



David's Heart: David Praises God

2 Samuel 6:5, 12-15

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 Two percussion instruments (tambourine, maraca, etc.)

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 (Delbert pops up.)
Hee Haw!

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

Leader (to Delbert and Lello)
Welcome!

Delbert
Haw! I love to praise God! It's so much fun.

Lello
It /s fun and it's even more fun to praise God with our friends.

Leader
Delbert, what is your favorite way to praise God?

Delbert
My favorite way is with music. You can praise God with... (Delbert pops down and returns with a percussion instrument in his mouth. He shakes it 3 times.)

Leader
Yes, with a Delbert's instrument! What a great idea! (Takes Delbert's instrument.)

Lello
Or you can praise God with... (Lello pops down and returns with a different percussion instrument in her mouth and shakes it 3 times.)

Leader (Takes Lello's instrument.) **With a Lello's instrument! Those are both great ways to praise God.**

Delbert
Haw! I've got one more. You can praise God with a trumpet. (Delbert pops down, but comes up without a trumpet.)

Leader
Where's your trumpet?

Delbert
I couldn't find it. What should I do?

Lello
I have an idea. Let's *pretend* we are playing trumpets!

Leader
Come on, boys and girls. Let's all play our trumpets!

Delbert, Lello, Leader, and Children
Doot-doot-doot! (Lead children in making 3 trumpet sounds.)

Delbert
Haw! That was great!

Leader
Yes, it was! Did you know King David loved to praise God?

Lello
He did?

Leader
Yes, he did. In today's story, King David praised God by playing music, singing, and dancing.

Delbert
Haw. I love to dance! Boys and girls, will you play your trumpets while I dance for God?

Lello
Yeah, let's praise God together! Here we go!

Lello, Leader, and Children
(Make 3 trumpet sounds 4 times. Leader also plays one of the percussion instruments. Delbert dances.)
Doot-doot-doot!
Doot-doot-doot!
Doot-doot-doot!
Doot-doot-doot!

Lello
It's fun to dance before the Lord. Delbert, let's go find some of our animal friends and invite them to dance, too!

Delbert
That sounds great. You guys can have fun praising God right here with your Praise Time friends! See you guys later. (braying)

Lello
Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Leader
We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)