



Jesus is Baptized

Mark 1:1-11

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, "Dehhhhhi-bert Dehhhhhi-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.**

Leader
Lello, did your sister go to church with you?

Lello
She did. And Lilly had a great time!

Leader
That's wonderful! I'm sure your mom was happy.

Lello
Yeah, she was. She even showed us some pictures from when we were baptized.

Delbert
Haw! What does baptized mean?

Leader
That's a great question Delbert. It's the sprinkling or dunking in water to show you belong to Jesus.

Lello
Yeah...it's a way we show others that we love God.

Delbert
Was Jesus baptized?

Leader

Yes, in fact today's Bible Story is about Jesus being baptized.

Lello

Can you tell us what happened?

Leader

Jesus was baptized by John. When He came out of the water the heavens opened.

Delbert

Haw! And then God said, "You are my Son and I love you. I am very pleased with you."

Lello

Wow. I wish I could have heard God tell Jesus that He loves Him.

Delbert

Haw! God sure does love His Son.

Leader

You're right. Jesus is God's one and only Son. And guess what?

Delbert

What?

Leader

God loves us, too!

Lello

He does?

Delbert

Haw! And I love God!

Lello

Me, too! Delbert, let's go find Lilly and tell her about Jesus being baptized.

Delbert

Good thinking Lello! See you guys next time.

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Leader

Bye!