



# Daniel's Friends and the Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3:12-21, 24-28

**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.**

**Leader**  
**How was your trip to the river?**

**Delbert**  
**Haw! It was great. We counted how many things the river touched and made grow.**

**Lello**  
**Yeah, but it was a little scary, too.**

**Leader**  
**It was? Why?**

**Lello**  
**The river was so deep and wide and the waves looked so very big; I don't know if I want to go back.**

**Leader**  
**Well, maybe today's story will help you.**

**Delbert**  
**Haw! Please tell us.**

**Leader**  
**There were three friends named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.**

**Delbert**  
**"A-bending-goat"?**

**Lello** (whispers)  
**Delbert, it's Abednego.**

**Leader**

The friends were thrown into a fire by an angry king.

**Delbert**

Oh dear! What happened to Shadrach, Meshach, and "A-Red-Lego"?

**Lello** (whispers a little louder)

Delbert, it's Abednego.

**Leader**

Well, the king looked into the fire and he didn't see three men, he saw four!

**Lello**

Ooh. Who was the fourth man?

**Leader**

God was with them!

**Delbert**

Haw! Did the fire burn Shadrach, Meshach, and "A-big-taco"?

**Lello** (whispers while giggling)

It's Abednego.

**Leader**

Don't worry, Delbert. They weren't burned.

**Lello**

Were they really hot?

**Leader**

No.

**Delbert**

Did they smell like smoke?

**Leader**

No. Remember God is Lord of all.

**Lello**

Even fire?

**Leader**

Yes, even fire.

**Delbert**

Haw! Lello! If God was with them in the fire, then ...

**Delbert and Lello**

God is with us at the river.

**Lello**

Yeah. You're right. I don't need to be afraid. Delbert, do you think we could go sit by the riverbank and watch the waves?

**Delbert**

Haw! You bet! See you guys later.

**Lello**

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

**Leader**

See you next time.

(All exit.)