

Puppet Script

(PJO004)

Read the manual

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “READ THE MANUAL!” (PJO004)

- Aim of script:** To encourage people to read their Bibles
- Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be preceded by inviting people to think about how often they read their Bibles – their “manuals of life”
- The script can be followed by reading 2Timothy 3:14-17 and teaching why the Bible is essential if we are going to live a godly life. (B.I.B.L.E – Best Instructions before leaving earth!)
- Main themes:** Bible
- Biblical references:** 2Timothy 3:14-17, Psalm 1, Psalm 119:11, 89, 105, Matthew 4:4, Colossians 3:16
- Characters:** The script is a dialogue between a young boy puppet called “James” who wants to follow Jesus but keeps getting things wrong, and a male “off-stage” 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/>



Enter James

- James:** So much for a great birthday present. I have been looking forward to having a laptop of my own all year and now that it has come, it doesn't even work. It is totally useless if you ask me.
- Oh come on.....when are you going to answer the phone? I have been on hold for ever and I am sick and tired of hearing the tune: “do ya do ya do ya do ya wanna dance” played down my speaker. It should be “do ya do ya do ya do ya wanna scream”.
- I wish this Dell help-line would hurry up.....more like a Hell help-line....
Oh....hello
- Voice:** Good morning. My name is Daniel. How can I help you?
- James:** Well it's my new laptop that my parents bought me for my birthday
- Voice:** Oh how nice
- James:** It would be if it worked. I have taken it out of the box and all I get is a black screen.....and after all the promises I saw on the TV adverts about this being a top model....
- Voice:** So what happens when you power it up?

James: Nothing.

Voice: So no error messages appearing on the screen?

James: When I say that there is nothing, I mean that there is absolutely nothing at all.

Voice: Um, I don't like to ask this....but you never know with some customers.....er have you plugged your laptop into the mains yet?

James: What do you mean?

Voice: Have you taken the black power cable out of the box and attached one end to your laptop and plugged the other end into the mains?

James: Er now you mention it, no I haven't.

Voice: But that is the first step in the manual that came with your computer

James: Oh I didn't bother to read that.....come on it's a massive booklet....I wanted to get on and enjoy my online experience.

Voice: Well if you don't power up your laptop, you won't have an online experience sir!

James: OK, OK.....could you hold please while I plug it in?

Voice: Sure

Exit James

James: Power cable, power cable....oh yes....there you are....now one end into the computer....and plug the other end into the mains. There, done

Enter James

James: It's still not working....are you sure you know anything about computers? What sort of help-line is this?

Voice: Have you tried pressing the power button on your laptop? That is the second step in the manual that came with your computer

James: I wish you wouldn't keep going on about this manual....I told you, it's too big for one small boy to read and anyway I find reading boring

Voice: Maybe, but if you had bothered to read it, you could have found out how to begin to enjoy your new birthday present. So have you switched on the power button yet?

James: No....hold on please

Exit James

James: Press power button....oh

Enter James

James: Something is happening

Voice: Good

James: But it is awfully slow....

Voice: Yes it will take a while to boot up the first time

James: Boot up....what sort of language is that?

Voice: Computer language and you will find a glossary of terms in the back of your manual sir. You know, I think you really ought to try and read it.

James: I don't need to read it....I can manage quite well without it thanks

Voice: Right....so have we finished our conversation now that your computer is working....sir?

James: Let me check....

Exit James

James: *(said sarcastically)* Hmmm...well that's just great!

Enter James

Voice: Now what seems to be the problem sir?

James: So much for entering the wonderful exciting world of the internet that your television advert talks about..... All I've got is a screen with a picture of a blue sky and some fields and a few little boxes with words underneath them....nothing is moving, and it all looks very boring. I think I am going to complain about this....give me your manager please.

Voice: Before you speak to my manager have you checked to see if you have a working internet connection? That is the third step in the manual that came with your computer.

James: All you seem to talk about is this manual....for the last time, I don't need to read a manual....other people get by on their computers without reading it, so why shouldn't I?

Voice: If you are going to get the best out of your machine sir, I would suggest that it is essential reading.

James: Anyway, you said something about checking an internet connection....

Voice: Yes...you will either get your internet connection through the phone line or through a mobile broadband dongle....might there be a dongle in the box that your computer came in?

James: What's a dongle?

Voice: A small black strip of plastic with a little metal plug on the end....

James: Oh that....

Voice: That's what will enable you to enter the exciting world of the internet and give you the online experience that we have been advertising. Page two in your computer manual will show you how to fit the dongle into your computer.

James: Nooooooh, I threw the dongle away.....I didn't think it was important!

Voice: Could I suggest that you....

James: *(interrupting)*read the manual....yes...I will.... I wish someone had told me that before.

Exit James