



Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall

Nehemiah 1:3b, 4:16-21

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 crown and robe, and carries a scepter.

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

Delbert (Delbert pops up wearing crown and robe, with scepter in his mouth. His voice is muffled.) **Hee Haw!**

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

Leader
Delbert, what do you have in your mouth? (Takes scepter.)

Delbert
It's my special king stick. It's hard work being a king and wearing all these things.

Leader
That stick is called a scepter. You do look like just a king! Do you know which king you're going to be?

Delbert
Haw. I still don't know. There are so many great kings: King David, King Josiah, King Solomon...

Lello
Yeah. (sadly)

Leader
What's wrong, Lello?

Lello

I wish I were a king in the school play, too.

Delbert

But Lello, our teacher said there is only one king in this play.

Leader

Lello, did you know all kings had special helpers?

Delbert

Haw! Just like you've been helping me with my costume.

Lello

What kind of helpers?

Leader

They were leaders. Remember Ezra who helped people learn about God and God's rules.

Delbert

Haw. That's right.

Leader

And this week we are learning about Nehemiah.

Lello

Nehemiah. Who was that?

Leader

God chose Nehemiah to lead God's people in rebuilding the city walls.

Lello

Oooh. That sounds like hard work.

Leader

Yes, it was. Nehemiah had lots of people helping him. They worked together and they never stopped working, no matter what.

Delbert

Haw. No matter what? Even if enemies tried to stop them?

Leader

That's right! If the people working on the wall heard the trumpets, they knew to pull out their swords to keep their enemies away. Then, they'd go right back to work.

Delbert

Haw! It's a good thing they worked so hard together.

Leader

Yes, and Lello, it's good that you and Delbert have been working so hard together on Delbert's king costume.

Lello

Yeah! I guess you're right. Delbert. Let's go make something else for your costume. We'll work hard like Nehemiah did!

Delbert

That's a great idea! See you guys later.

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhhh-dy.

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)