

# Puppet Script

(PJO001)

## Why can't I have?

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## PUPPET SCRIPT: “WHY CAN’T I HAVE.....?” (PJO001)

- Aim of script:** To challenge people into an attitude of thankfulness for all that the Lord has given us.
- Use of Script:** In an all age worship service setting, the script can be introduced by talking about how we so often take for granted all the good things that God gives us day by day. The result of this lack of thankfulness is discontent.
- The script can be followed by an invitation to think about all that we have to be thankful for ending in a time of “thanksgiving prayer”
- Main themes:** Gratitude, thankfulness, contentment
- Biblical references:** Colossians 3:15b, Psalm 100:4, Psalm 106:1, Psalm 118:1, Ephesians 5:20, 1Thessalonians 5:18, Philippians 4:11-12, 1Timothy 6:8

### 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 dad, who is an “off-stage” male voice. The puppet is operated by a person from behind a screen and so it is essential that their voice and the off-stage voice is 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 James*

**James:** I am feeling very fed up this morning. It’s not fair mum telling me I have to tidy up my room for cousin Charlie coming....I don’t even want him to come....that boy has everything.....it’s just not fair..

Last time I went over to his house he had just been given the Xbox 360 with live gold membership *(or latest up to date game)*. Can you believe that he was playing games at the same time as his friends.....I mean how cool is that? All I have is my old PS2 and dad says I’ll have to save up my pocket money if I want an Xbox.

Save up my pocket money.....well that’s a laugh....if I had thirty pounds a week like Charlie does, then it wouldn’t take too long to save for an Xbox now would it.....but on a measly one pound fifty a week it will take me forever.  
Hmmm

And another thing.....Charlie has an iPhone 6 *(or latest up to date phone)* and whenever he comes over he has another really cool game he has downloaded....I won’t even tell you what sort of phone I have or you’ll laugh, as it is such a dinosaur.  
I wish I lived in his family.....

And another thing....his family has a dog. Mum and dad know that I have always wanted a dog....but oh no....what do I get....a goldfish....I mean who wants fish? You can't exactly play with a fish now can you? I tried, but it fell down the sink, and then boy, was I in trouble. Charlie's family have a beautiful German shepherd dog.....now that is what I call a pet.

I am starting to feel really cross now.....life is sooo unfair.

And another thing..... Charlie's family are taking him skiing at Christmas to the Austrian alps....will we be going skiing.....oh no? Dad doesn't like flying and mum can't ski, so yours truly here will never learn how to ski..... think I need a change of parents!

Dad (*off stage*) James, James, where are you? Charlie's just arrived

James: I s'pose I had better go...and try and be friendly with Charlie.....the guy who has everything!

Dad: I thought we'd go down the park and give Charlie a go on the go-kart that we spent the last few months building out of your old pram. Are you ready?

James: Mmm...yes that is slightly embarrassing.... that go-kart is the envy of the neighbourhood....but...

Dad: And then we'll come back and challenge Charlie to a game of football in the garden before we go out to Pizza hut for lunch.

James: Oh...yes, I'd forgotten about the new goal posts I had for my birthday this year

Dad: Make sure you bring down that delicious fudge that your mum made with you last night. I'm sure Charlie would love to try a piece.

James: Yes dad....I'm coming.....OK OK....I know what you're all going to say.....life isn't as unfair as I thought it was and perhaps I ought to be a little bit thankful for what I have! But I have to say that I would still like a pet.....the snake I found in the grass and have hidden under my bed is just not the same as a dog now is it?

*Exit James*