Puppet Script
(PJG023)

The guest service

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Aim of script: To encourage people to think about God’s heart for the lost and his longing for all to be saved.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be preceded by reading passages from the book of Jonah and teaching that every person is precious to God, whatever they have done and however different from us they are, and that He wants them to be saved.

The script can be followed by inviting people to think about who they could share the Gospel with.

Main themes: Sharing the Gospel, God’s heart for the lost

Biblical references: 1 Timothy 2:3b-4, Jonah 1-4

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/

Enter James and Grandad

James: Grandad, Grandad, guess what?

Grandad: Oh hello James, you do seem excited today.

James: Grandad, guess who is coming to our church in five weeks’ time?

Grandad: The mayor!

James: No, someone far more exciting than that!

Grandad: The Prime Minister

James: Oh Grandad…..think musical…..someone important in music

Grandad: Cliff Richard?

James: Really Grandad…..have you no taste? Onehundredhours are coming…….the Christian rock band…..I can’t believe that they are actually coming to our church.

Grandad: That does sound fun James….is this a special event for young people?

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James: Yes, and it is only for young people. No old…….

Grandad: Steady on James.

James: Sorry Grandad….but you know what I mean…..this event is just for our youth group.

Grandad: How amazing to have a concert just for St.Mildred’s youth group. I thought that there were only about fifteen of you.

James: There are Grandad, but we have each been given twenty tickets to give away to people we know who don’t come to St.Mildreds to try and get them to come along.

Grandad: Oh I see….it’s a sort of a guest service.

James: I suppose so. Apparently Onehundredhours are going to play loads of cool music and then tell us how they became Christians.

Grandad: I expect that is why St.Mildred’s have asked Onehundredhours to come. There must be lots of young people in this town who have never heard that Jesus loves them. Who are you going to invite James?

James: Billy, and Fred and Joshua.

Grandad: That’s great James, but I thought they all went to St. Anne’s church.

James: They do Grandad, but it is going to be such a good night I didn’t want them to miss out.

Grandad: Mmmm. Have you thought about inviting anyone else?

James: I thought about Sam, Kieran and Tim, but I think that they may be at Spring Harvest that weekend with their church group.

Grandad: Have you thought about inviting Susie next door?

James: Susie? Grandad….she’s a girl!

Grandad: I know that James. But as far as I know she doesn’t go to any church and I’m sure she would really enjoy hearing what Onehundredhours have to say as well as their music.

James: Maybe….but I’m not inviting a girl….how wrong is that? Girls are seriously strange. Next you’ll be suggesting I invite Riccy, and Nathan.

Grandad: Well I was thinking that Riccy and Nathan need to hear what Onehundredhours have to say James.
James: Why should I invite boys who are always in trouble to my church’s concert? Last week they broke Mrs James’ window and I nearly got the blame as I was walking by as they ran off. If it hadn’t have been for Mr.Winscot who saw what had happened, I would have been in terrible trouble. No way will I invite them. They might go and nick something!

Grandad: I see…..so how about inviting those two boys who are always sitting outside the church on the bench. They look about your age and they often look bored and sad.

James: Grandad…are you feeling OK?

Grandad: Yes thank you James.

James: It’s just that you are making some rather weird suggestions. Those boys are not like us…..I think they take drugs……they definitely smoke……why would I want to invite them to such a great evening? Surely God doesn’t really want them in His church …..does he? I mean they aren’t good people….they need to change before they can come ….don’t they?

Grandad: James….James….I think you are missing the point of this special concert. It hasn’t been put on for you.

James: What do you mean Grandad?

Grandad: This concert has been put on especially for people like Susie, Riccy and Nathan and those boys sitting outside the church. They are the ones who need to hear how much God loves them. All of you in your youth group already know that and are enjoying being part of God’s family…..but God wants his family to keep on growing.

James: Mmmmm

Grandad: That’s why you have all been given twenty tickets to give away. So why don’t you think again …and see if there aren’t a few friends you know who really need to know that they are loved and that they can be forgiven by their heavenly Father?

James: I know….I’ll invite Fred….he and I set the fire alarms off in school last week. I was caught, but Fred wasn’t….perhaps if I invite him to this concert, God will send one of his lightning bolts down to give him a nice big electric shock. That will show him!

Grandad: James!

*Exit James and Grandad*