



# David and Mephibosheth

2 Samuel 9:1-11

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

**Delbert** (Delbert pops up.)  
**Hee Haw!**

**Leader**  
**Hi, Delbert. Where's Lello?**

**Delbert**  
**She was running too slowly and I didn't want to wait.**

**Leader**  
**Delbert, that doesn't sound like something a friend would do.**

**Delbert**  
**Haw? It doesn't?**

**Leader**  
**No. Remember when you two made promises to be kind to each other forever?**

**Delbert**  
**That's right. Boys and girls, should I go back and get Lello?**

**Leader with Children**  
**Yes!**

**Delbert**  
**I'll be right back.** (Delbert pops down.)

**Leader**  
**Let's call for Lello again. Ready?**  
**"Hellohhhhhhhhhhh Lello!"** (Children repeat and Lello pops up.)

**Lello** (breathless from running)  
**Hello every-bahhh-dy.**

**Leader**

Hello, Lello. We're glad you're here. Today, we are learning about David and Mephibosheth.

**Delbert** (thinks Leader sneezed)  
God bless you.

**Lello**

Can you tell us the story?

**Leader**

Sure! Remember when David promised to be kind to Jonathan's family?

**Delbert and Lello**

Yes!

**Leader**

Well, years later, David became king. He still kept his promise; he invited someone from Jonathan's family to his house.

**Lello**

Who did he invite?

**Leader**

Mephibosheth.

**Delbert** (thinks Leader sneezed)  
Bless you again! Need a tissue?

**Leader**

Delbert, Mephibosheth was the man's name.

**Delbert**

Oh! I thought you were catching a cold.

**Lello**

Meph-phib-bo-sheth. I like that name. Let's all say it together.

**Lello, Leader, Delbert, and Children**

Meph-phib-bo-sheth!

**Leader**

Great job! Now, Mephibosheth could not walk. It was hard for him to go places with his friends. King David showed kindness and invited him to always eat at the king's table. You see, God wants us to include everyone.

**Lello**

Yeah. It's no fun when you're left out.

**Delbert**

No, it's not. Lello, I'm sorry I left you today when we were running. Would you like to come have a picnic with me?

**Lello**

Yeah. That sounds great! Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

**Delbert**

See you guys later. (braying)

**Leader**

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)