I’ve earned it!
PUPPET SCRIPT: “I’VE EARNED IT!”
(PJG028)

Aim of script: To teach that we are chosen to be recipients of God’s love by grace alone.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be preceded by inviting people to think about a time when they were chosen to do something eg be part of a sports team etc, and to think about how wonderful that feels.

The script can be followed by teaching people that they have been chosen to be recipients of God’s grace because of what Jesus did on the cross for them. The only way to approach God is humbly, trusting in Jesus alone.

Main themes: Grace, Chosen

Biblical references: John 15:16, Romans 2:21-24, Ephesians 1:3-14, 2:1-9, 1Peter 1:2, 2:9

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 James

James: Grandad, Grandad, where are you? I’m so excited…..I’ve got some brilliant news to tell you.

Enter Grandad


James: I’ve been chosen to go to Wembley stadium to see the F.A cup final, and then afterwards I’m going to meet the players. I hope Man U get to the final….then I could meet Wayne Rooney. I can’t believe it….it will be the most exciting day of my life.

Grandad: Well James, that is wonderful. What an amazing privilege to be chosen.

James: Actually Grandad…..the reason I was chosen was that I have worked really hard at my football skills every week at my football club. The coach said that I was the best player the other day. I suppose you could say that I’ve earned my place on the Wembley trip.
Grandad: Careful James, we don’t want that head to swell too much. What do you think you will say to Wayne Rooney if you meet him?

James: I don’t know …..perhaps something like, “watch out Wayne, it won’t be long before I’m as good as you”….. don’t worry Grandad, I was only joking. All I know is that I’ve been rewarded for all of my hard work.

Grandad: I expect some of your friends will be pleased for you but rather disappointed that they haven’t been chosen…..you will have to be careful not to make them feel jealous James.

James: I know Grandad…..but it does feel so good to be chosen…..I’m going to find it hard not to do a little dance every time I think about it. You know Grandad this reminds me of something that my Sunday school teacher said to us last Sunday.

Grandad: What did your teacher say James?

James: She said that Jesus chooses each one of us to know His love. But there is something I don’t quite understand Grandad.

Grandad: What don’t you understand?

James: Well I was chosen to go to Wembley because I had worked really hard at my football skills…..I mean I have earned my place. If Jesus is choosing me to know His love, I am wondering what I have done to have earned His love?

Grandad: What do you think James?

James: I suppose I have laid the table for tea a few times this month, and I have washed the dinner dishes every Tuesday and Thursday evening, although not always without complaining……and I have given some of my pocket money to help the poor people in the third world, and of course I go to church every Sunday…..well most Sundays. Is that how I have earned Jesus’ love Grandad?

Grandad: James, James, you are looking at things the wrong way round.

James: Am I Grandad?

Grandad: Jesus chooses to love you because He is perfect love, not because you have done lots of good things to earn His love.

James: Oh……but Grandad…..what about all the bad things I’ve done…..I mean Jesus wouldn’t want to choose me when he finds out what I’m really like. I’ve done loads of things wrong…..I’ve told lies to my mum, I kicked Boris because he wouldn’t give me a sweet, I flooded the bathroom the other night because I was watching Space Invaders on the TV instead of watching the bath fill up, I’ve painted my hamster red, I said bad words to that horrible girl who lives in the house opposite, and I even stole a Twix bar from Susie……oh no, Jesus would never want to know me when he knows what I’m really like.
Grandad:  Well that is the wonderful thing James…..those wrong things don’t stop Jesus from wanting to meet you.

James: Really Grandad?

Grandad: Yes James. Jesus said that He came to rescue people who do wrong things but who are willing to trust Him to put things right.

James: Jesus sounds amazing Grandad

Grandad: He is James

James: Grandad…….just one more thought…..if I don’t have to earn Jesus’ love for Him to love me, do you think he’ll still choose me when mum finds out about her kettle?

Grandad: What’s happened to mum’s new kettle?

James: I wanted to warm up some milk so I thought I would put it inside the kettle….but it has all boiled over and the kettle is smoking now!

Grandad: Oh James!

*Exit James and Grandad*