

Worship Illustration: Script

The Adventures of Delbert and Lello
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah through Malachi
Unit 9, Lesson 43

Ezekiel and the Sheep

Ezekiel 34:6, 11-15, 31

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.

<u>Characters</u>: 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.) Hellohhhhhhhhhhhhh Lello!"
(Children repeat and Lello the Lamb pops
her head out of the window.)

<u>Delbert</u>

Hee Haw! Hello everybody!

Lello (bleats sadly)

Yeah. Hello every-bahhh-dy.

<u>Leader</u>

What's wrong, Lello? You sound sad.

<u>Lello</u>

Yeah. One of the other little lambs is missing. I'm worried.

Delbert

Haw. Oh, dear! Lello, it sounds like you need a shepherd.

Leader

That's a good idea, Delbert.

Lello

What's a shepherd?

Leader

A shepherd is someone who cares for sheep.

Delbert

Haw. He searches for lost sheep. He leads the sheep to green pastures for food.

Leader

That's right, and a shepherd helps injured sheep and keeps the flock safe.

Lello

Yeah. A shepherd. (pause) But, I don't know a shepherd.

Delbert

Me either. I wonder where we can find one.

Leader

Did you know we all have a shepherd?

Delbert

Haw! But, I'm not a sheep.

Leader

No, but in the Bible, God told a man named Ezekiel that the Lord is our shepherd.

Delbert

You mean the Lord is my shepherd?

Lello

Yeah. Jesus leads us and keeps us safe, just like a shepherd does with his sheep.

Delbert

Haw. Do you think Jesus will help that little lost lamb?

Leader

Yes. Jesus is Lord of all.

Lello

All of what?

Leader

All of heaven and earth. He is the Lord of everything that has breath!

Delbert

Even the Lord of a sweet little lamb and a certain great, big, strong, and handsome donkey?

Leader (laughing)

Yes, Delbert. He's the Lord of all! Boys and girls, can you say that with me?

Lello

Yeah. Let's say, 'Jesus is Lord of all.' Ready, boys and girls? 1, 2, 3 ...

<u>Leader, Delbert, Lello, & Children</u> Jesus is Lord of all!

Delbert

Haw! Lello! Let's go pray that Jesus helps us find the lost lamb.

Lello

Great idea! Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Delbert

See you guys later.

<u>Leader</u>

See you next time.

(All exit.)