



Ezekiel and the River

Ezekiel 47:1-12

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, but Lello the Lamb does not appear.)

Delbert
Hee Haw! Hello everybody!

Leader
Delbert, where is Lello?

Delbert
Lello is leading the little lamb home from the river.

Leader
How wonderful! How did you and Lello find the little lost lamb?

Delbert
Haw! It was just like Ezekiel said; the Lord /s our shepherd. The Lord led us to the river and that's where we saw the little lamb, right there on the riverbank.

Leader
That's great. Did you know Ezekiel had a dream about a river?

Delbert
He did? Can you tell me about it?

Leader
I sure can. In his dream, Ezekiel saw a river coming out of God's temple.

Delbert
Huh? That sounds like a crazy dream! How can a river come from God's temple?

Leader
Well, in the dream, the river stood for all the life that comes from God.

Delbert

Haw I get it. Just like a river brings life to fish and plants, God brings life to everyone.

Leader

See you next time.

(All exit.)

Leader

That's right! And that reminds me of today's Whisper Verse, "God gives life."

Delbert

Boys and girls, let's all shout today's Whisper Verse together. Here we go, 1, 2, 3 ...

Delbert, Leader and Children

God gives life!

Delbert

God gives life. I like that verse.

Leader

And, God is Lord of all.

Delbert

All of what?

Leader

He is Lord of everything!

Delbert

Even a river?

Leader

Yes, even a river.

Delbert

I have an idea! I'm going to go invite Lello to swim in the river with me. We can pretend we are in Ezekiel's dream.

Leader

Great idea, Delbert! Have fun!

Delbert

See you guys later.