



Worship Illustration: Script
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Kings & Kingdoms Part 2: Judges through Esther
Unit 7, Lesson 37

Samuel and Eli

1 Samuel 3:1-10

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, "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 (bleat)
Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy.

Leader
How are you two, today?

Delbert
Yawn, I'm sleepy. I didn't sleep very well last night!

Leader
That reminds me of the Bible story of the young boy named Samuel.

Lello
Can you tell us about him?

Leader
Well, one night when Samuel lay down to sleep, he heard someone call his name.

Delbert
Haw! Who was it?

Leader
Well, Samuel thought it was Eli, the man in charge of the temple where Samuel lived.

Lello
What did Eli say?

Leader
Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back and lie down."

Delbert

Haw! I wonder who called Samuel.

Leader

Well, little Samuel lay back down, and again he heard his name called!

Delbert

Was it Eli who called him that time?

Leader

No. Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back and lie down." But the third time it happened, Eli knew it was God calling to Samuel.

Lello

What did Samuel do?

Leader

He said, "Speak, Lord, I'm listening."

Delbert

Haw! Wow. I wish God would speak to me.

Leader

Shh. Let's all be quiet.

Delbert

What? Why are we being quiet?

Leader

Shh.

Delbert

I don't hear anything.

Leader

Shh.

Delbert

What is all the shushing about?

Leader (whispers)

We are listening for God.

Lello

You mean we can hear God, too?

Leader

Yes, God speaks to us through what we hear and see in the world He made for us.

Lello

Yeah! When I hear the wind blow, it feels like God is saying, "Lello, I'm watching over you."

Leader

Now you're getting it! He speaks to us through Bible stories, and through people who care for us.

Delbert

So, when I get a hug from my grandpa, I can remember God loves me. Come on, Lello. Let's go listen for God to speak to us.

Lello

OK! Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert

Oh boy! I wonder what we will hear! See you guys later.

Leader

Bye Delbert, bye Lello. See you next time.

(All exit.)