



A Letter About Forgiveness of Sins

1 John 4:8-9

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,
I miss you so much. Here is another letter from the Bible. Please share it with the boys and girls at Praise Time.

Love,
Uncle Donny

Dear brothers and sisters in the family of God, Imagine if we say that we have never sinned. If we say that we don't sin, then we are fooling ourselves. But if we admit that we have sinned, Jesus will forgive us. Jesus will forgive every wrong thing we have done.

Love,
John

Leader (stands at puppet stage)
I heard Delbert is here today. Let's all call for Delbert. "Dehhhhhl-bert Dehhhhhl-bert!" (Children repeat and Delbert the Donkey pops up.)

Delbert
Hee Haw! Hello everybody!

Leader
Hi, Delbert. Are you waiting for Posty to bring a new letter?

Delbert
Haw! I sure am! Lello and I have had so much fun getting letters from Uncle Donny. Guess what?

Leader
What?

Delbert

Lello and I have been writing letters back to Uncle Donny!

Leader

That's wonderful. I bet Uncle Donny loves hearing from you. (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. (to leader) Can you help me open it? I wonder what Uncle Donny wrote today.

Leader

Would you like me to read it? (Delbert nods his head)

Dear Delbert,
I miss you so much. Here is another letter from the Bible. Please share it with the boys and girls at Praise Time.
Love,
Uncle Donny

Delbert

I'd like to read the Bible letter please.
Ahem. (clearing throat)

*Dear brothers and sisters in the family of God,
Imagine if we say that we have never sinned...*

Boys and girls, do you know what the word sin means?

Posty

(Pause) To sin is unwise.
It's wrong in God's eyes.

Leader

That is right. Let's say this together:
Sin is doing wrong in God's eyes.

Leader, Delbert, Posty, and Children

Sin is doing wrong in God's eyes.

Delbert

Haw, there's more. Ahem. (clearing throat)

If we say that we don't sin, then we are fooling ourselves. But if we admit that we have sinned, Jesus will forgive us.

Leader

To forgive is to not count someone's wrongdoing against them. When you are forgiven, you can start over with a brand new chance to do what is right.

Delbert

Haw! Listen to this last part:

*Jesus will forgive every wrong thing we have done.
Love,
John*

Posty

Forgive every little thing,
Are you pulling my wing?

Leader

No, Posty. It's true. If we admit our sin then Jesus will forgive us. Isn't that wonderful?

Delbert

Haw! It sure is. I'm going to go find Lello and tell her all about this! See you later!

Posty

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

Leader

Bye guys! (All exit.)

