



Jesus and His Father's House

Luke 2:41-52

Suggested setting: Kings & Kingdoms 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 the puppets and leads group interaction with 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 window.)
"Hellohhhhhhhhhh Lello!" (Children repeat, and Lello the Lamb pops head out of window.)

Delbert
Hee Haw! Let me hear your Hee Haw!

Leader & Children
Hee Haw! Hi Delbert! Hello Lello!

Lello
Yeah. (Bleat.) Hello every-bahhh-dy.
Guess what?

Delbert
What?

Lello
My little sister Lilly is old enough to come to church with me.

Leader
Wow. That is so exciting. Now she can learn all about Jesus, just like you.

Lello
Yeah, except she says she doesn't want to go.

Delbert
Haw! She doesn't. Why not?

Lello
Lilly says she'd rather stay at home and I don't know what to do. I was hoping you would be able to help me.

Leader
You could tell her a story about Jesus.

Lello
Which one?

Leader
Today, we are learning about when Jesus was a young boy.

Delbert

Is that the story of when His parents found Him in God's house?

Lello

God has a house?

Leader

God's house is the name we give to any place where people gather to praise God and learn more about Him.

Delbert

That's right. Jesus and His family were traveling back home from a big feast but at the end of the day Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus.

Lello

Oh no! Where was He?

Delbert

They looked everywhere and finally found Him in God's house. He called it His Father's house.

Lello

Jesus really loved His Father's house, huh?

Leader

Jesus loved God. God is our heavenly Father - and so when we are in church, we are in our heavenly Father's house.

Lello

Yeah, I'm still not sure Lilly will want to go to church with me.

Delbert

I bet I can think of some ideas. Hey kids, why don't you help me?

Leader

Great idea. Delbert will give us an idea and if you think it's a good one, raise your hand.

Delbert

You can tell Lilly how much fun it is to hear Bible Stories. (NOTE: Pause briefly, encourage children to raise their hands if they like this idea.)

Lello

That's a good one.

Delbert

You can tell her we get to pray at church and talk to God. (NOTE: Pause briefly, encourage children to raise their hands if they like this idea.)

Leader

Great. Any more ideas?

Delbert

Tell Lilly how much fun it is to sing praises to God! (NOTE: Pause briefly, encourage children to raise their hands if they like this idea.)

Lello

Yeah! Thank you so much for all those ideas and thank you boys and girls for letting me know which ideas you liked.

Leader

Lello, if you tell your little sister the things you love about church, I'm sure she'll want to go.

Lello

You're right. I'm going to go find Lilly right now. Delbert would you like to come with me?

Delbert

You bet! See you guys next time.

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Leader

Bye!