



## Advent 4—Shepherds See God's Promised Son

Luke 2:8-20

**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.) **Hellohhhhhhhhhhhh 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** (to children)

**Who has been playing with their manger scenes?** (Children respond.)

**Leader**

**It sounds like many of you have!**  
**Would you like to hear more of the Christmas story?** (Children respond.)

**Lello**

**Yeah. What happened after baby Jesus was born in the manger?**

**Leader**

**After Jesus was born, God sent an angel to tell the shepherds all about it.**

**Delbert**

**Haw! I'll bet the shepherds were surprised to see an angel appear.**

**Leader**

**Yes, the Bible says they were afraid.**

**Lello**

**Yeah, I would have been scared, too.**

**Delbert**

**Haw! Not ol' Delbert here.**

Leader

The angel came to tell the shepherds that baby Jesus was born.

Delbert

That was good news!

Leader

Yes, it was good news because God had kept His promise to send His Son for us.

Lello

I remember that promise: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given."

Delbert

What did the shepherds do after the angel told them about the promise coming true?

Leader

They saw the sky suddenly fill with an army of angels praising God.

Delbert

Haw! I wish I had been one of those shepherds.

Lello

Yeah. I wish I had been there to hear what the angels said.

Leader

The angels said, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth."

Delbert

If I were one of those shepherds, I would have run as fast as I could to see baby Jesus in the manger.

Lello

Yeah, me, too. I would have told everyone about everything that had happened.

Leader

Me, too, and that's exactly what the shepherds did!

Lello

Delbert, let's go make the shepherds and army of angels for our manger scene.

Delbert

Haw! That's a great idea. See you later!

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Leader

See you guys next time.

(All exit.)