



Advent 2—God's Promise to Mary

Luke 1:26-38

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.

Props: Manger scene craft samples from Unit 10 (Lessons 48-52) including baby Jesus, Gabriel, Joseph, Mary, shepherds, army of angels (heavenly host), and wise men. Decorate the stage with Christmas lights.

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

Delbert

Hee Haw! Hello everybody!

Lello (bleats)

Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy.

Delbert

Haw! Look what Lello and I made!

(motion toward a small handcrafted manger with baby Jesus inside)

Lello

Yeah. Since Christmas is coming soon, we decided to make baby Jesus.

Delbert

And we placed Him in the manger.

Lello

Who should we make next?

Leader

Well, if you want everyone to know who baby Jesus is, you could make Gabriel.

Lello

Do you mean the angel that came to visit Mary?

Delbert

Haw! An angel. Whoa! I wish I could see a real angel! I bet Mary was surprised.

Leader

I'm sure she was, Delbert. And do you know why God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary?

Lello

I know! I know! The angel Gabriel came to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby.

Leader

A very special baby!

Delbert

Haw! It was baby Jesus, wasn't it!

Lello

Yeah. And Gabriel told Mary that Jesus is the Son of God.

Leader

That's right, Lello.

Delbert

Lello, let's go make an angel for our manger scene.

Lello

Yeah. We can call him Gabriel, and he can tell everyone who Jesus is.

Leader

Good idea, Lello. We want everyone to know Jesus is the Son of God.

Delbert

Let's go, Lello. I can't wait to get started! See you guys later.

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Leader

See you next time.

(All exit.)