



# Deborah, the Judge

Judges 4:4-5, 5:7

**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:** Delbert the Donkey and Lello the Lamb are good friends who are always excited to learn more about Jesus and the Bible. The leader is the children's teacher or worship leader dressed in regular clothing or in costume consistent with the set (a gardener, a farmer, etc.) The leader helps children focus on the puppets and leads group interaction.

**Leader** (Stands at puppet stage.)  
**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.) **"Hellohhhhhhhhhhh Lello!"** (Children repeat and Lello the Lamb pops head out of window.)

**Delbert**  
**Hee Haw! Hi, everybody. Oh, hello, Lello! Thanks for helping Beaker and me today!**

**Leader**  
**What's this?**

**Delbert**  
**Haw, my friend Beaker the Duck and I were having a problem.**

**Leader**  
**Oh, dear. What happened?**

**Delbert**  
**Beaker and I made a fort together. I wanted to be the king, but Beaker wouldn't let me have a turn.**

**Leader**  
**Oh my, that is a problem. What happened?**

**Delbert**  
**Just then, Lello came along. She helped us decide what was fair.**

**Leader**  
**Just like a judge.**

**Lello**  
**What's a judge?**

**Leader**  
**A judge is someone who decides what is right and fair.**

**Delbert**  
**Just like Lello!**

**Lello**

Yeah. Oh, I'd like to hear more about judges. Were there any judges in the Bible?

**Leader**

Yes! God sent judges to help his people. One judge was a woman named Deborah.

**Delbert**

Haw! What did she do?

**Leader**

Deborah sat under a palm tree. People came there to tell her about their problems and Deborah decided what was right and fair.

**Delbert**

That's great! I bet the people were happy God sent Deborah.

**Leader**

Yes, and did you know God gives us people like Deborah, too?

**Lello**

He does? Who?

**Leader**

Well, our teachers can help us decide what is fair.

**Lello**

And our parents and grandparents, right?

**Leader**

Right.

**Delbert**

And, Lello! You were like a judge today! Hey, let's go find Beaker. We can tell him what we learned about judges.

**Lello**

Yeah, and maybe we can take turns pretending we are Deborah. We can all sit under a tree and decide what is fair.

**Leader**

That sounds like a great idea. We'll see you soon.

**Lello**

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

**Delbert**

See you guys later. (Braying)

(All exit.)