

# Puppet Script

(PJG012)

## Faith the size of a mustard seed

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## PUPPET SCRIPT: “FAITH THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED” (PJG012)

**Aim of script:** To encourage people to deepen their faith in Jesus.

**Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could come after a short talk about what faith in Jesus means.

The script can be followed by the story of Peter and John healing the lame man in Acts 3, and an encouragement to “step out” like they did, to do the works that Jesus calls us to do.

**Main themes:** Faith, suffering

**Biblical references:** Matthew 17:20, 21:21-22, Mark 11:22, Luke 17:5-6, John 14:12, Acts 3:1-16, Hebrews 11

**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*

James: Come on you stupid pile of leaves.....move. I am telling you now for the very last time move yourself into that dustbin by the shed and do it quickly

*Enter Grandad*

Grandad: James, James what are you doing, shouting at a ....huge pile of leaves?

James: Sssh Grandad, I’m trying to move the leaves down to the end of the garden and into that dustbin by the shed.

Grandad: Good idea, I’m sure your dad would be pleased.....but it may seem like a silly question.....where is your shovel?

James: I don’t need a shovel Grandad .....I’m just telling the leaves to move. Listen..... Now then for the very very last time I am telling you pile of leaves...move yourself into that big black dustbin by the shed..... now..... Mm.....they don’t seem to want to move.

Grandad: No I can see that. How long have you been out here talking to this.....pile of leaves?

James: Mum sent me out a couple of hours ago to clear them up.

- Grandad: I'm not sure your mum is going to be very happy with your progress James. So where did you get the idea of talking to piles of leaves from?
- James: At Sunday School this week we were talking about faith. Miss Gibbons, my teacher told us that Jesus had said: *"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed you can say to a mountain, "move from here to there" and it will move".....*so I thought that I'd come and use my faith on a mountain of leaves that needed moving off the lawn and into the dustbin.
- Grandad: I see. But I don't think that Jesus wants you to exercise your faith by talking to.....piles of leaves.
- James: Don't you Grandad? Perhaps we'd better go up to Scotland then where I can talk to a real mountain. I wonder which mountain I should start with....Ben Nevis...?..
- Grandad: James James you really have got the wrong end of the stick. That is not what Jesus meant at all.
- James: So what did he mean then Grandad?
- Grandad: Jesus was painting a sort of word picture James. When he said, *"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed you can say to a mountain, "move from here to there" and it will move"*, the mountain in his picture stands for a problem....
- James: Like not having enough pocket money to buy an ipad air!
- Grandad: No....like being really unwell, or having a bad accident that leaves you with broken bones, or losing your job, or failing your exams at school, or losing your best friend, or suffering some other terrible hardship. When we are faced with these sorts of difficulties either ourselves or in other people, Jesus encourages us to put our whole trust in Him.
- James: Why?
- Grandad: Because when we put our trust in Jesus, it is like we are putting our hand into the big hand of our mighty and powerful God, who can change any situation however difficult it may be. You see God is the best mountain mover there is!
- James: Wow..... thanks Grandad for helping me understand this.
- Grandad: That's a pleasure James....now why don't you come with me after tea to visit Mr Scott? He has just fallen off a ladder and has broken his back. I thought we could go and pray for him ....who knows how Jesus wants to change his situation?
- James: Alright Grandad, but please will you help me clear up this mountain of leaves first before mum tells me off for wasting time.
- Grandad: Of course I will James.....we'll soon get this sorted out.
- James: Aaaah.....you know you said that Jesus wants us to put our trust in Him when we face a mountainous problem

Grandad: Ye..e..e..ss

James: I have just remembered that I started to run a bath a couple of hours ago before I came out into the garden....by now there may be a mountain of water upstairs!

Grandad: James!

*Exit James and Grandad*