



The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:3-11

Suggested setting: The Prophets & Promises 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, "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
Hee Haw! Hello, everybody!

Lello (bleats)
Yeah. Hello, every-bahhh-dy.

Leader
It's great to see you two. Did you have a nice Christmas? (Lello is busy looking around. She is not paying attention.)

Delbert
Haw! It was great. I had so much fun seeing my family and opening gifts.

Leader
And how about you, Lello? (Lello is distracted and does not respond.)

Delbert
Lello? Hello, Lello.

Lello
Yeah? Oh, I'm sorry.

Leader
That's ok. Is everything alright?

Lello
Oh, yes. I'm just looking for the mailman.

Delbert
Why are you looking for him?

Lello
My grandmother told me that a special gift would be coming in the mail, but it's so hard to wait.

Leader

It is hard to wait. That reminds me of our Whisper Verse. Boys and girls, let's tell Lello and Delbert today's Whisper Verse. Ready?

Leader and Children

"Wait for the gift."

Delbert

Haw! You mean Jesus wants us to wait?

Leader

That's right. In the Bible, Jesus told His followers to wait for the gift.

Lello

Oooh. What gift did they have to wait for?

Delbert

Was it a racecar like the one I got for Christmas?

Leader

No. The gift Jesus was talking about was the Holy Spirit.

Delbert

Haw! What is that?

Leader

The Holy Spirit is God. He is the part of God that is our special helper. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to His followers.

Lello

Wow! That is a gift worth waiting for. And I know the gift my grandmother sent is worth waiting for, too.

Delbert

Lello, why don't we go wait for the mailman together?

Lello

Yeah, that sounds like a great idea. Bah-bye every-bahhhh-dy!

Delbert

Haw! See you guys later! (braying)

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)