

Puppet Script

(PJG011)

Produce good fruit

© Jane Hulme 2015

ALL AGE WORSHIP
RESOURCES.ORG



PUPPET SCRIPT: “PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT!” (PJG011)

Aim of script: To challenge people to live holy lives as the outward fruit of their inward repentance.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be preceded by the Bible reading of John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus’ first coming.

The script can be followed by teaching that our actions will show what we really believe. When we turn to Christ and our hearts are changed, this will be seen by the godly way we live our lives.

Main themes: Advent, John the Baptist, repentance, holy living

Biblical references: Luke 3:1-18, Matthew 23:25-28, Romans 13:11-14, Colossians 3:1-14

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. For this script, James is dressed in a hessian tunic (*made simply from a piece of hessian with a hole in the middle and some string around the middle – see photo*). 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 dressed in a hessian tunic

James: Here I am Grandad

Grandad: Wow.....I like the new outfit James.....is it a new fashion?

James: No Grandad, I am dressing up to look like John the Baptist

Grandad: I see. So have you had some honey on your toast this morning?

James: I don’t like honey Grandad

Grandad: Perhaps locusts would suit your taste better then....

James: Oh cool....yes I’d love to try a locust....I wonder how you cook locust

- Grandad: Somehow I don't think that your mother would be too keen on cooking locusts for tea James. Tell me, why are you dressed up like John the Baptist?
- James: We have been learning about John the Baptist in Sunday school Grandad. I have a loud voice too, so I thought I could be like him and say to everyone I meet (*shouting*), "PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD."
- Grandad: That is a loud voice!
- James: I have already baptised my hamster in the sink and was just about to baptise the goldfish when you called me....although I was wondering how I would hold him as he is so slippery.
- Grandad: Oh dear.....perhaps it might be more helpful for us to spend some time together and think about some of the things that John said.
- James: But John was talking to tax collectors and soldiers Grandad, and I am neither of those.
- Grandad: He also talked to ordinary people like you and me James, and what he said all those years ago is still true today.
- James: So what did John the Baptist tell the people?
- Grandad: John told people that when they had confessed their sins, they had to live differently.
- James: How do you mean differently?
- Grandad: They had to live to please God, and not themselves. John said that the things that they did would show whether anything had actually changed in their hearts or not.
- James: Oh
- Grandad: So when John spoke to the tax collectors he told them to be honest with money and not to take more from people than they should.
- James: Oh dear
- Grandad: What's the matter James?
- James: I am feeling rather guilty....
- Grandad: Come on James....what have you done?
- James: When I went down to the sweet shop earlier today I bought a Mars bar. I handed the lady a five pound note and do you know what?
- Grandad: No, go on.....

- James: *(speaking incredulously)* Well the lady gave me back nineteen pounds and forty pence in change.....she thought I had given her a twenty pound note. I was thinking, what a wonderful sweet shop.....you get given free sweets and loads of money.....but now I am starting to feel rather guilty.
- Grandad: That's good....because I'm thinking about the poor lady who works in the sweet shop. When she comes to add up the money tonight from the till and discovers that she is fifteen pounds short, she will probably have to pay for that herself.
- James: ohhhhhh
- Grandad: And at this time of year when we are all saving up to buy Christmas presents, losing that amount of money will be hard for her.
- James: Oh dear Grandad what should I do?
- Grandad: Well why don't I go back to the sweet shop with you and we will return the money together.....I think that the lady will be very pleased with your honesty.
- James: Do you think so Grandad? I'm sorry.....I didn't think that it mattered.
- Grandad: It does matter James, and I am so glad that John the Baptist's words spoke to you.
- James: So am I Grandad.
- Grandad: John also said some stuff about sharing and about being happy with what you have.....
- James: Thanks Grandad....let's talk about that another time as I must go and add something to my Christmas "wants" list. I don't want to forget to add locusts to the top of it.....I really would love to have a few.
- Grandad: Oh James!

Exit James and Grandad