



# Wise Men Knew God's Promise

Matthew 2:1-2; 9-11

**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.

**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 sadly)

**Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy.**

**Leader**

**What's the matter, Lello? You look so sad.**

**Lello**

**I just wish Christmas didn't have to end. I love playing with our manger scene.**

**Leader**

**Cheer up, Lello! We can celebrate the Christmas story all year long!**

**Delbert**

**That's right! We will always thank God for sending Jesus.**

**Lello**

**Yeah, and we will always thank God for keeping His promises.**

**Leader**

**Yes, and God will always keep His promise to lead people to Him.**

**Delbert**

**Just like God used the star to lead the wise men to baby Jesus!**

Lello

Yeah, but how did the wise men know to follow the star to Bethlehem?

Leader

They knew God promised a great king would come from Bethlehem.

Delbert

Haw. They must have been so excited when the star stopped over the place where Jesus was.

Lello

Yeah. They got to see Jesus!

Leader

Do you remember what they did when they saw Jesus?

Lello

They bowed down before Him.

Delbert

And they opened up their treasures for Him. I love that part of the Christmas story!

Leader

Hmmm ... maybe you two are not quite finished making your manger scene after all.

Delbert

Lello, are you thinking what I'm thinking?

Delbert and Lello

The wise men!

Lello

Delbert, let's go make the wise men for our manger scene!

Leader

That's a great idea!

Delbert

And, we can play with it all year long! Come on, Lello! See you later, boys and girls!

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhhh-dy!

Leader

See you next time.

(All exit.)