



Worship Illustration: Script
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts through Revelation
Unit 6, Lesson 29

A Letter About Strength

Ephesians 6:10-18

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: Play armor (shield, helmet, sword lying nearby), printed letter folded and attached to Posty's lanyard:

Dear Delbert and Lello,
I know how you both like to play dress up, so I think you will like this letter from Paul. He tells us about an invisible armor we can wear and be strong in the Lord.

Love,
Uncle Donny

*Dear family of God in Ephesus,
Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on His mighty power. So put on all of God's armor. Wear on your feet what will prepare you to tell the good news of peace. Also, pick up the shield of faith. Put on the helmet of salvation. And take the sword of the Holy Spirit. The sword is God's Word. At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit.*

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
Hee Haw! I am Mighty Knight Delbert in search of my armor.

Leader (picks up shield, helmet, and sword)
Is this it over here?

Delbert
Haw! You found it! (SFX: Bird chirps or flapping wings) **Haw! Here comes Posty!**

Posty (Posty the Parrot pops up at his nest or mailbox with the letter.)
You've got mail!
I deliver without fail!

Delbert
Haw! Thank you, Posty.

Posty
What's this in my sight?
Could it be a brave knight?

Delbert
Haw! It's me, Posty. I can't wait to hear what Uncle Donny says.

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

**Dear Delbert and Lello,
I know how you both like to play dress up, so I think you will like this letter from Paul. He tells us about an invisible armor we can wear and be strong in the Lord.
Love, Uncle Donny**

Delbert
**Haw! Uncle Donny knows me so well!
I can't wait to read Paul's letter. Ahem.**
(clearing throat)

**Dear family of God in Ephesus,
Finally, let the Lord make you strong. Depend on His mighty power. So put on all of God's armor. Wear on your feet what will prepare you to tell the good news of peace. Also, pick up the shield of faith. Put on the helmet of salvation. And take the sword of the Holy Spirit. The sword is God's Word. At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit!
Love, Paul**

Haw! Did Paul say, "God's armor?"

Posty
**With God's armor and His sword,
We'll be strong in the Lord!**

Delbert
Do you mean if we put on the invisible armor of God, our hearts will be strong in the Lord?

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

Delbert
Haw! Please do!

Leader and Children
"Be strong in the Lord."

Delbert
Haw! Let me try... "Be strong in the Lord."

Leader
Great job! We can all put on God's armor every day.

Delbert
Haw! Knight Delbert is off on a new mission—to find out more about God's invisible armor. The shoes, the shield, the helmet, and the sword can help Lello and me be strong in the Lord. See you later!

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

Leader
Bye guys!

(All exit.)