



Do Not Worry

Matthew 6:25-34

Suggested setting: The 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: 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 love to sit around the campfire and listen to Ranger Ryan tell the stories Jesus told.

Props: Leader has a flashlight.

Leader (stands at puppet window)
Are you ready to hear a special story from Ranger Ryan? (Children respond.) **Let's call Ranger Ryan and invite him to join us. Can you all roar with me? Roooaar!** (Ranger Ryan pops up near campfire.)

Ranger Ryan
Roooaar! Ranger Ryan here. Hello, my little ones. Come on and let's gather by the campfire. Would you help me call our friend, Lello, to join us?

Ranger Ryan, Leader & Children
Hellohhhhhhhhhhh, Lello!

Lello (Lello pops up.)
Yeah. (Sadly.) **Oh me, oh my!**

Leader
Lello, what's wrong?

Lello
Oh, Delbert invited me to a special camp picnic today and asked me to bring the dessert. I know dessert is Delbert's favorite and I don't know what to bring. I'm so worried!

Leader
Don't worry, Lello. Delbert will love any dessert you bring.

Ranger Ryan
Don't forget, Lello, that Jesus taught us not to worry.

Lello
Yeah? He did?

Ranger Ryan
That's right. Why don't I tell you today's story?

Leader
That sounds like a great idea. Boys and girls, would you like Ranger Ryan to tell us a story? If so, give me a big roar! (Pause to let the children roar.)

Ranger Ryan

Rooooaaaar! Here we go! Jesus said,
"Don't worry about what to eat and drink.
Don't worry about what to wear. Isn't
there more to life than eating and
drinking? Aren't there more important
things than clothes?"

Lello

Why shouldn't we worry though?

Ranger Ryan

Jesus said, "The birds don't worry and God
takes care of them. Aren't you worth much
more to God?"

Lello

Oh me, oh my! You mean God even takes
care of what I eat and drink?

Leader

That's right, Lello. God knows what we
need.

Lello

Oh, I get it! But isn't there anything I can
do?

Ranger Ryan

There is, Lello. Jesus also said, "Put God's
kingdom first. Do what He wants you to
do. He'll take care of what you need."

Leader

Do you feel better now, Lello?

Lello

Yeah! I shouldn't worry about dessert. I'll
go ask my mom to help me make
strawberry shortcake. Delbert loves eating
strawberries from our garden. Thanks,
Ranger Ryan!

Ranger Ryan

Any time, my little one. Now, it's time for
me to check on the other campsites. See
you arrrrround. (Pronounced with a friendly
roar.)

Leader & Children

Bye, Ranger Ryan! Bye, Lello! (All exit.)