



Jesus in the Garden

Matthew 26:36-41

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-bert Dehhhhhi-bert!" (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. Hi, Lello.

Lello
Yeah. (Bleat.)
Hello every-bahhh-dy.

Leader
Anything new happening in your garden?

Delbert
Haw! All the plants are getting so big. But it is a lot of work.

Lello
Yeah. But it's worth it. I love our garden!

Leader
Well, the fruits and vegetables you showed us last week looked amazing.

Lello
And the garden is filled with flowers.

Leader
That sounds lovely.

Delbert
It is.

Lello
Yeah. I love to pray in the garden when it's quiet.

Leader
I wonder if that's how Jesus felt?

Delbert

Jesus prayed in a garden?

Leader

He did. After the last supper, He went to the garden just to pray.

Delbert

I didn't know you could pray in a garden.

Lello

Delbert, you can pray anywhere.

Delbert

Haw! Really? You mean we don't just pray at church, at meals and at bedtime?

Leader

Those are great times to pray, Delbert. But God hears our prayers everywhere.

Delbert

(Addressing children.) **Do you all pray everywhere?** (Allow children to answer.) **Do you pray outside?** (Allow children to answer.) **Do you pray in the car?** (Allow children to answer.)

Lello

Yeah. The boys and girls know that God hears their prayers no matter where they are!

Leader

That's right! And God wants you to pray!

Delbert

Lello, can I pray with you in our garden?

Lello

Yeah! I'd love that. Come one let's go. Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert

Haw! See you guys later!

Leader

Bye guys.