



Worship Illustration: Script
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts through Revelation
Unit 5, Lesson 26

A Letter About Prayer

Philippians 4:4-6

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,
We have had some bad storms this week, but God has kept us safe. I hope you have not been worrying. Here's another letter from the Bible for you.
Love,
Uncle Donny

*Dear brothers and sisters in the family of God,
Do not be worried about anything. Instead, pray about everything!*
Love,
Paul

Leader (stands at puppet stage)
It's time to call for Delbert. "Dehhhhhl-bert Dehhhhhl-bert!" (Children repeat and Delbert the Donkey pops up.)

Delbert
(sadly) **Hee Haw...**

Leader
Delbert, is everything ok?

Delbert
Haw! I am worried about my Uncle Donny. There has been a lot of bad weather where Uncle Donny is helping to build a new church.

Leader
Have you been praying for him?

Delbert

I've been too worried to pray. (SFX: Bird chirps or flapping wings)

Delbert

Haw! Here comes Posty! I hope he has good news. (Posty the Parrot pops up at his nest or mailbox with the letter.)

Posty

**You've got mail!
I deliver without fail!**

Delbert

Haw! Thank you, Post, but I'm too worried to read it.

Leader

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

**Dear Delbert,
We have had some bad storms this week, but God has kept us safe. I hope you have not been worrying. Here's another letter from the Bible for you.
Love,
Uncle Donny**

Delbert

Haw! He's alright! Let me read the Bible letter please. Ahem. (clearing throat):

*Dear brothers and sisters in the family of God,
Do not be worried about anything.
Instead, pray about everything!
Love,
Paul*

Posty

**What did that say?
We just have to pray?**

Leader

Yes! Paul was writing this letter to encourage people to pray instead of worrying.

Delbert

Haw. I guess I should be praying for Uncle Donny, huh?

Posty

**Pray, pray, pray,
As the Bible does say!**

Leader

Boys and girls, let's teach Delbert and Posty our Whisper Verse.

Delbert

Haw! Please do!

Leader and Children

Do not worry.

Delbert

Haw! Let me try...Do not worry.

Leader

Great job! Now you know not to worry about your Uncle Donny. Just pray.

Delbert

Haw! I'm going to go ask Lello to pray with me for Uncle Donny. See you later!

Posty

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

Leader

Bye guys!

(All exit.)