

# Puppet Script

(PJG013)

## The ripple effect

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## PUPPET SCRIPT: “THE RIPPLE EFFECT!” (PJG013)

**Aim of script:** To encourage people to see the ripple effect of their actions on other people’s lives.

**Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be introduced by saying that our actions can have a ripple effect on the lives of other people in either a good way or a bad way. In the script we illustrate the bad way!

The script can be followed by the story of the feeding of the five thousand, and a talk showing the powerful ripple effect of offering what we have to Jesus to use, like the little boy in the story did.

**Main themes:** The ripple effect of our actions on others, faith

**Biblical references:** Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Mark 9:23, John 6:1-13

**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 and Grandad*

**Grandad:** Hey James, you missed a wonderful evening down at church last night.

**James:** Don’t rub it in Grandad – I really wanted to come to the Talents evening.

**Grandad:** You know we raised three hundred and fifty pounds for Christian Aid and had lots of fun doing it.....you should have seen Miss Shaw dancing on the tables!

**James:** I’d loved to have seen her.....oh Grandad it’s all my fault why we didn’t come last night.

**Grandad:** Come on James; tell your old Grandad about it.....your mother certainly seems very grumpy today.

**James:** She is.....well it started like this. Mum gave me a bag of biscuits to eat because I was starving.

**Grandad:** That was kind of her

**James:** The problem began when my little sister Jessica asked me for a biscuit because she was starving too

- Grandad: And naturally you shared your biscuits with her.....(*James shakes head*) oh I see, you didn't share your biscuits
- James: I told her to go away Grandad and find something else to eat.
- Grandad: And let me guess.....she found something totally unsuitable?
- James: Yes....she ate the dog's dinner.
- Grandad: Oh no....and I can imagine what happened next
- James: She was sick all over mum's new cream lounge carpet
- Grandad: No wonder your mother is grumpy
- James: It gets worse Grandad
- Grandad: Go on....
- James: Mum couldn't find the carpet cleaner under the stairs so we went to help her look in the garage and before we realised what was happening, the front door shut behind us.
- Grandad: Oh dear
- James: And the next door neighbours who have a spare key have gone away for the weekend
- Grandad: Your poor mother.....how did you get back into the house again?
- James: We had to walk all the way into town to the locksmiths and wait there for what seemed like hours before he was willing to come back home with us and let us into the house again.
- Grandad: And then I suppose your mother had the lounge carpet to clean.....?
- James: And she had to find fifty pounds in cash to pay the locksmith.....that was the money we were going to bring along for the Christian Aid talent evening. Oh Grandad, I feel so bad.....all those things happened because I chose to be selfish.
- Grandad: Well let's look at it another way James....you have learnt a very important lesson. You have learnt that your actions have an effect on the lives of others around you.
- James: I can see that now Grandad.....
- Grandad: Well done James.....how about we think of something nice to do to help your mother after all the trauma of yesterday?
- James: I've done that already Grandad
- Grandad: Go on then James.....what have you done?

James: I have cut up her bank cards and thrown them away!

Grandad: What?

James: I heard mum telling dad the other night that she wished she didn't have to have a bank account, as she had had another horrible letter from the bank. I thought I would help mum so I have got rid of her bank cards.

Grandad: Oh James!!

*Exit James and Grandad*