



Jesus Calls His Disciples

Luke 5:1-11

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.) **"Hellooooooooooooo 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) Oh. Um. Hello every-bahhh-dy. (Lello is distracted.)

Leader
Lello, is something on your mind?

Delbert
Haw! Looks are thinking about something important.

Lello
Well, I just finished reading a Bible Story to Lilly.

Delbert
Which one?

Lello
I told Lilly the story where Jesus sees the fisherman and calls them to be His followers.

Leader
That's a great story.

Delbert
Haw. It sure is. So what are you thinking about now?

Lello

Lilly loved that Jesus called the fisherman. And I've been thinking... well... do you think God will call me?

Leader

Oh, yes Lello! God calls each of us to follow Him.

Lello

He does? But I don't hear anything.

Delbert

Haw! He doesn't call you out loud. He calls you with His words in the Bible.

Lello

But how do I follow Him when I can't see Him?

Leader

You can follow what He says in the Bible. Think about all the time you're spending with Lilly...

Lello

What about it?

Delbert

Well, in the Bible, God calls us to tell others the good news. That's what you've been telling your little sister, Lilly. So you are already following Jesus!

Lello

You think so? Wow.

Leader

Oh, that reminds me. Who can say the Bible verse Lello taught us last time?
(Pause for response.)

Delbert

Haw! I can. Children say it with Lello after I say it to you.

Delbert

"Children, obey your parents..."

Lello & Children

"Children, obey your parents..."

Delbert

"...in the Lord for this is right."

Lello

"...in the Lord for this is right."

Leader

Wonderful! I'm so proud of you!

Delbert

Haw! Do you think obeying our parents like the Bible says is a way we can follow Jesus?

Leader

It sure is! It's like God's Words are calling to us from the Bible!

Delbert

Lello, let's go read our Bible to see other ways we can follow Him.

Lello

Yeah. That'd be great. Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert

See you next time.

Leader

Bye!