



Worship Illustration: Script
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 5, Lesson 25

The Wise Builder

Matthew 7:24-27

Suggested setting: Kings & Kingdoms Units 5-6 puppet sketches take place around a forest campfire under a night sky with moon and stars on backdrop. Option: String a strand of white lights overhead to create a starry night effect. Adjust setting and puppet names according to available puppeteers and resources.

Characters: Ranger Ryan the Lion is the wise, fatherly forest ranger. He wears a badge and a ranger hat. He gathers everyone at the campfire to tell the lesson's parable. Delbert the Donkey and Lello the Lamb are good friends who love to sit around the campfire and listen to Ranger Ryan tell the stories Jesus told.

Leader (Stands at puppet window.)
It's time to call Ranger Ryan and ask him to join us for a story. Can you all roar with me? Roooaaar! (Ranger Ryan pops up near campfire.)

Ranger Ryan
Roooaaar! Ranger Ryan here. Hello, my little ones! Come on and let's gather by the campfire. Today, I have a special story Jesus told.

Leader
Before you start Ranger Ryan, can we call Delbert? I know he'll want to hear your story.

Ranger Ryan
Grrrreat idea! Help me call for Delbert.

Ranger Ryan, Leader & Children
Dehhhhhl-bert Dehhhhhl-bert!

Delbert (Delbert pops up.)
Hee Haw! Hi, boys and girls. Hi, Ranger Ryan. Do you have another story to tell?

Ranger Ryan
I sure do. Today's story is about a builder.

Delbert
Haw! I love to build with my blocks. Kids, do you like to build? (Children respond.)

Ranger Ryan
Are you ready to hear the story Jesus told?

Delbert
Haw. I am. Boys and girls, raise your hands if you are ready for a story. (Children respond.)

Leader
Go on Ranger Ryan, we're ready.

Ranger Ryan

This is a story Jesus told. He said,
"Everyone who hears My words and
practices them is a wise man. He builds
his house on the rock. The rain comes
down. The water rises. The winds blow
against that house."

Delbert

Haw! Goodness! What happens to the
house after such a storm?

Ranger Ryan

Jesus said, "The house does not fall. It
is built on the rock."

Delbert

Haw! That's good.

Leader

You're right, Delbert. That is good.
What else did Jesus say?

Ranger Ryan

Jesus said, "Everyone who hears My
words and does not practice them is a
foolish man. He builds his house on
sand. The rain comes down. The water
rises. The winds blow against that
house."

Delbert

Uh oh! What happens to that house?

Ranger Ryan

Jesus said, "That house falls with a
loud crash."

Delbert

Haw! That's bad. Um...Ranger Ryan?
What does Jesus means about
practicing His words?

Ranger Ryan

That's a wonderful question, Delbert.
Jesus was telling the people to do
what the Bible says to do.

Delbert

Haw! Like what?

Leader

Obedying your parents, praying to God,
bringing your offering. There are so
many wonderful things the Bible
teaches us to do.

Ranger Ryan

That's right! Little ones, do you think
you can try to do those things today?
(Children respond.) Great! Now, it's time
for me to check on the other campfires
in the forest.

Delbert

I'm going to go find Lello and see if she
wants to come over and do what the
Bible says to do.

Ranger Ryan

Great idea! See you arrrrround.
(Pronounced with a friendly roar.)

Delbert

Haw! See you guys later! (Braying.)

Leader & Children

Bye, Ranger Ryan! Bye, Delbert!

(All exit.)