



Jesus Teaches: Showing Mercy

Matthew 5:1-2, 7

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
Ohhh, I'm so excited.

Delbert
Me, too! Haw! Me, too!

Leader
What are you two so excited about?

Delbert
Lello and I are going to pick some fresh strawberries for all our friends.

Leader
Yum! That's sounds like a great idea.

Lello
Yeah. And we're going to make little cards to go with the strawberries. We are going to decorate them and write, "Jesus loves you!"

Leader
What a great idea! You two will be serving your friends just like Jesus served others!

Delbert
Haw. Serving? What do you mean?

Leader
Serving is helping others.

Lello
How did Jesus serve others?

Leader

One way Jesus served others was to teach them about God.

Delbert

I heard that one time Jesus sat down on a mountainside to teach the crowd.

Lello

What did He teach them?

Leader

Jesus told them, "Blessed are those who show mercy. They will be shown mercy."

Delbert

What is mercy?

Lello

Yeah, and how do we show it?

Leader

To show mercy is to forgive.

Delbert

Haw! I know what *that* means. To forgive is to stop being angry with someone for doing something wrong.

Lello

Ohhhhh, now I see. Jesus wants us to forgive everyone – that is showing mercy!

Leader

That's right, Lello! I think you will be a great teacher one day!

Delbert

Hey, Lello. When we deliver our strawberries, our notes will help teach our friends that Jesus loves them.

Lello

Yeahhhh. Jesus loves us all so much that He forgives everyone who is sorry.

Leader

That's right!

Delbert

Let's go, Lello! It's time to pick those strawberries!

Leader

I saw some nice juicy ones near the stream. You may want to check there.

Lello

Yeah. We will. Thanks for teaching us about forgiving everyone! Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert

Haw. See you guys later.

Leader

Bye guys.