Puppet Script
(PJG021)

Promises, promises!

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “PROMISES, PROMISES!”
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Aim of script: To prepare people to receive the truth that God keeps all of his promises to us, even though other people don’t always keep their promises to us and we don’t keep our promises to them.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be introduced by saying that we can trust God because He keeps His promises to us. We all make promises to one another, however we don’t or aren’t always able to keep them.

The script can by followed by teaching on the power, faithfulness and goodness of God to keep His promises. This could then be followed by going through some of the promises that God has made to us and inviting people to receive them.

Main themes: Promises, Faithfulness of God

Biblical references: 2Corinthians 1:18-20, Psalm 145:13b, 1Corinthians 1:9, 1Thessalonians 5:24, 2Peter 1:3-4

Characters: The script is a dialogue between a young boy puppet called “James” who wants to follow Jesus but keeps getting things wrong, and his wise old “Grandad” puppet who helps to sort him out. Each puppet is operated by one person from behind a screen and so it is essential that the voices are heard; radio-microphones are ideal. Puppets and puppet screens can be purchased from many sources including http://www.onewayuk.com/

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Enter Grandad

Grandad: James, James, I've got the glue……where are you?

Enter James

James: *(in a very gloomy voice)* Here Grandad.

Grandad: Oh you do seem down in the dumps. Let’s go and fix that ornament of mum’s you broke the other day, like I promised you we would.

James: Promises, promises…..I don’t s’pose it will be mendable.

Grandad: Of course it will James. I promised you I could fix it.

James: Promises, promises…..everyone seems to make me promises and no-one seems to keep them. How do I know that mum’s special ornament won’t like the glue you’ve bought Grandad, and then it will still be in 3 pieces, and I’ll still be in the dog-house?
Grandad: Please cheer up James. I wouldn’t have promised you I could mend it if it couldn’t be mended. You see….in a few moments that ornament will be back in one piece again, looking as good as new.

James: I do hope so.

Grandad: Why don’t you tell me about all these people who seem to have broken their promises to you?

James: First it was Evie. She promised to go to the cinema with me to see “Happy feet” last Saturday morning. The film was due to start at half past eleven, so I turned up at a quarter past eleven and waited for her for a whole hour, but she never turned up.

Grandad: I am sorry James. That must have been very disappointing for you as I know you wanted to see that film.

James: She promised me as well.

Grandad: Perhaps there was some reason why she couldn’t turn up James. I know Evie’s mum is very ill. Sometimes things happen that we can do nothing about that stop us from keeping our promises.

James: I suppose so. And then Michael went and told on me to the teacher that I had put the spider on Harriet’s chair, when he had promised me that he wouldn’t tell.

Grandad: I expect you got into a fair amount of trouble for that one because if I remember rightly, Harriet is very frightened of spiders.

James: She’s a big baby that’s what. You could have heard her screaming in France, let alone the next door classroom. I feel very angry with Michael for breaking his promise to me.

Grandad: Perhaps Michael promised something that he was really unable to keep because knowing your teacher; she would have been determined to get to the bottom of it.

James: She did threaten to keep everyone in for a 2hour detention if she didn’t have the name of the “offender” quickly.

Grandad: Oh dear…..

James: But that’s not the worst thing Grandad. I haven’t told you about Kylie.

Grandad: Kylie?

James: She promised to buy me a new game for my Xbox for my birthday.

Grandad: How could she possibly afford to do that James? Each game is really expensive and I don’t think she gets that much pocket money.
James: She doesn’t. She told me that her dad was really really rich and that I could have anything I liked for my birthday because she really likes me. So I told her that I wanted this new game for my Xbox.

Grandad: Right.

James: When I opened her present on my birthday I was so excited. And do you know what she had given me?

Grandad: Do tell me.


Grandad: James I think Kylie promised you something that she was unable to keep….people do that sometimes. I seem to remember someone promising that they would never ever use the hairdryer to dry the cat’s fur again – but then because they like playing practical jokes, they couldn’t keep their promise.

James: Alright Grandad….so I break my promises too. I’ve just found it rather hard when other people break theirs.

Grandad: It is James…..so it is just as well that I have managed to buy the right glue to fix your mum’s ornament then isn’t it?

James: Yes it is……thanks Grandad…..I know I can always rely on you to keep your promises. You are so kind to me.

Grandad: Before we do the ornament I’d better ring your mother – I expected her train an hour ago and she hasn’t rung.

James: Oh dear….

Grandad: What is it James?

James: I think I’ve broken a promise. Mum actually rang ages ago and asked me to tell you that her train had arrived so you could collect her from the station. Mum made me promise her that I would tell you as soon as I got off the phone. Sorry Grandad….I forgot to tell you.

Grandad: James!

Exit James and Grandad