



Ezra Teaches God's People

Ezra 7:6, 8-10

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 and robe.

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 crown and robe)
Hee Haw!

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

Leader (to Delbert and Lello)
Delbert, where did you get that robe?

Delbert
From Lello. She has been helping me with my king costume. I've been practicing to be King Josiah. I hope I get to be him in the school play.

Lello
Yeah, and Delbert has done a great job obeying, just like King Josiah did.

Leader
But Delbert, I thought you wanted to be King Solomon because he was so wise.

Delbert
I did, but God liked the way King Josiah obeyed. I think that sometimes it is hard to obey!

Leader
It sure is. We're been learning about a lot of kings, haven't we?

Lello
Yeah, I didn't know there were so many stories about kings in the Bible.

Delbert

Haw! I love to learn the Bible stories.

Leader

I know someone else who loved to learn about the Bible.

Delbert

Who?

Leader

Ezra. In Bible times, Ezra loved to learn God's rules and he loved to teach others.

Lello

Why did Ezra love to do that?

Leader

Ezra wanted everyone to know God's rules so they could obey them.

Delbert

Haw. How can we learn God's rules?

Leader

We learn them from the Bible.

Lello

Yeah, I love it when my teacher tells me Bible stories.

Leader

That's right. What's one of your favorite stories?

Delbert

I love the story of Noah and hearing how he built that big ark!

Leader

Next time, I'll teach you about another person who liked to build for God.

Lello

Can I come and learn, too?

Leader

Oh, of course!

Delbert

Lello, let's go work on my king costume some more.

Lello

And if we see any of our friends, we can teach them about the kings in the Bible.

Delbert

Haw! They'll like that!! See you guys later.

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)