



# Samson and the Gate

Judges 13:5, 16:2-3

**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:** Delbert wears a long haired wig.

**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.) **"Hellooooooooooooo Lello!"** (Children repeat and Lello the Lamb pops head out of window.)

**Delbert**  
**Hee Haw! Hi, everybody!**

**Lello** (bleats)  
**Yeah. Hello, every-bahhh-dy.**

**Leader with Lello**  
**Delbert, is that you?**

**Delbert**  
**Haw, it's me. Do you like my long hair?**  
**Today, I am Samson!**

**Leader**  
**Oh, I see.**

**Lello**  
**Who's Samson?**

**Delbert**  
**Haw! I can tell you. My dad read me that story today.**

**Leader**  
**Go ahead, Delbert.**

**Delbert**  
**When Samson was born, God told his mother never to cut his hair. It grew very long.** (Tosses head around to make hair wave.)

**Leader**  
**Yes, and God made Samson very, very strong.**

**Lello**  
**How strong was he?**

**Leader**

Well, Samson was so strong, that when the bad guys locked the city gates...

**Lello** (interrupts)

Samson was locked inside? Oh no! What did he do?

**Delbert**

Samson walked right up to those great, big city gates. With his mighty strength, He lifted them up and carried them away.

**Lello**

Oh! Samson *was* strong!

**Leader**

Yes, he was strong because God gave him strength. And God makes us strong, too.

**Lello**

Do you have to have long hair to be strong?

**Delbert** (Shakes head to make hair wave.)

Nope. The Bible says, "I can do everything—through Him who gives me strength."

**Leader**

Boys and girls, let's help Lello say that with us.

**Leader and Children**

I can do everything -

**Lello** (repeating)

I can do everything -

**Leader and Children**

- through Him who gives me strength.

**Lello** (repeating)

- through Him who gives me strength.

(whispering loudly) Who is "Him"?

**Delbert**

Haw, I know! It's JESUS who gives me strength. Come on, Lello. Let's go and I'll let you be Samson. I'll even let you try on my wig.

**Lello**

Yeah. That sounds like fun. Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

**Delbert**

See you guys later.

**Leader**

Bye Delbert, bye Lello. See you next time.

(All exit.)