



Elisha and Naaman

2 Kings 5:1, 9-10. 14-15

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.) **Hellohhhhhhhhhh 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.

Delbert
Haw! I can't wait to hear another story!

Lello
Why?

Delbert
Because, I love learning about God and I've loved learning about God's power.

Lello
Why?

Delbert
Because, that's a way God shows us He loves us.

Lello
Why?

Leader
Lello, you sure have a lot of questions today. I have a question for you. Have you ever wondered why you have to do certain things?

Lello
Yeah. Why?

Leader
Well, today's story is about a man who obeyed God, even though he didn't understand why.

Delbert

Who was it?

Leader

In the Bible, there was a man named Naaman who was sick.

Lello

Oh, dear. Why?

Leader

He had something wrong with his skin that hurt very much. Someone told him to go see Elisha.

Delbert

Haw! Could Elisha make Naaman better?

Leader

No, but God could. Elisha told Naaman to dunk himself in the Jordan River seven times.

Lello

Wasn't the water dirty?

Leader

Probably.

Delbert

Haw! And did Naaman obey God?

Leader

Yes. He dunked himself in the Jordan River.

Lello

Seven times?

Leader

Yes.

Lello

But, why was it seven times?

Leader

Naaman didn't know why either, but he obeyed, even though he didn't understand why God wanted Him to do it.

Delbert

And, God healed him?!

Leader

That's right.

Lello

Yeah. So, that means we should always obey God, too.

Delbert

Haw! Even if we don't always understand why.

Leader

That's right, you two!

Lello

Yeah. Come on, Delbert. Let's go down to the stream and play in the water. Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Delbert

That sounds like fun. See you guys later.

Leader

We'll see you soon.

(All exit.)