Why does everything change?
PUPPET SCRIPT: “WHY DOES EVERYTHING CHANGE?”
(PJO002)

Aim of script: To show that although many things in life change, God’s love and his promise to always be with us don’t change.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be used at the start of a school term to reassure children of God’s promise to be with them. The script can be introduced by saying that many things in life change, but God’s love for us doesn’t change.

The script can be followed by a time of worship, singing of God’s steadfast love and His presence with us.

Main themes: God’s faithfulness, God’s promise of His presence

Biblical references: Hebrews 13:5b-6, 8, Matthew 28:20b, Psalm 62, 145:13b

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 cool cousin “Leroy” puppet who likes to give him advice. Leroy wears a multi-coloured wig and sunglasses. 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 Leroy (with multi-coloured wig)

Leroy: James, James where are you man…..I’ve been lookin all over for you?

Enter James looking depressed

James: I’m fed up.

Leroy: I can see that! Has someone raided your piggy bank?

James: Oh go away….you wouldn’t understand. I wish Grandad was back from his holidays….he always helps me when I have a problem.

Leroy: Uh oh…this sounds serious. Come on ….let ol’ cousin Leroy help you….. I might have multi-coloured hair but I’ve got two ears that can listen to you.

James: You promise not to laugh.

Leroy: I promise. Come on James ol’ bean what’s rattling your cage?

James: I don’t want to go back to school.

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Leroy: I don’t blame you…neither do I! What have you done last term that might have been discovered over the summer holidays.......snails in Miss Jenkins biscuit tin, paint in the soap dispensers, chewing gum on …?.

James: I knew it….I knew you wouldn’t take me seriously. Go away and leave me alone.

Leroy: Come on James…I’m sorry…silly ol Leroy puts mouth in action before brain in gear. You really are worried aren’t you…..why don’t you want to go back to school?

James: Well...everything has changed. My teacher has changed, and I’ve got horrible Miss Hetty …she is so serious.....she definitely won’t like any of my jokes.....and my favourite welfare lady has left.....I mean who is going to deal with my battle wounds in the playground? Not only that but my best friend Archie has moved to Leeds.... and ....oh I don’t know...everything is changing and I don’t like it.

Leroy: Oh poor James….you are having it tough….it’s hard when things change isn’t it? My mum struggles when I keep changing my hair colour....

James: Does she really?

Leroy: Oh yes...you shouldn’t half hear her moaning...she says one of these days she won’t recognize me and won’t let me into the house. But seriously James….life is like that....it is always moving on....changing....and it can be very hard.

James: I wish life wasn’t like that for me Leroy. I want to go back to school, stay the same age, have the same teacher and everything be back to normal.

Leroy: But then you’d be like Peter Pan James….you’d never grow up and enjoy all the benefits of being my age.......you know roller blading in the park, going into town without your mum, cool discos......!

James: mmmm....I suppose you’re right, but is there nothing in this life that stays the same?

Leroy: That is a very good question James....and yes there is. Grandad has taught you a lot about Father God hasn’t he?

James: Oh yes.

Leroy: Well the one wonderful thing that stays the same, like a rock under your feet is God’s love for you. God never changes and he has made us a really cool promise.

James: What’s that then Leroy?
Leroy: He has promised that He will always be with us and will never leave us…..so when you go back to school, He will be with You,…….. when you get battle wounds in the playground, He will be with You,….. and if you feel lonely without Archie, He will be with You. Isn’t that cool James that your heavenly Father loves you so much that He actually wants to be with you?

James: Yes you’re right Leroy…..that is cool. I am starting to feel better already.

Leroy: Oh good….I don’t like seeing my young cuz down in the dumps

James: Not any more Leroy….knowing that God is with me will give me the confidence to go into school with beautiful multi-coloured hair like yours….I wonder what Miss Hetty will make of that!

Leroy: Er I think you should ask your mum first James.

Exit James and Leroy