

# Puppet Script

(PJL007)

**Speak Lord for your  
servant is listening**

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## PUPPET SCRIPT: “SPEAK LORD FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING” (PJL007)

**Aim of script:** To teach people about prayer and in particular about listening to God in prayer and acting on what He tells us to do.

**Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script can be introduced by reading a biblical passage on prayer eg. Matthew 6:5-15. This could be followed by teaching that prayer is a two-way relationship and that the Lord doesn't want us to simply talk to him, but also to listen to him and act on what He tells us to do.

The script could be followed by leading people into a time of stillness, where they are encouraged to focus upon the Lord. They are then invited to pray the prayer, “*Speak Lord for your servant is listening*” and time is given to try to listen to what Jesus wants to say to them.

**Main themes:** Prayer, Listening to God, Healing

**Biblical references:** 1 Samuel 3:9-10, Matthew 6:5-15, Matthew 17:5, Luke 9:1-2, John 10:3-5

**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 female friend “Lucy” – a girl puppet, who is also a follower of Jesus. 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 Lucy. She bows her head to pray*

Lucy: Lord Jesus it is so good to talk with you today. Thank you for your presence here with me. You are faithful and good and kind and I praise your holy name.....thank you for speaking to me yesterday and for giving me the courage to go and visit.....

*Enter James*

James: Oh I thought I could hear you talking with someone....but where have they gone?

Lucy: They've not gone anywhere

James: So you are talking to the invisible man eh Lucy.....?

Lucy: Don't mock James

- James: I'm not mocking....so where is the person you were talking to? Are they in that cupboard over there?
- Lucy: No they are not.
- James: Are they hiding under your bed?
- Lucy: Please James ....stop being so silly. I was talking with Jesus.
- James: Oh...sorry Lucy. I didn't know you were praying.....
- Lucy: It's OK.
- James: But don't you find it hard that you can't see Jesus.....that when you pray it is like talking to the invisible man?
- Lucy: I suppose it is hard in one way....but Jesus is living in my heart through the power of the Holy Spirit.....and so when I talk with Him I know that He is there....listening and talking back to me.
- James: Does he speak to you in a loud booming voice.....LUCY THIS IS JESUS HERE!
- Lucy: You are a twit James....no he doesn't.
- James: So how does he speak to you then Luce?
- Lucy: He speaks into my thoughts....I have learnt to recognise his voice over the last few years.....he tells me all sorts of things for me to pray about. We have some really interesting conversations.
- James: Do you ever talk about me?
- Lucy: Maybe.
- James: That means "yes" in girl talk. So what has Jesus told you about me? Has he told you about all the bad things that I have done?
- Lucy: No. He has asked me to pray that you will know how much he loves you.
- James: Really?
- Lucy: Yes James
- James: Perhaps Jesus really is talking with you Lucy because I did not expect you to say that. Oh....and thanks by the way.
- Lucy: No problem James. Hey I must tell you something really exciting that happened yesterday.
- James: Go on then...

- Lucy: When I was spending time with Jesus in the morning, He asked me to go and pray for Lynda.....
- James: Hmmmm.....
- Lucy: So anyway I went round to see her last night and she allowed me to lay my hands on her back and pray for her and guess what?
- James: She starting making duck noises.....
- Lucy: Don't be silly James.
- James: Well you asked me to guess....
- Lucy: Lynda's back got better James and she is coming back to school tomorrow
- James: She was faking.
- Lucy: She was not faking James.....how can you say that? She had a slipped disc in her back.
- James: Well it slipped back in again then didn't it?
- Lucy: What is the matter with you James? Jesus healed her after I laid my hands on her back.
- James: She wanted to miss that maths test on Monday.....it was a real stinker I have to say.
- Lucy: She did not. You know that Lynda is really good at Maths and would have done well.
- James: OK....so say that Lynda really did have a slipped disc...
- Lucy: Yes...
- James: Then why would Jesus heal her after **you** asked him to.....I mean you are a girl?
- Lucy: That is a really mean thing to say James....I'm going. I thought you'd be excited like I am that Jesus really does answer our prayers.
- James: I'm sorry Lucy....don't go.....I guess I'm a bit jealous that Jesus seems to answer your prayers in such amazing ways.
- Lucy: He will answer your prayers too James.....especially if you are willing to listen to what He asks you to do.
- James: Do you think so Lucy?
- Lucy: Of course He will James.
- James: Can I ask you a favour Lucy?

Lucy: I'm not sure....

James: Would you pray for me Lucy? I broke my big toe yesterday.....don't ask me how I did it.....but it really hurts?

Lucy: Oh alright then....just don't take your socks off....I couldn't cope with the smell!

*Exit James and Lucy*