



Worship Illustration: Script  
*The Adventures of Delbert and Lello*  
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts through Revelation  
Unit 5, Lesson 22

# A Letter About Love

1 John 4:7a, 12

**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. In Units 5 and 6, Posty the Parrot pops up from a mailbox or nest.

**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. Units 5 and 6 introduce a new puppet, Posty the Parrot. He wears a lanyard to carry letters from Delbert's Uncle Donny to the mailbox (or nest).

**Sound Effects (SFX):** Bird chirps and/or flapping wings for Posty's entrance

**Props:** Printed letter folded and attached to Posty's lanyard:

Dear Delbert,  
Building the new church has been great. I've been meeting lots of new friends. I want to share with you what I've been learning in the Bible.  
Love,  
Uncle Donny

*Dear friends,  
Let us love one another, for love comes from God. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.  
Love,  
John*

**Leader** (stands at puppet stage)  
**I think Delbert is here today. Let's call for him and see. Repeat after me, "Dehhhhhl-bert Dehhhhhl-bert!"**  
(Children repeat and Delbert the Donkey pops head out of window.)

**Delbert**  
**Hee Haw! Hello everybody! Guess what? A new friend should be here any minute.**

**Leader**  
**A new friend? Who is it?**

**Delbert**  
**A parrot named Posty. My Uncle Donny promised to send me letters while he was away and Posty delivers the letters.**

Leader

How wonderful! I love getting mail, and I bet you do, too.

Delbert

Haw. I sure do – especially mail from my Uncle Donny.

Leader

That’s right! He’s on his trip helping to build a new church. (SFX: Bird chirps or flapping wings)

Delbert

Haw! Here comes Posty! (Posty the Parrot pops up at his nest or mailbox with the letter.)

Posty

You’ve got mail!  
I deliver without fail!

Delbert

Thank you, Posty. I can’t wait to read it. (to leader) Can you help me open the letter?

Leader (takes letter from lanyard)

Of course. Boys and girls, do you want to hear what Uncle Donny wrote? (Children respond.)

Delbert (Leader holds lanyard so Delbert can read) **Ahem.** (clears throat and reads):

Dear Delbert,  
Building the new church has been great. I’ve been meeting lots of new friends. I want to share with you what I’ve been learning in the Bible.  
Love,  
Uncle Donny

Leader

His letter is about another letter. It’s a letter from John that Uncle Donny found in the Bible.

Posty

A letter in a letter,  
What could be better?!

Delbert

Let’s see what that letter says! **Ahem.** (clears throat and reads):

*Dear friends,  
Let us love one another, for love comes from God. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.  
Love,  
John*

Posty

God up above,  
Tells us to love.

Leader

That’s right, Posty! In the Bible, John wrote a letter teaching people to love one another.

Delbert

Haw! (focusing on various children) **I love you and you and you! And, I love Lello. I’m going to go find Lello and read Uncle Donny’s letter to her. See you later!**

Posty

So long and goodbye!  
It’s time to fly!

Leader

Bye guys!

(All exit.)