



Advent 1: Announcing the King

Luke 1:26-33

Suggested setting: The 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 learn more about Jesus and the Bible. Ranger Ryan the Lion is the wise forest ranger who occasionally visits Delbert and Lello. Ranger Ryan will appear throughout Unit 10 to tell the Christmas story. The leader is the children's teacher or worship leader dressed in regular clothing or in costume consistent with the set (a gardener, a farmer, etc.) The leader helps children focus on the puppets and leads group interaction.

Props: Christmas lights decorating the stage

Leader (Stands at puppet stage.)
It's time to call for Delbert. Repeat after me, "Dehhhhhl-bert Dehhhhhl-bert!" (Children repeat. Delbert pops up.)

Delbert

Hee Haw! Guess what? I have a big announcement!

Leader

You do? What is it?

Delbert

Remember how I am going to play a king in the school play?

Leader

Yes. Did you find out which king?

Delbert?

Haw! I'm going to be Jesus.

Leader

That's great. Jesus is the greatest king of all.

Delbert

He sure is. I'm so excited.

Leader

Delbert, I have an announcement, too.

Delbert

You do?

Leader

I do. Ranger Ryan has come to visit with us to help us get our hearts ready for Christmas!

Delbert

Haw! Really? Ranger Ryan! Is he here now?

Leader

He sure is. Why don't we call for him. Can you all roar with me? Rooaaaar!

Ranger Ryan

Rooooaar! Ranger Ryan, here. Hello, my little ones. It is so good to see you again.

Delbert

Ranger Ryan. I am going to play King Jesus in the school play!

Ranger Ryan

That's terrific Delbert. I have a story about when King Jesus was announced.

Leader

Hey Delbert, you and I just made announcements, too!

Delbert

Haw! Ranger Ryan, please tell us the story.

Ranger Ryan

With pleasure. A long time ago God sent the angel Gabriel to visit a young girl named Mary.

Delbert

Oooh. What did Gabriel tell Mary?

Ranger Ryan

Gabriel announced the coming of Jesus as King. He told Mary that she was going to have a little baby...Jesus!

Leader

What an important announcement!

Delbert

Wait a minute... I thought Jesus was a King, not a baby.

Ranger Ryan

He is, but Jesus didn't come to us as a rich king in a palace. He came as a tiny baby.

Leader

Yes, Jesus came as a baby, but He was and will always be the King of heaven and earth.

Delbert

Haw! That /s the greatest King of all!

Leader

Ranger Ryan, we are so glad to see you. Will you come back next time and tell us another part of the Christmas story?

Ranger Ryan

I'd love to!

Delbert

Ranger Ryan, would you like to help me practice for my play?

Ranger Ryan

Terrrrific! Let's go. See you arrrrround.
(Pronounced with a friendly roar.)

Delbert

Haw! See you guys later! (Braying)

Leader

We'll see you soon.
(All exit.)