



Paul and Silas in Prison

Acts 16:25-26

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.

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 but Lello the Lamb does not pop up right away.)

Delbert

Hee Haw! Hello everybody! (Delbert chants or sings Unit 3 Bible Memory Verse Song out of tune)

"Is He with you? Oh, yeah!"

"Is He mighty? Oh, yeah!"

"Is He with you? Oh, yeah!"

"Is He mighty? Oh, yeah!"

Leader

Great singing, Delbert! That's our Bible Memory Verse Song!

(Lello pops head out of window)

Lello (bleats)

Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy. (frustrated)

Delbert

Haw! Lello, come sing with me!

Lello

I don't feel like singing right now. I'm not happy.

Leader

I'm sorry to hear that, Lello. What's wrong?

Lello

Remember how Delbert helped me with my special craft? Well, today, I'm having a hard time. It's not working the way I want it to.

Delbert

Haw! I'm sorry, Lello. But maybe singing and praising God will help.

Lello

I don't think I can sing when I'm not happy.

Delbert

Oh, but Lello, we can always find a reason to praise God. God is good all the time, so we can praise Him anytime.

Leader

That's right. We can praise God everywhere, every day.

Lello

Even when we're sad? Or frustrated?

Leader

Yes, Lello. Even when we are sad or frustrated. Did you know that when Paul and Silas were in prison, they praised God?

Lello

They did?

Delbert

Haw! That's right! And then God did a miracle! The ground shook, the prison doors flew open, and their chains fell off! Lello, you can sing and praise God for that miracle. And you can praise Him for giving you a helper—me! I will come over and help you with your craft.

Lello

Yeah? Oh, thank you, Delbert. You know, I do feel like singing.

Leader

Delbert, Lello, let's sing the Bible Memory Verse song together!

Delbert

Haw! Boys and girls, will you sing the echo with me? Ready?

(Leader and Lello sing each phrase a capella, Delbert and the children echo)

Leader and Lello

The Lord your God... (Delbert and children echo)

Leader and Lello

The Lord your God is with you... (Delbert and children echo)

Leader and Lello

He is mighty... (Delbert and children echo)

Leader and Lello:

He is mighty to save... (Delbert and children echo)

Leader

Great job, everyone. Isn't it fun to praise the Lord?!

Delbert

Haw! It sure is. Ok, Lello. Let's go and work on your craft. See you guys later!

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)