



Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3:1-5, 16

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!

Leader
Hey guys. Have you two delivered any strawberries yet?

Delbert
Haw! We delivered our first basket of fresh strawberries today.

Leader
Who did you serve first?

Lello
We brought a basket to Mama Sheep and her little lamb Joey.

Leader
Wonderful! I bet they loved the berries.

Delbert
They sure did. And Mama Sheep loved the note we attached. It said, "Jesus loves you!"

Lello
Yeah. She even thanked us for the time we watched little Joey and taught him about Jesus.

Leader
That reminds me of today's Bible Story.

Delbert
Haw! Really?

Leader

Yes! Today we'll learn about the time
Jesus taught a man named Nicodemus.

Lello

Oooh. What did Jesus teach him?

Delbert

Haw! Was it about God?

Leader

It was, Delbert. Jesus taught
Nicodemus that God loves us so much
He sent His Son to help us.

Delbert

God is good. He loves us a whoooooole
lot!

Lello

Yeah. And we taught little Joey just
like Jesus taught Nicodemus.

Leader

You did! It's good to tell others how
much God loves everyone in the world.

Delbert

Haw! It sure is. Come on, Lello. Let's
go collect some more strawberries for
our next basket.

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 Nicodemus. Bah-bye every-
bahhh-dy.

Delbert

Haw. See you guys later.

Leader

Bye guys.