



The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:30-37

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.

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, Delbert, to join us?

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

Delbert (Delbert pops up.)
Hee Haw! Hi, everybody.

Leader
Ranger Ryan? Are you ready for your trip to the new forest?

Ranger Ryan
I sure am. It's going to be exciting—new people, new campfires, and new trails.

Delbert
Haw! Won't you be nervous to be around all those new things, especially people you don't know?

Ranger Ryan
I'll probably be a little nervous, but I know God wants us to show kindness to others—even those we don't know.

Leader
That's right! Ranger Ryan, would you tell us one more story before you go?

Delbert
Oh yes! Oh yes! Boys and girls, let's all say "please" as loud as we can. Ready?

Delbert, Leader & Children
"Please!"

Ranger Ryan
I'd love to tell you one more story.

Delbert
Haw! We are ready!

Ranger Ryan

Jesus told a story about a man who was hurt by robbers. They left him on the road. Soon after, a man came walking by.

Delbert

Oh, good! He helped the hurt man, right?

Leader

No, he walked right passed the hurt man. He didn't want to stop.

Ranger Ryan

It wasn't long before another man walked by on that same road.

Delbert

Did he help the hurt man?

Leader

No, he also passed by without helping the hurt man.

Delbert

Haw! That is not good. Please, tell me someone helped him. Please!

Ranger Ryan

The next man who came by was a Samaritan. He put bandages on the hurt man and put him on his donkey.

Leader

Then, he took the hurt man to a hotel and cared for him.

Delbert

Oh, I'm so glad.

Leader

Delbert, which of the three who saw the hurt man was the good neighbor?

Delbert

Haw! The Samaritan, of course!

Ranger Ryan

That's right, Delbert! Well, boys and girls, I need to go and pack for my trip. I've had so much fun sharing my stories with you.

Leader

And we've had fun learning about Jesus with you! Thank you, Ranger Ryan.

Delbert

Ranger Ryan, will you come with me to say goodbye to Lello?

Ranger Ryan

Of course! See you arrrrround. (Pronounced with a friendly roar.)

Leader & Children

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