



Daniel and the Lions' Den

Daniel 6:14-23, 25-27

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
Do you remember the three friends we learned about last time?

Delbert
Haw! I do. Shadrach, Meshach, and "A-big-red-bowl"!

Lello
Yeah, Abednego.

Leader
That's right. Well, today we are learning about a friend of theirs.

Lello
Oooh. Who is it?

Leader
Daniel. (to children and puppets) **How many of you know the story about Daniel and the lions' den?**

Lello & Children
I do!

Delbert
Haw! I don't know this one. Can you tell me?

Leader
Of course. A man named Daniel was put into a lions' den.

Lello

Yeah. He had to spend the night there.

Delbert

Haw! Did he get eaten?

Lello

No.

Delbert

Why?

Leader

The lions couldn't open their mouths.

Delbert

Why not?

Leader

God sent an angel to shut the mouths
of the lions and keep Daniel safe.

Delbert

Haw! I bet everyone was surprised in
the morning that Daniel was safe.

Lello

Yeah. I love that God keeps us safe.

Leader

That's because God is Lord of all.

Delbert

Even lions?

Leader

Yes, even lions.

Delbert

Haw! Lello, let's go pretend we are
lions and an angel has shut our
mouths.

Lello

Yeah, that sounds like fun.

Delbert

Haw! See you guys later.

Lello

Bah-bye every-bahhh-dy!

Leader

See you guys next time.

(All exit.)