



Worship Illustration: Script
The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts through Revelation
Unit 6, Lesson 31

A Letter About Heaven

Revelation 21:1-4, 18-19, 21, 23

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,
I'm coming home! I can't wait to see you and tell you all about my trip. In this last letter, Jesus showed John what heaven will be like, and John wrote it down. It is my favorite!
Love,
Uncle Donny

*Dear family of God,
I saw a new heaven and a new earth. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem. It was coming down out of heaven from God.*

I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Now God makes His home with people. He will live with them. They will be His people. And God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sadness. There will be no more crying or pain."

Love,
John

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 can't wait for Posty to get here!

Leader
Me, too. It's been fun to read Uncle Donny's letters and the letters from the Bible.

Delbert

Haw! Lello and I have been learning so much. Boys and girls, have you been learning a lot, too? (pause for response)
(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.

Leader

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

Dear Delbert and Lello,
I'm coming home! I can't wait to see you and tell you all about my trip. In this last letter, Jesus showed John what heaven will be like, and John wrote it down. It is my favorite!
Love, Uncle Donny

Delbert

Haw! Uncle Donny is coming home! I've really missed him! Let me read his favorite letter. It's about a time in the future. Ahem (clearing throat):

*Dear family of God,
I saw a new heaven and a new earth. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem. It was coming down out of heaven from God.
I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Now God makes His home with people. He will live with them. They will be His people. And God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sadness. There will be no more crying or pain."
Love, John*

That's sounds like a perfect place!
I can't wait to see God.

Leader

We are all excited about that! That's our Whisper Verse for the day: "I will see God." Delbert, let's all say it together.

Delbert (to children)

Let's try it – 1,2,3...

Delbert, Leader, and Children

"I will see God."

Delbert (to Posty)

Haw, Posty, now that Uncle Donny is coming home, you will be delivering letters to other friends. We'll sure miss you!

Posty

'Though now I must fly away;
I'll see you in heaven one day!

Leader

Let's all tell Posty, "Thank you." Ready boys and girls? 1,2,3...

Leader, Delbert, and Children

Thank you, Posty!

Posty

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

Delbert

See you later!

Leader

Bye guys!

(All exit.)