



Jesus Is Tempted

Matthew 4:1-11

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, "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. I have some exciting news.

Leader
You do? What?

Lello
My sister Lilly and I have been trying to remember Bible verses.

Delbert
Why? That doesn't sound like a very fun thing to do.

Lello
Oh, but it is. We make up little songs to help us.

Leader
Remembering Bible verses is a wonderful thing to do. They will make you wise and strong.

Delbert
How can they do that?

Leader
Well, the words in the Bible are God's Words. When you know them by heart, you'll be wise about what God wants you to do.

Delbert

Haw, I get it. Being wise about that helps you when you are tempted.

Lello

What does tempted mean?

Delbert

Tempted means when someone is trying to get you to do something that is wrong.

Leader

Everyone is tempted sometimes. Even Jesus was tempted.

Lello

Oh no! What did Jesus do?

Delbert

Jesus always did what was right. Right?

Leader

That's right. When Satan asked Jesus to do wrong, Jesus answered with words from the Bible.

Lello

When I say words from the Bible, I feel like God is right there with me.

Delbert

Me, too.

Leader

God /s with us. Knowing His words brings us all closer to Him.

Delbert

Haw! Being close to God - that's what makes you feel strong. Hey, Lello, can you teach me the verse you are learning?

Lello

I'd love to! Boys and girls would you like to learn it too? (Pause for reply.) Great. Everyone repeat after me. Ready?

Delbert

Ready!

Lello

"Children, obey your parents..."

Delbert & Children

"Children, obey your parents..."

Lello

"...in the Lord..."

Delbert & Children

"...in the Lord..."

Lello

"...for this is right."

Delbert

"...for this is right."

Leader

Great job, everyone. Why don't we all practice saying that every day. Then we can all say it together next time.

Delbert

Lello, let's go practice! See you next time!

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Leader

Bye!