

Puppet Script

(PJG004)

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is calling out to me!**

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “THAT FIVE POUND NOTE IS CALLING OUT TO ME!”

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Aim of script: To give some teaching on how to deal with temptation.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script can be introduced by teaching that Satan has a number of ways of robbing life from people. These include temptation, accusation and deception. The script focuses on a number of ways of dealing with temptation.

The script can be followed by confession of sin where we have given in to temptation, and prayer for an infilling of the Holy Spirit, so that we can better deal with temptation.

Main themes: Temptation. Stealing

Biblical references: John 10:10, Matthew 4:1-11, Matthew 6:13, 1Cor 10:13, Hebrews 2:18, Hebrews 4:15, James 1:13-15, Romans 12:21, Exodus 20:15

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: James, James.

Enter James looking very dejected

James: Oh hi Grandad.

Grandad: You seem a bit low today James. What’s up?

James: I have been in rather a lot of trouble Grandad and I am worried it might happen again.

Grandad: Well why don’t you start at the beginning of this “trouble” and tell me all about it. Together, we might be able to find a way to stop this happening again James.

James: Oh thank you Grandad.

Grandad: So how did this trouble begin?

- James: On Wednesday, while I was sitting at my desk doing my maths questions I saw a five pound note on my teacher's desk and it looked so tempting....I kept trying not to think of all the sweets I could buy with five pounds and then I kept trying not to think about taking it....but you won't believe this Grandad...
- Grandad: What James?
- James: It seemed like the five pound note actually spoke to me....it said, "I am begging you to take me....just take me down to the sweet shop and spend me. I can't bear sitting on this teacher's desk any more".
- Grandad: So what happened James?
- James: Well I couldn't resist it's pleas and I know what it meant about my teacher.....so when her back was turned, writing up some more maths questions on the whiteboard, I quickly took the five pound note and then as soon as school had finished I went and spent it at the sweet shop.
- Grandad: I see
- James: Peter my best friend came with me to the sweet shop. He thinks I am really cool because I am just like him now.
- Grandad: What do you mean?
- James: Last week he told me that whenever he sees money lying around, he helps himself to it and spends it as quickly as he can.
- Grandad: Hmmm
- James: When I arrived at school on Thursday my teacher sent me straight to the Head teacher's office. Someone had told my teacher that I had taken the money. Now I am going to miss the class trip to *Thorpe Park* on Wednesday as my punishment, and I have to go and do litter duty around the school instead.
- Grandad: That's hard.
- James: I know, but Grandad I am really worried that I might take money again when I see it. You don't know how loudly that five pound note called out to me.....if I took it this time, what will stop me taking it another time?
- Grandad: That is a really good question James and I will begin by giving you a very simple answer. Pray.
- James: Will that help Grandad?
- Grandad: Yes James.....it most certainly will. If you ask your Heavenly Father to help you next time you are tempted to steal something, He will.
- James: Phew.....that's a relief.....but what about that voice in my head Grandad? It kept telling me it was OK to take the money.

- Grandad: That voice in your head James comes from God's enemy, the devil. He is a great big liar and he wants to stop you from following Jesus.
- James: That's not very nice.
- Grandad: The devil isn't nice James.....but we have a great weapon to use against him.
- James: Really? Is it a big sword to cut off his head?
- Grandad: Not exactly.....but it is a spiritual sword.....
- James: Cool
- Grandad: Your Bible is your spiritual sword....it is full of God's truth. Every time the devil whispers a lie to you, you can come back at him with truth from your Bible.
- James: And squash him!
- Grandad: Exactly. Now suppose I was walking past your sweet tin....and the lid was off and I saw some winegums in it....
- James: They're your favourite sweets aren't they Grandad?
- Grandad: Yes they are.....suppose while I was looking at those winegums a voice came into my head saying: "Why not help yourself to one of James' sweets – it is OK to help yourself to one.....after all you are his Grandad?".....
- James: Do you get tempted too then Grandad?
- Grandad: Of course I do James....we all do. Now having had that tempting thought, I remember that it says in my Bible: "You shall not steal," and so I speak out the truth: "stealing is wrong" and then walk away from your open sweet tin and don't take any!
- James: Perhaps I should try and read my Bible more Grandad....
- Grandad: That's a great idea.....your Bible will help you much more than your friend Peter.
- James: I think I have been listening to him too much.
- Grandad: There is one other thing you can do when tempting thoughts fill your mind James.
- James: What is that Grandad?
- Grandad: Think about something else James. Change the channel in your mind and think about something good.....something completely different.
- James: That sounds a bit like what my mum says when I am watching something bad on TV.....she says, "Change the channel James"

- Grandad: Yes James....that is exactly what I mean. Think about something good or go and do something else and then I think you will find that the tempting thought will go.
- James: That's helpful Grandad thanks.....
- Grandad: You know James....temptation gives each one of us a choice. We can choose to give in to it and do wrong....
- James: And that feels horrible Grandad
- Grandad:or we can choose to resist the temptation and do something good....that is one of the ways we grow to be more like Jesus. Now would you like to go fishing with me James? That's why I came round.
- James: I'd love to Grandad. But before we go, please could you lend me a pound....I just need to nip to the sweet shop and buy mum another bar of galaxy.....the one that dad had bought her was sitting on her desk and you wouldn't believe how loudly it was calling out to me.
- Grandad: Oh James!
- Exit James and Grandad*