

Puppet Script

(PJG009)

My heavy load

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Aim of script: To teach that God is willing to lift the heavy burdens off our shoulders and give us His peace for He loves us.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be introduced by inviting people to think about what burdens they are carrying.

The script can be followed by teaching on the truth that if we come to Jesus with our burdens and trust Him with them, He will lift them from our shoulders and give us His peace for He is good.

Main themes: Burdens, suffering, worry, trust, God’s goodness, prayer

Biblical references: Matthew 11:28-30, Matthew 6:25-end, Philippians 4:6, Psalm 23, Psalm 46:3, 1Peter 5:7

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, where are you?”

Enter James huffing and puffing.

James: Hi Grandad. Wow, I’m absolutely exhausted.

Grandad: What have you been doing.....you do look tired?

James: Dad and I are going away this weekend on a dad’s and lad’s hike, and I have been packing my rucksack.....the trouble is that it is so heavy that I can’t lift it.

Grandad: So what do you have in this rucksack?

James: My sleeping bag, tent, camping stove, frying pan, trowel.....

Grandad: Trowel. What on earth do you need a trowel for?

James: For digging up a few nice fat juicy worms. I don’t think that dad has ever tried worms before in a bacon sandwich, and I wanted to give him a treat. Of course they would be covered in tomato ketchup.

- Grandad: I'm not sure that your father would enjoy that particular "treat" James. Take the trowel out of your bag. What else have you packed?
- James: My torch, water bombs
- Grandad: Water bombs?
- James: Oh come on Grandad, I am looking forward to having some fun as well as the hard slog of walking.
- Grandad: I see and is your father aware of this?
- James: Mmmm, well, anyway.....I am also taking my waterproofs, thick socks, ipad, joke book, ten bars of Galaxy chocolate, six bags of haribos, four bottles of lucozade sport, a packet of jammy dodgers, and a multipack bag of crisps. But Grandad, my rucksack is soooooooooo heavy, I don't know what to do.
- Grandad: It sounds to me like you need to leave some bits behind.
- James: Oh I have Grandad. I have taken out the spare under-pants that mum put in and the wash-kit and towel, but my bag is still very heavy. I am very worried you know Grandad because I don't think that I shall be able to go on this weekend.
- Grandad: What do you mean James? Of course you can go.
- James: But Grandad, you don't understand. If I can't carry my bag, how can I possibly go?
- Grandad: Ah I see. Well James, is anyone going with you?
- James: Oh Grandad, you are getting forgetful. I told you that my dad is going with me.
- Grandad: Well don't you think that he will carry all the heavy bits in your bag for you James, like the tent, the sleeping bags, the food and the cooking equipment? He is much bigger and stronger than you are.
- James: Do you think he will Grandad?
- Grandad: Of course he will James. Your dad loves you and knows that you can't carry a great heavy weight on your back. But I do think that we need to have a look together at what you are going to take. Shall we go and do that now?
- James: In a minute Grandad.....I just wanted to ask you to help me with something else that's bothering me.
- Grandad: Go on then James....how can I help?
- James: It's just that...well I can't stop thinking about it...and what if she doesn't come home and I might never see her again...and I know I often make her cross, but I don't know what...
- Grandad: James, what is worrying you?

- James: Mum is going into hospital next week Grandad.....she has got to have an operation....I think it is called a “hyster...ical” operation
- Grandad: Yes I know that your mum really needs this operation James
- James: I am so worried Grandad.....it is all my brain is thinking about at the moment, and when I go to bed, I can't sleep because I think I might never see mum again.
- Grandad: Oh poor boy...
- James: I don't know what to do with myself most of the day, which is why I have packed my rucksack for the weekend today, and it is only Monday.
- Grandad: I wondered why you were so organised....Now James I am sure that your mother will be alright, but while we are waiting for her to go into hospital and have her operation, there is someone who loves you very much who wants to help you.
- James: Like dad is going to help me with my heavy rucksack?
- Grandad: Exactly James.....Jesus wants you to take your worries to him because He loves you. When you give him your worries, He lifts the weight of them off your shoulders and gives you His peace.
- James: Wow, I really need Him to do that right now Grandad....for this worry feels like a very heavy weight on my shoulders.
- Grandad: I am sure it does. Would you like me to pray for you James?
- James: Oh yes please Grandad and for mum too.
- Grandad: Lord Jesus we bring before you James' mum, whom we all love very much. We ask Lord that you would place your healing hand on her and use the skill of the doctors and the surgeons to make her better again. And while James waits for his mum to get better, Lord Jesus please would you lift the worry off his shoulders and give Him your peace. In your precious name we pray.
- Both: AMEN!
- Grandad: Now let's go and sort out your rucksack shall we?
- James: Alright Grandad.....seeing as dad is going to carry all the heavy stuff, I will have room for some of my eight legged friends!
- Grandad: James!

Exit James and Grandad.