



# King Solomon Asks to Be Wise

1 Kings 3:5-14

**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, "DehhhhhI-bert DehhhhhI-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**  
Hee Haw!

**Lello**

Hello every-bahhh-dy.

**Leader** (to Delbert and Lello)

**Welcome to Praise Time!**

**Delbert**

Haw! Guess what, everyone... I've been chosen to be the king in our school play!

**Lello**

Oooh, that sounds like fun. Which king?

**Delbert**

I don't know. My teacher hasn't told me yet.

**Leader**

There are lots of great kings in the Bible.

**Lello**

Yeah, like King David.

**Delbert**

Haw! I hope I can be King David. I love to dance and sing to God like King David did.

**Leader**

Or, maybe you'll get to be King Solomon.

**Lello**

Who is that?

**Leader**

Solomon was King David's son. When Solomon first became king he was still a child. God asked him, "What can I give you?"

**Delbert**

Did King Solomon ask for lots of money?

**Leader**

No.

**Lello**

Did King Solomon ask to live a long time?

**Leader**

No. King Solomon asked God to give him a wise heart.

**Delbert**

Haw. How can your heart be wise?

**Leader**

When you know in your heart how to choose what is right, then your heart is wise.

**Lello**

Yeah, King Solomon made a good choice!

**Leader**

He sure did. God was so happy with that choice that he made King Solomon wise and gave him riches and a long life, too!

**Delbert**

I hope I get to be King Solomon in the play.

**Lello**

I wish I could be like King Solomon and have a wise heart.

**Leader**

You can, Lello. You just need to ask God to help you be wise.

**Lello**

Yeah! Delbert, will you come pray with me? We can ask God to help us be wise like King Solomon.

**Delbert**

Haw! That'd be great. See you guys later.

**Lello**

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

**Leader**

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)