

# Puppet Script

(PJO003)

## Pentecost

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## PUPPET SCRIPT: “PENTECOST” (PJO003)

- Aim of script:** To teach some truths about the Holy Spirit.
- Use of Script:** This script could be used on Pentecost Sunday. In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be preceded by reading the Acts two account of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the first followers of Jesus.
- The script can be followed by praying for the Holy Spirit to fill each believer afresh with His power.
- Main themes:** Pentecost, The Holy Spirit
- Biblical references:** John 14:16, Acts 2:1-41, Romans 8:9-16, 1Corinthians 12:4-11, Ephesians 2:1-5, James 2:26,
- Characters:** The script is a dialogue between a young boy puppet called “James” who wants to follow Jesus but keeps getting things wrong, and God, who is an “off-stage” male voice. A Narrator is also needed for this script. 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 flopped over the puppet screen – “dead”*

**Narrator:** The Bible tells us that the body without the Spirit is dead.

However, when the Spirit of God convicts us of our sins, and we come to Jesus, confessing our sins to Him and turning away from them; Jesus not only gives us His forgiveness, but He also gives us the most amazing gift. He gives us the gift of His Holy Spirit - the life of God - to live within us.

*James comes alive and starts to look around.*

**Narrator:** The Holy Spirit living within us helps us get to know our Heavenly Father

**James:** Father, Father, I can call you Father.

**God:(voice offstage)** Yes James.....isn't it wonderful? You are my precious Son and I will always be with you to love you and help you through your life. Spend time with me James because I want you to grow to know me and I want to know you.

*James freezes*

**Narrator:** The Holy Spirit works in our lives, changing us from the inside so that we become more and more like Jesus.

*James comes alive*

James: You are just not going to believe this....I am finding it hard to believe it myself. Yesterday I found six packets of unopened football stickers in the changing rooms at school. I knew that they belonged to Harry because they were by his sports kit, but naturally I picked them up and stuffed them in my pocket before anyone saw that I had taken them.

Normally I would have taken them home, opened them up and stuck the ones I needed into my sticker book, without even thinking about it. But yesterday something odd happened.....I think it must have something to do with the prayer I prayed to Jesus on Sunday!

Anyway, while I was sitting in my last lesson.....Maths as it so happened, I started to feel guilty.....not a little bit guilty, but really very, very guilty. I tried to put the stickers out of my mind, but all I could think about was how Harry would feel when he realised his stickers had gone.....

So I asked the teacher if I could be excused and go to the toilet. While I was there, I prayed and asked Father God to forgive me for taking the stickers and asked for his help in knowing what to do next. Into my head came the thought:

God: Go and give the stickers back to Harry and say sorry

James That was hard you know, but I did it....I can't believe it, but I did it. And do you know what? I feel so clean inside now. I don't ever want to take other people's things again, even if they are small things.

*James freezes*

Narrator: The Holy Spirit also sends us out into the world. He helps us to share Jesus with others by the things we say and do and by the sort of people we are.

God: James, James

*James comes alive*

James: Yes Father.....here I am

God: James there is a boy in your class called Brian.....

James: Oh Brian the brain.....I know him.....no-one likes him.

God: I know James....but I love him....and I want you to share my love with him.

James: You have got to be joking!

God: No I'm not joking James. I want you to go and share your packed lunch with Brian today because he has forgotten his lunch and he hasn't told anybody how hungry he is. When he asks you why you are being kind to him, I want you to tell him about me and about how much I love Him.

James: Oh help, oh no, OH NO....I couldn't possibly do that....I mean I am hopeless when it comes to talking about you.

God: James, I will be with you.....and I will give you all that you need. Trust me.

James: Couldn't you send one of your big angels to do it? If Brian saw an angel he would believe.

God: James.

James: Oh alright....but as long as you promise that you won't leave me on my own Father.....I must admit that I feel really sorry for Brian as he does get bullied so much.

*James freezes.*

Narrator: The Holy Spirit gives us special gifts, so that we can carry on doing Jesus' work of building His kingdom in the world.

*James comes alive*

James: Oh gosh, I'm so excited, I've got to tell someone what's happened.....oh good there's lots of you to tell.

I was visiting my Grandad the other day and when I got to his house he was in bed and very ill with a chest infection. In fact my mum didn't think I should go and see him. I was so sad because I love my Grandad a lot....and then into my head I had the thought,

God: Pray for your Grandad

James: So I persuaded my mum to let me go into Grandad's room very quietly and then I put my hand on Grandad's shoulder, shut my eyes and asked Jesus to make him better.

As I opened my eyes, Grandad opened his eyes too and he told me that as I prayed, he felt this heat going through his body and he felt this wonderful love of Jesus filling him.

He then slowly sat up and asked my mum for a cup of tea and he gave me a hug. After he had had his cup of tea he was even able to get out of bed and come downstairs and play a game with me.

Imagine that..... God answered my prayer and his power made my Grandad better....isn't God wonderful?

*Exit James*

Narrator: We have heard of four different ways in which the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of followers of Jesus:

- 1) The Holy Spirit is living within us and helps us to get to know our Heavenly Father.
- 2) The Holy Spirit is changing us from the inside out so that we become more and more like Jesus.
- 3) The Holy Spirit sends us out into the world to share the good news about Jesus and
- 4) The Holy Spirit gives us special and powerful gifts so that we can carry on doing Jesus' work of building His kingdom in the world.

What a generous God to give us His Holy Spirit!