



Worship Illustration: Script
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts through Revelation
Unit 6, Lesson 28

A Letter About Weakness

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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,
Yesterday, I found this letter in the Bible from Paul. It helped me tell some new friends about God's love. I hope it helps you, too!
Love,
Uncle Donny

*Dear brothers and sisters,
When I came to you I didn't come with fancy words or great wisdom. I preached to you the truth about God's love... When I came to you, I was weak and afraid and trembling all over... As I preached, the Holy Spirit showed His power. That was so you would believe not because of human wisdom but because of God's power.
Love,
Paul*

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

Lello (bleats)
Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy. I was just telling some of the baby lambs about Jesus.

Leader
That's great, Lello!

Lello

Ohhh...yeah. I told them all about God's love, but I'm afraid I didn't do it very well. I didn't use fancy words. I hope the lambs understood. (SFX: Bird chirps or flapping wings)

Leader

It sounds like Posty is here!

Posty (Posty the Parrot pops up at his nest or mailbox with the letter.)

You've got mail!

I deliver without fail!

Lello

Yeah! Hi, Posty! It's a letter from Delbert's Uncle Donny! (to leader)
Would you read it to me?

Leader

Of course. It says,

Dear Delbert and Lello,
Yesterday, I found this letter in the Bible from Paul. It helped me tell some new friends about God's love. I hope it helps you, too!
Love, Uncle Donny

Lello

Oh, boy! May I read Paul's letter?

Leader

Here you go. (holds letter for Lello)

Lello (reading)

Dear brothers and sisters,
When I came to you I didn't come with fancy words or great wisdom. I preached to you the truth about God's love. When I came to you, I was weak and afraid and trembling all over. As I preached, the Holy Spirit showed His power. That was so you would believe not because of human wisdom but because of God's power.
Love, Paul

Lello

Baa, Paul was weak and afraid?

Leader

Yes! When Paul was weak and afraid, God's power helped the people believe!

Lello

Yeah. Maybe God will help the baby lambs, too. His power is so strong.

Posty

Little ones to Him belong.
They are weak but He is strong.

Leader

That's right, Posty. That reminds me of my favorite song.

Lello

Yeah! Jesus loves me! Boys and girls, sing it with me!

Lello, Leader, and Children

(singing)

Jesus loves me this I know.
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.

Posty

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

Lello

Bye, Posty. I've gotta take this to Delbert, and we will tell the baby lambs how much Jesus loves them!
Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Leader

Bye, Lello. Bye, Posty.

(All exit.)