Puppet Script
(PJG034)

The roof

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “THE ROOF”  
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**Aim of script:** To teach that we show our faith in Jesus by what we do.

**Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script can be introduced by inviting people to think about what faith is. You may like to look at some of the biblical characters listed in Hebrews 11 and talk about what they did to show their faith.

The script can be followed by reading the story of Jesus healing the paralytic in Mark 2:1-12 and then encouraging people to lay hands on the sick and praying for healing in Jesus’ name as one way of showing their faith.

**Main themes:** Faith, Healing

**Biblical references:** Mark 2:1-12, Hebrews 11 (especially 11:6), James 2:17-18

**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/

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Enter Grandad and James

James: Grandad…..I’m a bit confused…..please can you help me?

Grandad: Of course I will if I can James…..what are you confused about?

James: Faith

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James: That’s right Grandad……I’m in a right old muddle about faith……we’ve been learning about it in Sunday school and then when I try and put it into practice I get into terrible trouble with dad.

Grandad: Why don’t you tell me what you have been learning in Sunday school and then we can see if we can work it out together James?

James: That sounds like a good idea Grandad. Two weeks ago we learnt that without faith it is impossible to please God.

Grandad: Well learnt James……..if we are going to please God, we need to trust Him.

James: I am learning to trust Jesus Grandad but it isn’t easy sometimes…….
Grandad: I know James, but you are doing really well……so what did you learn about faith this week James?

James: We learnt that we show our faith in Jesus by what we do….and we read the story about the four men who brought their paralysed friend to see Jesus because they trusted that Jesus would heal him……..

Grandad: Go on…..

James: When the friends got to the house where Jesus was staying, they couldn’t get to see Jesus because there were so many crowds……

Grandad: I remember the story well……

James: So you will know what happened next then Grandad?

Grandad: Yes of course…..

James: That the friends didn’t give up when they couldn’t get their friend to see Jesus……

Grandad: That’s right

James: and so they made a big hole in the roof of the house right above where Jesus was teaching…..

Grandad: Ye…es

James: And you remember the bit about lowering the paralysed man down through the hole in the roof until he was in front of Jesus…..

Grandad: I am starting to feel a bit apprehensive now James……

James: But Jesus was really pleased with the friend’s faith Grandad…..and he not only forgave their friend’s sins but he also healed him.

Grandad: He did indeed…..so where is the confusion James?

James: My friend Bill came round the other day….and he had twisted his ankle playing rugby

Grandad: Poor Bill……go on…..

James: Well I thought…..seeing as Jesus saw the faith of the paralysed men’s friends when they made a hole in the roof…..

Grandad: Oh no…..I think I can see what’s coming…..

James: I thought I should make a hole too…….so I went up onto our roof……

Grandad: Oh James…..

James: and I managed to pull off a load of the tiles…..until dad heard them smashing into pieces on the ground…..
Grandad: I don't expect your dad was very happy was he?

James: Grandad…..he was bright red with anger…..I hadn’t even managed to make a hole in the roof before he stood at the bottom of the ladder and shouted at me asking me what I was doing.

Grandad: What did you tell him?

James: I told him that I was showing Jesus my faith in him by making a hole in our roof so that he would heal Bill…..

Grandad: And what did dad say?

James: He told me to come down the ladder quickly or mum might need to start praying for my resurrection……I didn’t really understand him Grandad.

Grandad: No I’m sure you didn’t…..Dads can say some funny things when they are angry.

James: Can you see why I am so confused Grandad? I thought that I was showing Jesus my faith in him by making a hole in our roof so that he would heal my friend Bill like he healed the paralysed man.

Grandad: I understand why you are confused James……

James: Oh good

Grandad: James……….if Jesus had been physically present in your house and there were crowds of people all around him so that you couldn’t get to him…..then you might have needed to make a hole in the roof to lower Bill down to Jesus.

James: Ohhh

Grandad: As it is, all you need to do to bring Bill close to Jesus is to pray for him….and ask Jesus to heal his ankle…..

James: I am starting to understand

Grandad: You see James that one of the ways that you show your faith in Jesus is by turning to Him in prayer. Does that make sense?

James: It does Grandad……what a silly boy I have been……

Grandad: I think it would be a good idea if you also show your faith in Jesus by praying for your dad that he would know how to fix the roof quickly…………perhaps you ought to keep out of his way for a little while….

James: Don’t worry Grandad……I will keep out of his way……Bill and I will be in the bathroom if you need us.

Grandad: Hmmm…..just one thing……as you are thinking about faith……please don’t even think of attempting to walk on water……..we’ve had enough excitement for one day.
James: Oh Grandad……how did you know?

Exit James and Grandad