

Puppet Script

(PJG031)

Christmas Eve

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “CHRISTMAS EVE” (PJG031)

Aim of script: To show that at the heart of Christmas is the gift of Jesus and that we need to prepare for His arrival.

Use of Script: This script works as a “stand-alone” piece in a Carol service. In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be preceded by inviting people to think about all of the practical preparations that they are making for Christmas.

The script could be followed by teaching about how we need to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus at Christmas time in the same way that John the Baptist prepared people’s hearts to receive Jesus the first time He came to earth.

Main themes: Christmas, preparations

Biblical references: Matthew 3:1-13

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/>



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Enter Grandad

Grandad: I wonder where James is.....I expect he is wrapping up his presents for his mum and dad. Aaahhh.....here he comes.....I can hear him singing.

Enter James singing to the tune of “Jingle bells”

James: *Jingle bells, batman smells, robin laid an egg.....* Oh hello Grandad.....when did you come round?

Grandad: Hello James....I just popped in to see how you all are doing and to see if I could lend a hand before tomorrow.

James: It’s lovely to see you Grandad. Oh I am soooooo excited...I can’t believe that it is Christmas Day tomorrow. Have you looked under the Christmas tree Grandad? There are loads and loads of presents and most of them are for me.

Grandad: Yes I had noticed.....so many people are kind to you James. Have you wrapped up your presents yet for your mum and dad?

James: No I haven’t quite got round to it yet. Guess what I’ve bought Dad?

Grandad: I haven’t a clue James. What have you bought him?

- James: A massive bar of Toblerone....well I should say....most of a bar of Toblerone.
- Grandad: What do you mean....most of a bar of Toblerone?
- James: Well I got rather hungry in the middle of the night after cubs last week so I had a little nibble....and then another little nibble and then rather a lot of other nibbles.....but Grandad there are still a few pieces left.
- Grandad: Oh James....I wish you'd told me earlier and we could have gone down to the shops together and bought your dad another one. So what have you bought your mum? Please don't tell me..... most of a bar of crunchie?
- James: I have bought her rather a nice fridge magnet as a matter of a fact. It says.... "Stop and count to ten before you lose your temper". Do you think she'll like it?
- Grandad: Mmmm.....not what you might call a very diplomatic present.
- James: What's diplomatic Grandad?
- Grandad: Never mind James.....how about you tell me what you have been doing over these last few weeks as I have hardly seen you?
- James: Last weekend dad and I went and got the Christmas tree from the garden centre and then it took dad absolutely ages to put up the lights.
- Grandad: I hope you kept well out of the way James.
- James: Dad started to say words that I didn't understand, and when I asked him what they meant mum told me to go and buy some milk for her. I don't know why because we already had six pints of milk in the fridge.
- Grandad: Well the tree certainly looks beautiful to me. You made a very good job of decorating it....although I have to say that there are some fairly unusual decorations on it.
- James: Thanks Grandad. Did you like my dinosaurs with party hats on?
- Grandad: Mmmm.....so tell me....what else have you been doing James?
- James: Lots and lots of shopping with mum.....it's really boooooooring. I hate shopping but there seems to be endless stuff to buy. Presents for Auntie this, presents for Uncle that and then all of the food. You'd think that mum was feeding an army the way the trolley is piled up high.
- Grandad: I'm sure that you will enjoy all of the lovely food that your mum cooks for you tomorrow. I'm looking forward to our lunch together.
- James: So am I Grandad especially the turkey and the stuffing. I hope mum doesn't make me eat a Brussels sprout again, just because it is "good for me."
- Grandad: If she does we don't want the dying cow impression like last year James OK?

- James: OK Grandad. I shall just have to squish it under my foot.
- Grandad: I'll pretend I didn't hear that James.....
- James: Thanks Grandad.....oh I forgot to tell you that as well as decorating the Christmas tree and all of that shopping, I have also been to three parties, a trip to Father Christmas in the shopping centre, an outing to the pantomime, carol singing with the church, a play at my cousin's school, skating at the O2 arena andI'm worn out.
- Grandad: I'm not surprised James. I'm exhausted just listening to you.
- James: Mum said the other day that she wished we could cancel Christmas Grandad.....but I love it....all of the food, the presents, the entertainments....in fact I can't wait to see all of the films on the TV tomorrow afternoon.....
- Grandad: I know James...it is all so much fun...but imagine for a moment that all of the things you have just told me were taken away, as your dear mother is longing for right now.
- James: Like the presents and the Christmas tree?
- Grandad: Yes
- James: And the food and the parties?
- Grandad: Yes
- James: And Father Christmas and pantomimes and plays and skating and Christmas TV?
- Grandad: Yes
- James: There wouldn't be anything left Grandad.....that doesn't sound much fun to me.
- Grandad: Think again James.....the most precious thing of all would be left.....
- James: I know...carol singing. I made loads of money Grandad, although I did get really cold
- Grandad: James.....think again.....who were you singing about?
- James: aaaah.....I know.....we were singing about Jesus being born....
- Grandad: Well done James.....you see Christmas is actually all about Father God sending his son Jesus to earth so that we can receive His precious gifts of love, peace, hope, joy and life. Now that is something truly worth celebrating isn't it?
- James: It is Grandad. Oh thank you for coming round and talking with me otherwise I might have forgotten about Jesus.....oh no....I have just realised something..

Grandad: What's that James?

James: In all of my busyness doing other things, I have forgotten to buy Jesus a present! I have nothing to give him. Perhaps I could give him my sprouts? He did make them after all!

Grandad: Oh James!

Exit James and Grandad