



Jesus Clears the Temple

Mark 11:15-17

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) Hello every-bahhh-dy.

Leader
Lello. How does your little sister like church?

Lello
Oh, she loves it.

Delbert
Jesus loves the church, too! He called it God's house.

Leader
That's right. When Jesus was on earth, God's house was the temple. That reminds me of today's Bible Story.

Delbert
Is this the time that Jesus told some people to leave the temple?

Leader
That's right Delbert.

Lello
Oh no! Why would Jesus do that?

Leader
When Jesus came into God's house, some people there weren't doing right in God's eyes.

Delbert

Haw! They were making money for themselves instead of praying and praising God.

Lello

Oh dear. That's not good.

Leader

No, it's not. So, Jesus told them to leave.

Delbert

And He taught everyone that God's house a place of prayer, not a place to make money.

Lello

That was a good thing that Jesus did. We need to put God first in a special way when we are in His house.

Delbert

How can we do that?

Leader

Well, we can give our money as an offering to God, instead of spending it on ourselves.

Lello

Yeah! And we can make sure everyone from everywhere feels welcome in God's house.

Leader

Yes, and we can do what's right in obeying our teachers and being kind to friends.

Delbert

Haw. Don't forget that Jesus said it's a house of prayer. We can pray together to Him in His house!

Lello

Yeah. We can do all of those things every time we come into God's house.

Delbert

Oh Lello! Let's go tell your little sister Lilly all about the ways to keep God's house a special place for Him.

Lello

Great idea! Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert

See you next time!

Leader

Bye guys!