



God Sends Fire to Elijah

1 Kings 18:24-39

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.

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.

Leader (stands at puppet stage)
It's time to call for Delbert and Lello.
Repeat after me, "Dehhhhhl-bert Dehhhhhl-bert!" (Children repeat and Delbert the Donkey pops his head out of the window.) **Hellohhhhhhhhhhhh Lello!"** (Children repeat and Lello the Lamb pops her head out of the window.)

Delbert
Hee Haw! Hello everybody!

Lello (bleats)
Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy. I'm ready to learn more about God's power. Are you ready boys and girls?

Leader (pause for children's response)
I know they are! Today, we are learning another story about God and Elijah.

Delbert
Haw! I can't wait. What's this story about?

Leader
Elijah wanted to show everyone that God was the only true God, so he gathered all the people. Then, he built an altar.

Delbert
What's an altar?

Leader
It's a special place to give offerings to God. To build the altar, first he laid down twelve stones, one for each family. Then, he dug a trench around the altar.

Lello
Yeah. A trench is like a long hole ... um ... a ditch, right?

Leader

That's right, Lello. Then, Elijah put firewood on the altar.

Delbert

Twelve stones, a trench, firewood.
Haw! That sounds like alot of work.

Leader

Yes, but that wasn't all.

Lello

It wasn't it? What else did Elijah do?

Leader

Then, he put the offering to God on the altar. Next, he told the people to fill four buckets of water and pour them over the altar.

Delbert

Wow! That's alot of water.

Leader

Yes, then he said to do it again and again.

Lello

Four buckets, plus four buckets, plus four buckets ... that's 12 buckets of water!

Delbert

And then what happened?

Leader

Then, Elijah prayed God would show all the people He was the one true God. God answered by sending down fire that burned the altar.

Lello

Wow! Even with all that water everywhere?

Leader

Yes. God's power is so great that the fire even burned up all the water.

Delbert

All twelve buckets of water! Haw. God is powerful!

Lello

Yeah. God is the one true God.
Delbert, we should go tell this story to our friends.

Delbert

Haw! Great idea. See you guys later!

Lello

Yeah. Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)