



# Philip and the Ethiopian

Acts 8:27-31, 34-35

**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.) **"Hellohhhhhhhhhhh 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**  
**Lello, have you been enjoying the Bible your grandmother sent you?**

**Lello**  
**Yeah, it's a great gift! (sadly) But, I was just reading a story that I didn't really understand.**

**Leader**  
**Maybe I can help. What was the story about?**

**Lello**  
**Well it had a lot of big words in it like E-THEE-O-PEE-A**

**Delbert**  
**Haw. That is a big word, Lello, and I know what it is!**

**Lello**  
**You do, Delbert?**

**Delbert**  
**Yes, Ethiopia is a place in Africa.**

**Leader**  
**Hmm ... Lello, did the story you read also have a man named Philip in it?**

**Lello** (excitedly)  
**Yeah. Do you know that story?**

**Leader**  
**Yes, I do. The Holy Spirit helped Philip explain a Bible story to the man from Ethiopia.**

**Lello**

**Yeah, just like the Holy Spirit helped you and Delbert explain the story to me!**

**Delbert**

**Did the Ethiopian understand the story after Philip talked to him?**

**Leader**

**He sure did.**

**Delbert**

**Haw. The Holy Spirit helps us do everything! We can even teach others about stories in the Bible!**

**Lello**

**Delbert, let's go for a walk. Maybe you can help me understand another story I was reading in my Bible. It's about a man named Saul.**

**Delbert**

**Haw! I'd love to, Lello. My dad taught me all about Saul. See you guys later! (braying)**

**Lello**

**Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!**

**Leader**

**We'll see you soon.**

**(All exit.)**