



Peter Escapes from Prison

Acts 12:5-19

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: Flashlight

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

Delbert
Hee Haw! Hello everybody!

Lello (bleats)
Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy.
Delbert
We were just playing "Angel Says."

Leader
"Angel Says"? I've never heard of that game.

Delbert
Haw! That's because we just made it up.

Lello
Yeah. It's kind of like "Simon Says" except you do whatever the angel says, and I was the angel!

Leader
I see. How did you think up this game?

Delbert
Last night, Aunt Dora told me the Bible story about when Peter escaped from prison.

Leader
Oh! So, Lello is being the angel that helped Peter escape and you are being Peter?

Delbert
Haw. That's right!

Lello

Yeah. First I shine my flashlight all around, like the angel with the bright light in the prison. Would you like to try?

(Leader turns flashlight on and shines it around the room.)

Lello

Good job. Then, I said “Get up!”

Delbert

And I got up ... like this! (Delbert pops up higher.)

Lello

Next I said, “Put on your cloak!”

Delbert

(Delbert whispers to Leader.) **Psst – can you help put the cloak on me?** (Leader wraps cloak around Delbert.)

Lello

Finally I said, “Follow me!”

(Delbert follows Lello.)

Leader

That was great! The angel told Peter to do all those things.

Delbert

Yes, Peter followed the angel right out of the prison!

Lello

Why was Peter in prison?

Leader

He had wrongly been put in prison, so all his friends prayed to God for him.

Lello

Wow! I bet they were happy God answered their prayers.

Leader

Were they ever! At first, they couldn't believe it. We can pray to God just like Peter's friends did.

Lello

I love this story! Hey Delbert, this time can I be Peter?

Delbert

Of course! Let's go! See you guys later!
(braying)

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)