They wouldn’t want me!
PUPPET SCRIPT: “THEY WOULDN’T WANT ME!”
(PJG025)

Aim of script: To reveal God’s grace and mercy

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be introduced by saying that some of us think that God may not want us in His family because of all of the wrong things that we have done.

The script can be followed by teaching on the grace and mercy of the Lord, who does not hold our sins against us, but chooses to forgive us because of what Jesus has done on the cross. Not only that but He chooses to adopt us into His family.

Main themes: Grace, mercy, cost of sin


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 Grandad
Grandad: Hmmmm…..I wonder what I shall have for lunch today….

(James knocks on the microphone)

Enter James
Grandad: Who can that be…..I’m not expecting anyone today? Come in….come in

James: (miserably) I’m sorry Grandad….I don’t have time to answer all of your questions….I just need to know. Please can you let me use your spare bedroom for a few days?

Grandad: Yes of course….but why do you need my spare bedroom when you have a perfectly good bedroom of your own at home?

James: I’m not welcome at home anymore Grandad.

Grandad: Not welcome?
James: When mum and dad get back from work and see all the terrible things that I have done, they won't want me in their family anymore.

Grandad: James, why don't you tell your old Grandad what you have been up to? Maybe we will be able to sort a few things out before your parents return.

James: Thank you Grandad for your offer of help, but what I have done can't be sorted out….it is too massive. Oh it is useless….I am in such a mess.

Grandad: Come on James….tell me what you have been doing and why you aren't at school today.

James: To start with there is bright pink paint all over the stairs. I have been trying for hours to clean it up, but the more white spirit I use, the further the paint seemed to spread everywhere.

Grandad: What have you been doing with pink paint?

James: I heard mum saying the other day that she needed to re-paint her sewing room, because it was rather dingy. When she went out to work today, I thought I would give her a surprise and re-paint the room for her, because she is always so busy.

Grandad: So how did you convince your mother to leave you at home alone, to paint her sewing room?

James: I told her that I had a really bad sore throat, and was feeling really ill.

Grandad: Oh dear.

James: I'm sorry Grandad.....I feel so bad about telling that lie now….Mum and Dad will never want me as their son after all of this.

Grandad: Your parents love you very much James……

James: But mum's sewing room is completely ruined, and that was her favourite room in the house.

Grandad: I thought you had spilt paint on the stairs James.

James: I did. I tripped on the top stair and the paint poured all down the stairs. I already told you I couldn't get the paint off.

Grandad: Yes I know James, so what has happened in your mother's sewing room?

James: I got rather bored painting, so I thought I would have a go on her sewing machine and make a little coat for next door's dog.

Grandad: Did you use your mother's brand new sewing machine James?
James: Yes Grandad…..and she told me never to touch it, and now I have broken it and there is paint all over her patchwork cushion, and juice all over her pattern book, and everything is in a complete mess because I fell off the ladder when I was washing the walls with a big bucket of soapy water….and

Grandad: It sounds like you have had a rather catastrophic time James.

James: I have Grandad, and it is all my fault…..I can’t believe the terrible mess I have made….I don’t think mum and dad will want such a naughty boy to be in their family.

Grandad: James, James, You need to know that your parents still love you, even after they find out all that you have done wrong. You are their son and part of their family….. nothing you can do will ever change that, or how much they love you.

James: How can I put all of this right Grandad? I don’t know what to do….all I seem to do is make things worse.

Grandad: James you can’t put this right on your own…it is too big for you to sort out…..only your parents will really know what needs to be done.

James: But how am I going to tell them what I have done Grandad?

Grandad: You need to be honest James and not leave out any little details! It would be good if you also remember to tell them how sorry you are.

James: I am sorry Grandad….I really am.

Grandad: Your parents may be cross with you because it is going to take quite a bit of time and money to put all of this right again….but I know that they will forgive you and they certainly won’t want to turn you out of their family.

James: Oh thank you Grandad for helping me see that.

Grandad: Come on then James, let’s go home and wait for your mum to get home from work… we don’t want her to have too big a shock now do we?

James: No we don’t Grandad

Grandad: Let me go and get a key for your parent’s house

James: You don’t need one Grandad…..when I came to you, I just left our front door wide open to get rid of the smell of paint!

Grandad: Oh James!

Exit James and Grandad