



David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17

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

Lello (Lello pops up.)
Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert (Delbert pops up, moping.)
(half-heartedly) **Haw!**

Leader
Delbert, what's wrong?

Delbert
I have a giant problem and I don't know what to do.

Leader
What's your problem?

Lello
Yeah. We can try to help you.

Delbert
My dad chose me to be in charge of painting the *whole* barn today. That's a huge job, especially for a little donkey like me.

Leader
You're right, Delbert, that is a big job. But I think I know a story that may help you.

Delbert
Haw! You do?

Leader
Yes. Today, we are learning about David and Goliath.

Lello
Ooh. Wasn't Goliath that big scary giant?

Leader

That's right, Lello. Goliath was saying bad things and David wanted to stop him.

Delbert

Did David wear lots of armor? And did he have something big to fight Goliath with?

Leader

No, David just used a small smooth stone to win against Goliath.

Delbert

Haw. But I bet David was big and strong to take on a giant!

Leader

No, Delbert, David was a young teenager when this happened.

Delbert

Haw! He was? Well, wasn't he worried?

Leader

No, because David knew a secret.

Lello

What was it?

Leader

He knew he could trust in God. David said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God."

Delbert

Haw! I know that! That's our Bible Memory Verse. Boys and girls, will you say that with us?

Lello

Yeah, Delbert. You say it first and then we'll say it together.

Delbert

"Do not let your hearts be troubled."

Lello, Leader, and Children

"Do not let your hearts be troubled."

Delbert

"Trust in God."

Lello, Leader, and Children

"Trust in God."

Leader

David trusted that God would help him win against Goliath. We can trust God to help us, too!

Delbert

You mean that God helps us with giant things like painting the whole barn?

Leader

Yes, Delbert, even giant things like that.

Delbert

Well, what are we waiting for!!! Come on, Lello, I've got a barn to paint!

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)