



Worship Illustration: Script
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts through Revelation
Unit 5, Lesson 25

A Letter About Forgiving Others

Ephesians 4:32

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 and Lello,
Remember that it is important to forgive others.
I have a letter from the Bible I'd like to share.
Love,
Uncle Donny

*Dear brothers and sisters in God's family,
Be kind and tender to one another. Forgive each other, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done.*
Love,
Paul

Leader (stands at puppet stage)
Let's all call for Lello. Repeat after me, "Hellohhhhhhhhhhh Lello!" (Children repeat and Lello the Lamb pops up.)

Lello (bleats)
Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy. You haven't seen Posty yet, have you? I don't want to miss the mail delivery.

Leader
We haven't seen him yet, have we boys and girls? (Children respond.)

Lello
It's my turn to get the letter from Delbert's Uncle Donny. I'm so excited.
(SFX: Bird chirps or flapping wings)

Leader
It sounds like Posty is here!

Posty

You've got mail!
I deliver without fail!

Lello

Posty! I'm so excited about the mail. Is there something for me in there?

Posty

A letter? A letter? Let me see.
Where, oh where could it be?
(Posty searches through his mailbag)

Lello

Oh, I hope you didn't lose it.

Leader

Now, let's be patient. I'm sure Posty has it with him.

Posty

Please have no fear;
Your mail is right here!

Lello

Oh, Posty. That's good news. (to leader)
Please read it right away.

Leader

(takes letter from lanyard) **It says,**

Dear Delbert and Lello,
Remember it's important to forgive each other. I have a letter from the Bible I'd like to share.
Love,
Uncle Donny

Lello

Yeah. Can I read this part?

Leader

Of course. (Leader holds lanyard so Lello can read)

Lello

*Dear brothers and sisters in God's family,
Be kind and tender to one another.
Forgive each other, just as God forgave you because of what Christ has done.
Love,
Paul*

Leader

Great reading, Lello! (to children) **Now, raise your hand if you remember what forgive means.**

Lello

I know! Delbert told me. It means to not count someone's wrongdoing against them.

Leader

That's exactly right.

Lello

Yeah. I was so happy when Delbert forgave me! Once, I took his favorite toy ball without asking. I was sorry and he said, "I forgive you."

Leader

When you forgive others like Jesus does, then others can see what Jesus is like.

Lello

Ooooooh. Forgiving is good! I'll go show this letter to Delbert!

Posty

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

Lello

Bye, Posty. Bah-bye every-bahh-dy!

Leader

Bye, Lello. Bye, Posty. (All exit.)