

Puppet Script

(PJG001)

I can't do it!

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “I CAN’T DO IT!” (PJG001)

Aim of script: To encourage people to step out and serve God, trusting that He will equip them.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script can be introduced by talking about our reaction to God when He calls us to serve Him. Many of us can feel fear or inadequate and want to run away from God’s call like Moses did when God called Him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

The script can be followed by reminding people of God’s promises to give us what we need and to be with us when He calls us to serve Him.

Main themes: Serving, trusting, God’s promises

Biblical references: Exodus 3:10-12, Philippians 4:13, 2Corinthians 12:10, Isaiah 41:10, 2Corinthians 9:8, Deuteronomy 31:6

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 very stressed!

James: *(beginning calmly and getting more and more agitated)* I can’t do it....no I can’t. I mean I simply can’t do it.....aaaah.....why ever did I agree to this?
Oh no, I c – a – n – t can’t do it.

Enter Grandad

Grandad: Whatever is going on in here? James what is all this fuss about?

James: I can’t do it Grandad....I can’t. Don’t try telling me I can, because I c-a-n-t can’t....oh I must have been mad to agree....what a silly boy I am....I can’t, I can’t I can’t I can’t.

Grandad: James what can’t you do?

James: I can’t Grandad...I can’t.

Grandad: Yes James, I have heard....I’m not that deaf. What can’t you do?

James: It Grandad..... you know.

- Grandad: No James...I don't know. Do tell me.
- James: I can't stand on the platform in front of all of my friends and tell them that I did a sponsored silence as they will all laugh especially when they see me standing next to the Vicar in his funny clothes and I am no good at knowing what to say about things and then I will die of embarrassment and I don't know what to do and I can't.....
- Grandad: Hold on, hold on.....slow down James. What has the Vicar asked you to do?
- James: Well you know he comes into our assemblies sometimes?
- Grandad: Yes James
- James: He is coming again on Thursday.....oh I am going to die....Grandad, I will leave you my hamster.....you will look after him well won't you?
- Grandad: Come on James, I think you are being a bit dramatic. Tell me what is going to happen when the Vicar comes on Thursday.
- James: He is going to tell my school about how we have been collecting money in church to help buy a house for children who live on the streets. Our school is going to put on a special summer fair to raise money for the same project.
- Grandad: That sounds like a great idea James. Why are you getting so upset?
- James: Because He has asked me to come and join him on the platform during assembly and tell the whole school what we have been doing in our Sunday club group, and how we all took part in a sponsored silence last weekend.
- Grandad: Yes your mother did say it was very quiet.
- James: But I am going to die Grandad.
- Grandad: Why do you think that James?
- James: Because everyone will think it is so funny that I am standing up there next to the Vicar, especially as he is so good and they know that I am not, and then I will forget what I have to say, and then they will all laugh even more and then my heart will start racing, and I think that I will have a heart attack. Oh no, why ever did I agree to it? I can't do it, I can't, I can't....
- Grandad: James you can do this.
- James: I can't Grandad
- Grandad: James you can.....and do you know why you can?
- James: Why's that Grandad?
- Grandad: Because Jesus will help you to do it and He will be with you. I know it feels like it is impossible for you to go and stand on that stage in front of everyone, but believe me Jesus will help you.

James: Will He really Grandad.....because right now I have this feeling that my legs will go like jelly and I will have to be carried off the stage?

Grandad: He will help you to tell the other children about your sponsored silence and if they laugh it doesn't really matter does it? You will know that through doing your sponsored silence you have helped lots of children who are having a really hard time and that this has honoured Jesus.

James: I suppose so Grandad.

Grandad: James, I will pray for you on Thursday and you will be fine.

James: Thanks Grandad....oh I am starting to feel a bit better now. Perhaps I will also tell the other children about the stall I am running at the school fair.

Grandad: That's the ticket James.....oh and what is that stall?

James: My surprise matchbox game. One pound a go. Open a box and get a surprise.

Grandad: Ri....ght...and what is inside these matchboxes.

James: Oh this and that!

Grandad: Carry on...

James: Wasps, spiders, slugs, manure!

Grandad: James!

Exit James and Grandad