



Paul Visits Ephesus

Acts 19:1, 8-11

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.

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.) **Hellohhhhhhhhhhh 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
Haw! Guess what everyone? My Uncle Donny is going to travel far, far away to go help start a new church.

Leader
That's great! It's important to teach others about Jesus, and helping start a church is a great way to do that.

Lello
Yeah. I like to teach others about Jesus, too.

Leader
I know you do, Lello. Delbert, your Uncle Donny reminds me of Paul.

Delbert
Haw! He does?

Leader
Yes. Paul traveled to many places teaching people about Jesus. Today we are learning about when Paul traveled to Ephesus.

Lello
What did Paul do there?

Leader
He helped to start a church, just like Delbert's Uncle Donny.

Delbert

**Haw! Wow! That's so great.
I wish I could travel and help a church.**

Leader

**Delbert, you can help other churches,
even if you don't travel there.**

Delbert

Haw! I can? How?

Leader

**When churches are first getting started
they need lots of supplies.**

Lello

Yeah. Like books and toys for the kids?

Leader

**That's right. We can't always travel
like Paul did, but we can help by
sending supplies they need.**

Delbert

**Lello! Let's go find out what my Uncle
Donny needs to take with him. We can
help him gather supplies!**

Lello

Yeah. That sounds like a lot of fun!

Leader

**What a great idea Delbert. Make sure
to let us know how it goes.**

Delbert

**We will! Let's go Lello. See you guys
later!**

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Leader

Have fun. We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)