



Queen Esther Helps God's People

Esther 2:7, 4:14-16, 7:1-3

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. Place a throne (decorate a child's chair or create a small cardboard throne) and a scepter on stage.

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

Delbert (wearing crown and robe)
Hee Haw!

Lello
Hello every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert
Did you guys all see what Lello and I built together this week?

Leader
You mean this throne? It's wonderful. You two worked hard!

Lello
Yeah, just like Nehemiah and the people that built the city wall.

Leader
That's right. Lello, I have a surprise for you.

Lello
You do?

Leader
Yes, I do. Today, we are learning about a queen!

Lello
A queen? Really?

Delbert

Haw. That's great. What was her name?

Leader

Her name was Queen Esther. God made her queen. God made her beautiful and God gave her courage.

Delbert

What did she need courage for?

Leader

She wanted to help save God's people, so she bravely went to the powerful king to ask him for help.

Lello

Oooh, she was brave! I don't know if I could be that brave.

Delbert

Sure you could, Lello. Queen Esther was brave because God gave her courage.

Leader

That's right. Boys and girls, why don't we tell Lello our Whisper Verse today. Ready?

Leader with Children

"Be strong and courageous."

Delbert

Haw. That was great. This time can we all say it together? Ready?

Leader, Delbert, Lello, and Children

"Be strong and courageous."

Leader

Great job, everyone!

Delbert

Haw! Lello, I have a great idea. Let's go make up our own play about Queen Esther. You can be Queen Esther and I can be the king.

Lello

Yeah, and I will ask God to give me courage!

Delbert

See you guys later.

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy.

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)