



King Josiah Obeys

2 Kings 22:1-2, 18-19; 23:1-4, 25

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: Delbert wears a crown.

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 (wearing a crown)
Hee Haw!

Lello
Hello every-bahhh-dy.

Leader (to Delbert and Lello)
Delbert, I like your crown. Did you find out which king you will be in your school play?

Delbert
No, not yet, but I hope I get to be a wise king like King Solomon.

Lello
Yeah, I sure do like King Solomon. He was very wise.

Leader
That's right. There were so many wonderful kings!

Lello (trying to remember)
Yeah. There was King David and King Solomon...

Leader
And don't forget King Josiah.

Delbert
Haw. Who's that?

Leader
King Josiah became king when he was only 8 years old!

Delbert

Haw? He was just a kid!

Leader

That's right. One day he found out he wasn't obeying God's rules.

Lello

Oh no! Why was King Josiah disobeying God?

Leader

Well, there were some rules he had never heard before! He didn't know he wasn't following them.

Lello

What did he do?

Leader

With all his heart, Josiah wanted to obey God. So, as soon as he heard the rules, he obeyed.

Delbert

Haw. What did God think?

Leader

God was very happy that King Josiah obeyed.

Lello

That reminds me of our Bible Memory Verse. Boys and girls, will you say it together after I say it?

Leader

Ready everyone?

Lello

"Blessed are those who hear..."

Leader, Delbert and Children

"Blessed are those who hear..."

Lello

"The Word of God and obey it."

Leader, Delbert and Children

"The Word of God and obey it."

Delbert

Haw! Boys and girls, let's try to be like King Josiah today and obey!

Leader

That's a wonderful idea, Delbert!

Delbert

Lello, let's go learn more about King Josiah so I'll be ready in case he's the king I'm going to be. See you guys later.

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)