?

Lello
Delbert borrowed my new toy and he broke it. I've only had it a few days!

Leader
Oh no! Is that true, Delbert?

Delbert
Haw! (sadly) I didn't mean to break it; it was an accident.

Leader
Accidents do happen. So, what happens next?

Delbert
I tell Lello that I'm sorry?

Leader
That's right, Delbert! Go on.

Delbert
Lello, I am so sorry I broke your toy.

Leader
Good. Now what happens?

Lello

I don't know.

Leader

Maybe today's Bible story can help—it's about Joseph. One day God spoke to Joseph.

Delbert

What did God say?

Leader

God told Joseph to forgive his brothers.

Lello

Did he?

Leader

Yes, he did. When his brothers came to Egypt for food, Joseph told them not to be afraid and that he forgave them.

Delbert

I bet that was hard to do.

Leader

Yes, it is hard to forgive sometimes but God tells us it is good to forgive.

Lello

Yeah, (pause) Delbert?

Delbert

Yes, Lello?

Lello

I know you didn't mean to break my toy. I forgive you.

Delbert

Oh, thank you, Lello. I don't want you to be mad at me. You're my best friend.

Lello

And you're my best friend, Delbert. Come on. Let's go see if we can fix my toy.

Delbert

Haw, great idea! See you soon.

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Leader

Bye, Delbert. Bye, Lello. (exit)