



God Sends Manna

Exodus 16:2-5, 11-16

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 & Children
Hee Haw! Hi, Delbert.

Lello
Yeah (bleat) Hello every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert
Guess what everybody?

Leader & Lello
What?

Delbert (proudly)
My dad is planning a camping trip, and I am invited!

Lello
Wow. That sounds like fun. I've never been camping before. (To audience)
Boys and girls have you ever been camping? (Pause for response.)

Leader
I have. It's so much fun. You get to sleep outside and sit around a campfire and try new foods.

Delbert
New foods...(hesitating nervously) That's what my dad said, too. He said we'll eat wild berries. But what if we can't find berries? What if I get hungry? Haw! I don't know. I don't know.

Leader
Delbert, don't worry. God will provide for you just like He did when His people were in the wilderness.

Delbert

God's people went camping too?

Leader

Yes, you could say that. The Israelites were in the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land.

Lello

How did God provide for them?

Leader

God sent manna and quail.

Lello

Yeah (bleat). Um, what's manna and quail?

Delbert

Haw. I know what quail is – it's a type of bird.

Leader

That's right. And manna is sort of like bread.

Delbert

God sent His people food! They were so lucky!

Leader

Delbert, did you know that God provides for you, too?

Lello

Yeah. He sent you a great dad who loves you. I'm sure he has food all planned out for you.

Delbert

He does! Haw. I don't have anything to worry about for this camping trip. Do I boys and girls? (Pause for response.)

Leader

No, no worries. God will take care of you.

Lello

Delbert, can you tell me all about camping?

Delbert

Sure, come on. I'll show you where my dad is putting all the camping gear we'll need.

Leader

You two have fun. We'll see you next time.

Delbert

Hee-Haw. See you soon.

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy. (exit)