

Puppet Script

(PJG027)

Treasure in heaven!

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “TREASURE IN HEAVEN” (PJG027)

Aim of script: To encourage people to give generously to the Lord of their money and possessions, recognising that their real “treasure” is in heaven.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be preceded by reading Matthew six.

The script can be followed by teaching people on how vulnerable “earthly treasure” is and to encourage them to learn to give of their money and possessions generously as one of the ways to store up “heavenly treasure”

Main themes: Giving, money, treasure

Biblical references: Matthew 6:19-24, Job 1:21, 1Timothy 6:17-19

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 singing to the “Abba” tune:

James: “Money, money, money, must be funny in the rich man's world....oh, money, money, money....”

Enter Grandad

Grandad: You sound very chirpy this morning James

James: I am Grandad.....I have just counted the money that was in my piggy bank

Grandad: So can you give your old Grandad a loan then James?

James: Mmmm....I guess I could with the amount I have, but you would have to pay me interest Grandad.

Grandad: Just joking James. How much have you managed to save?

James: I have forty six pounds and eighty two pence Grandad

Grandad: My, that is a small fortune!

- James: I have been filling up my piggy bank over the last few weeks Grandad....most of the money in it I have earned myself.
- Grandad: Well done James
- James: I have been helping dad in the garden and he has paid me and I have also been helping our next door neighbour pick up all the apples from his lawn, and he has paid me.
- Grandad: Wow you have been busy.....I am sure that your church will be glad to receive your offering this week because I know that they are asking everybody to try and increase their giving.
- James: Hang on a minute Grandad....this is my money and I am going to spend it how I want to. It isn't going into the collection plate at church so that the Vicar can decide what it will be spent on!
- Grandad: I see....so how are you planning on spending it James?
- James: I would say first stop is the sweet shop where I will enjoy buying some bags of sweets and bars of chocolate...
- Grandad: I guess they won't last very long?
- James: Probably until tea-time Grandad.
- Grandad: Oh dear....I can foresee a rather sick stomach later
- James: After the sweet shop, I will head off to the toy shop.....I have my eyes on a couple of things.
- Grandad: Nothing to upset your mum I hope?
- James: Oh no Grandad....everyone at school has been talking about the robo fishbowl – apparently it is amazing
- Grandad: What on earth is a robo fishbowl?
- James: It is a fishbowl with a robotic fish inside. You fill it with water and the fish swims around...it's like having a real fish but you don't have to feed it!
- Grandad: But won't you get rather bored with that after a while James? You already have a real hamster, which needs some attention judging from the smell coming from your bedroom!
- James: All my friends think it is cool and I want to be the first to get one Grandad.
- Grandad: Right

- James: I also want to buy a game called "Monopoly Empire." According to my friend Bill, this game is all about money....you know Grandad I want to be a millionaire when I grow up, so I think I will play this game every day to learn how to make more money.
- Grandad: I see. So having emptied the sweet and toy shops, will you have anything left for the Tearfund box James?
- James: I don't think so Grandad because if I have any money left I will head off to my favourite clothes shop for some spider man socks. Oh Grandad....I can't wait to do this.....I am going to have such fun spending all of my money.
- Grandad: And all of it on yourself James.....do you really think that will make you happy?
- James: Yes of course it will Grandad
- Grandad: Really James?
- James: Well perhaps I'll feel a bit sick after eating all of those sweets myself and the robotic fish will need batteries every few days which will be a pain.....
- Grandad: or it might break down?
- James: I hadn't thought of that Grandad
- Grandad: And perhaps playing Monopoly empire will be fun a few times, but playing day after day would get...
- James: Boring....you're right Grandad....what do you think I should do with my money?
- Grandad: Do you really want to know James?
- James: Yes I do Grandad....what should I do?
- Grandad: I think that the very first thing that you need to do is to realise that all of this money really belongs to someone else!
- James: What do you mean Grandad? It is mine....I earned it by working really hard.
- Grandad: I know you worked hard for it James, but everything you have is a gift from your heavenly Father....it is actually His money and He wants you to enjoy what He has given you, but He also wants you to learn to store up treasures in heaven.
- James: Is there a giant piggy bank in heaven then Grandad?
- Grandad: No James there isn't!
- James: So how do I store up treasures in heaven?
- Grandad: You learn to give back to your Father some of what He has given to you.....

- James: How do I do that?
- Grandad: You give part of your money to your church to support the ministry of Jesus there. I have always found that a good guideline is to give the first ten percent of the money I have to my church.
- James: So that would be four pounds and sixty eight pence of my piggy bank money Grandad.....that's loads of money
- Grandad: I know James.....but the wonderful thing about storing up treasure in heaven is that it can't be stolen and it will last for ever.
- James: Really Grandad?
- Grandad: Really James
- James: Apart from giving money to my church can I store up treasures in heaven in any other ways?
- Grandad: Yes of course.....every-time you give money to help someone else in need, you are storing up a little more treasure
- James: They are asking us in our youth group to give money to help buy a water tank for people in Uganda who have to walk miles for clean water....if I give some money to that, is that storing up treasure Grandad?
- Grandad: Definitely
- James: In that case I will give four pounds and sixty eight pence to church and
- Grandad: And?
- James: And forty pounds to the water tank project.
- Grandad: James that is really generous, but....
- James: No buts Grandad – I want to be a billionaire in heaven so I need lots of treasure up there. Now, please will you take me to the sweet shop because I want to spend the last two pounds and fourteen pence on chocolate?
- Grandad: Oh James!

Exit James and Grandad