



A Letter About Keeping Our Eyes On Jesus

Hebrews 12:1-3

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,
Thank you for all your prayers. The weather here has been much better. No more rain or storms! Here's another letter from the Bible.
Love,
Uncle Donny

*Dear brothers and sisters in the family of God,
Since we are surrounded by such a huge cloud of witnesses to the life of faith, let us run the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion. Think of all He has done for us; then you won't become weary and give up.*
Love,
A friend who believes

Leader (stands at puppet stage)
It's time to call for Lello. Repeat after me, "Hellooooooooooooo Lello!"
(Children repeat and Lello the Lamb pops up.)

Lello (bleats)
Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy. Delbert and I were just working on making a blanket for his Uncle Donny. I'm looking for some more thread.

Leader
Well, I don't have any thread, but I'm glad you're here. Posty will be here any minute!

Lello

Ohhh...yeah. I was so busy with the blanket, I forgot all about Uncle Donny's next letter! (SFX: Bird chirps or flapping wings)

Leader

It sounds like Posty is here! (Posty the parrot pops up at his nest or mailbox with the letter.)

Posty

You've got mail!
I deliver without fail!

Lello

Yeah! Hi, Posty! A letter from Uncle Donny! (to leader) Would you read it for me?

Leader

Of course. It says,

Dear Delbert and Lello,
Thank you for all your prayers. The weather here has been much better. No more rain or storms! Here's another letter from the Bible.
Love,
Uncle Donny

Lello

Yeah. Uncle Donny is so nice. Well I guess I better go find that thread for the blanket.

Leader

Lello, don't you want to read the Bible letter?

Lello

Oh...yeah. I forgot because I was busy thinking about the blanket. I do want to read it.

Leader

Here you go. (holds letter for Lello)

Lello

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Hmmm... what does it mean to keep your eyes on Jesus.

Leader

It means to think of Jesus in all you say and do. Imagine you are in a race. When you are running, you are looking where you are going. You are thinking of the finish line.

Lello

Yeah, but I just can't stop thinking about the blanket Delbert and I are making.

Posty

On Jesus we will keep our eyes;
Jesus is the greatest prize!

Lello

Yeah, you're right, Posty. And I'm going to go share this letter with Delbert. Together, we can keep thinking about Jesus—no matter what we are making!

Posty

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

Lello

Bye Posty. Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Leader

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