



# Barnabas Encourages Saul

Acts 9:26-28; 11:22-26

**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:** In this script, Delbert and Lello appear with stickers attached to them. Printed on the stickers are encouraging words, such as "Well done," "Super," "Excellent," etc.

**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** (wearing stickers)  
**Hee Haw! Hello everybody!**

**Lello** (wearing stickers)  
**Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy.**

**Leader**  
**Wow! Look at all of those stickers! Where did they come from?**

**Delbert**  
**My Aunt Dora gave them to us. She was proud of all we've been learning from her stories.**

**Lello**  
**Yeah, and I really liked the one she just told us today.**

**Leader**  
**Who was the story about?**

**Lello**  
**It was about a man named Barnabas. He was a true friend to Saul.**

**Delbert**  
**Haw! He sure was. First, he told everyone they could trust Saul because God had changed Saul's heart.**

**Leader**  
**I'm sure Saul was glad to have such a true friend.**

Lello

Yeah, and when Barnabas moved to a new town, he went looking for Saul. He brought him to the new town so they could be together.

Leader

Yes, and together they taught many people about Jesus. They were true friends working together for the Lord.

Delbert

Haw! That gives me an idea. Lello, you and I are true friends, aren't we?

Lello

Yeah.

Delbert

Well, maybe you and I can work together for the Lord.

Leader

That's a great idea. You can tell others the Bible stories Aunt Dora has told you!

Lello

Yeah. We'll do it together like true friends!

Leader

Do you know what else true friends do?

Delbert

I don't know. What else do they do?

Leader

True friends help each other love the Lord and love others. When they see someone doing their best, they say, "Well done!"

Lello

Isn't that today's Whisper Verse?

Delbert

It sure is. Everybody...I think you know today's Whisper Verse. Why don't we all say it together!

Leader

Great idea! Delbert, will you lead us?

Delbert

Ok, boys and girls, we can do it! Ready everybody? 1-2-3 ...

Delbert, Lello, Leader, and Children

"Well done!"

Delbert

Haw! You did it! Well done! Hey Lello, let's go together to say "well done" to Aunt Dora. She did a great job telling us the Bible stories. We've had a great visit with her. See you guys later!

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)