



Jesus and Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

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-ber
Dehhhhhi-ber!"** (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!

Leader
Are you two done delivering strawberries yet?

Delbert
Haw! Not yet. We have two more deliveries.

Leader
Wow! You guys have been serving lots of people!

Lello
Yeah. It's been fun. Today we are going to bring some to my mom.

Leader
Oh Lello, she will love them.

Lello
Yeah. I hope so.

Delbert
Haw! What are you guys doing today?

Leader
We are learning about Zacchaeus.

Lello
Oh, I like the story of Zacchaeus.

Delbert
You do? Why Lello?

Lello

I like that Jesus saw someone who was little. It helps me remember Jesus sees me too, even though I'm little.

Leader

That's right Lello. Jesus was visiting a town named Jericho. Zacchaeus lived there. He really wanted to see Jesus.

Delbert

Haw! I would, too!

Lello

Yeah. But Zacchaeus was too short to see over the crowd. So he climbed up in a tree. Then Jesus came.

Delbert

Haw! How exciting! What did Jesus do?

Leader

He saw Zacchaeus and said, "Zacchaeus, come down. I'm going to your house today."

Delbert

But how did Jesus know his name?

Leader

Jesus knows everyone's name, no matter how small we are.

Lello

Yeah. And He loves us, too!

Delbert

Lello, how did you know this story?

Lello

My mommy told me.

Delbert

Hey Lello, I have an idea. Let's deliver the next batch of strawberries to your mommy.

Lello

Yeah! Great idea! Let's go! Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert

See you guys later.

Leader

Bye guys.