



Gideon Goes to Battle

Judges 7:17-21

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.

Props: Trumpet or toy horn

Leader (Stands at puppet stage.)
It's time to call for Delbert and Lello.
Repeat after me, "Dehhhhhl-bert Dehhhhhl-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! Hi, everybody!

Lello
Yeah. (bleat) **Hello every-bahhh-dy. Oh, what's that you've got?**

Leader
This is a trumpet.

Delbert
What does it do?

Leader
You can play it and make music.

Lello
That's nice. I bet it can be loud though.

Leader
Yes, and did you two know there is a story in the Bible about a trumpet?

Delbert
Haw! Really?

Leader
In this story, God was watching over a man named Gideon. God gave Gideon a plan to win an important battle.

Delbert
Did God tell him to use swords?

Leader
Nope.

Delbert

Cannon balls?

Leader

Nope.

Delbert

Bows and arrows?

Leader

Nope.

Delbert

Squirt guns???

Leader (chuckling)

Nope. God had a different plan.

Lello (disappointedly)

But, I thought this story was about a trumpet.

Leader

It was, Lello. God told Gideon to give each person a trumpet and a jar with a light inside.

Delbert

Then what?

Leader

God told Gideon to get in a circle around the enemy. When Gideon gave the signal, his army would blow their trumpets, break their jars, and shine their lights.

Lello

Oh! I bet that was very noisy. Loud noises scare me.

Leader

Yes, the enemy was so scared they ran away and never came back.

Delbert

Trumpets and jars sound like a strange battle plan to me.

Leader

That may be true, but it was God's perfect plan. Gideon and his army won the battle.

Lello

And they learned to follow God's plan, no matter what.

Delbert

You're right, Lello. Haw! Let's go make some trumpets and march around like Gideon's army!

Lello

Great plan, Delbert! Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert

See you guys later.

Leader

Bye Delbert, bye Lello. See you next time.

(All exit.)