

Puppet Script

(PJG033)

My hamster has died

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “MY HAMSTER HAS DIED” (PJJG033)

Aim of script: To share the hope that death is not the end for the Christian.....it is the door we pass through into Resurrection life.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be preceded by talking about the fear of death that many people live with, as they think that death is the end. The disciples were devastated on Good Friday as they thought that Jesus’ death was not only the end of Him, but also the end of everything that they hoped for.

The script could be followed by teaching about Jesus’ Resurrection and that through faith in him; we too will be raised to eternal life.

Main themes: Death, Resurrection, Hope, Good Friday

Biblical references: Luke 23:44-46, Luke 24:1-8, John 14:1-3, 1Corinthians 15

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: James I have come over early today as I have a special surprise for you.

James: *(sadly)*really

Grandad: I thought that we could go up to London today by train to the Science museum.

James: *(sadly)*.....will you have the energy Grandad?

Grandad: Of course I have the energy James....now tell me what is bothering you? You don’t seem your normal chirpy self today.

James: Smudge died early this morning Grandad.

Grandad: Oh dear....I’m so sorry James.....you’ve had that hamster for over two years now haven’t you?

- James: He was my little friend Grandad.....every day when I came back from school I used to get him out of his cage and I would send him round the obstacle course I had made for him. He was such a clever hamster.
- Grandad: I know James.....it is very sad that Smudge has gone now....
- James: I even loved Smudge when he bit me, which he did loads of times.....
- Grandad: He had very sharp teeth didn't he?
- James: I have been crying all morning Grandad.....I keep running up to my room and holding him in my hands, hoping that he will wake up.....but his little body is going really stiff.
- Grandad: I think that we ought to go and give him a proper burial in the garden James don't you?
- James: But I don't want to let him go Grandad.....I will never see him again. I don't want to put him in the ground....I want to keep him forever.
- Grandad: I am afraid that much as you love Smudge James, you can't keep him forever....now that he has died, we need to make sure that his body is laid to rest in the right place....and that isn't your bedroom.
- James: Alright Grandad.....dad has already dug a hole under the blackberry bushes where we can bury Smudge.....I guess I just need to hold him one last time.
- Grandad: OK...you go and do that and then we'll have a little funeral service by the blackberry bushes.
- James: Thanks Grandad.....er.....are **you** feeling alright?
- Grandad: Yes James I am feeling fine thank you.
- James: Don't take this the wrong way Grandad.....but you are quite old aren't you?
- Grandad: I suppose I am....but don't worry James....I'm not about to die!
- James: Oh that's a relief.....I have been so worried that you would die next and I love you so much Grandad that I can't bear to think of you not around anymore.....
- Grandad: You are going to have to put up with your old Grandad being around for a bit longer James.....
- James: Good.....I hate death Grandad.....it is so mean.....it takes all the best things away.....like Smudge.....
- Grandad: I know James.....death is horrid.....but for someone who follows Jesus, like me, death is not the end of everything.....
- James: What do you mean Grandad?

Grandad: Jesus has promised his followers that when we die we will go to be with Him.....not only that but we will receive a brand new resurrection body like He received.....

James: Oh wow....

Grandad: So I tend to think of death as being a bit like a door that we have to go through. On the other side of the door is Jesus ready to welcome us.

James: I can't wait to see Jesus Grandad.....

Grandad: Neither can I James....so come on.....let's go and bury Smudge and then we'll head off to the Science museum if you feel like it.

James: Thanks Grandad.....just one more thing. I wonder if hamsters meet Jesus after they have died.....because if they do, I hope that Smudge doesn't bite Him!

Grandad: James!

Exit James and Grandad