

Worship Illustration: Script

The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts through Revelation
Unit 1, Lesson 4

Stephen Serves Others

Acts 6:1-8

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.

<u>Characters</u>: 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.) "Hellohhhhhhhhhhhh Lello!"
(Children repeat and Lello the Lamb pops
head out of window.)

Lello (bleats)

Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy.

Leader

(Looking around for Delbert.) Where is Delbert? Is he coming to visit today?

<u>Lello</u>

Oh, yeah ... he told me he'd be a little late today, but I don't know why.

Leader (shrugs)

Okay, well, I guess we'll start without him. I was going to tell you a Bible story about a man named Stephen.

Lello

I can tell Delbert the story ...

Leader

Alright. Well, Stephen was chosen to help people.

Lello

That's a nice thing to do. Delbert and I like to help people, too.

Leader

I know you do. With the help of the Holy Spirit, Stephen did many wonderful things to help other people.

<u>Lello</u>

The Holy Spirit lets us know what God wants us to do and helps us tell others about Jesus, right?

Leader

That's right, Lello! You have been learning a lot lately about the Holy Spirit.

Lello

Yeah. I wish Delbert was here. He would like this story.

(Delbert pops up.)

<u>Delbert</u> (out of breath) Hee Haw! Hello everybody!

Leader

Delbert, you made it!

<u>Delbert</u> (still breathing heavily)

Haw. Sorry I'm late. I ran all the way here. I was helping the beaver family collect wood. They are building a new house in the river.

Leader

That's great! You are serving others just like Stephen.

Delbert

Haw! Like who?

Lello

We just learned that the Holy Spirit helped Stephen serve others.

Leader

Yes, Stephen served others by feeding the hungry. You served the beaver family by helping them today. Each one of us can serve someone in our own special way. The Holy Spirit helps us do that!

Lello

Come on, Delbert! I'll tell you the whole story of Stephen. We can find the story in the Bible my grandmother sent me.

Delbert

Haw! That'd be great. Thanks, Lello. See you guys later! (braying)

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)