

# Puppet Script

(PJG036)

## The cost of sin

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## PUPPET SCRIPT: “THE COST OF SIN!” (PJG036)

**Aim of script:** To “unpack” what sin is and what it cost Jesus to deal with it.

**Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script can be introduced by reading a Gospel account of Jesus’ crucifixion, possibly using the dramatized Bible. This can be followed by a short talk explaining the suffering that Jesus went through on the cross; both the physical torture and also the spiritual suffering where He was cut off from His Father. Our sins cost Jesus dearly.....they cost Him His life.

The script can be followed by leading people in a prayer of confession.....followed by a time of thanksgiving for what the Lord has done for us on the cross.

**Main themes:** The Cross, Sin

**Biblical references:** Luke 23:33-49, Romans 3:23-24, 2Corinthians 5:21, 1John 1:8-9

**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: James, James, where are you?

*Enter James*

James: Hello Grandad.....here I am.

Grandad: How nice to see you again James. Would you like to come with me and spend your pocket money at the sweet shop? It’s a lovely day for a walk.

James: Oh....er....that would have been really nice....but actually...I mean....I don’t ...

Grandad: What is the matter James? Aren’t you feeling well?

James: Well not really Grandad. I mean.....I am well in my body but not in my pocket.

Grandad: Oh I see. Why have you lost your pocket money this time?

- James: How did you guess that I've lost my pocket money? It's a long story Grandad and it's all because of that silly "sin" box mum has put on the kitchen table for Lent.
- Grandad: A "sin" box.....what a good idea. Does that mean that every time you do something naughty you have to put money into it?
- James: Yes Grandad. It is soooooo unfair because I seem to be the only one that fills it up.
- Grandad: I am surprised.
- James: I think Dad should have put some money in it the other day when he was so angry with me.
- Grandad: What had you done James?
- James: Just a simple little joke I played on our Vicar.....I thought it was funny but no-one else did.
- Grandad: Go on.....
- James: All I did was put the goldfish I had won at the fair into the font to enjoy a little swim during the service.....but when the Vicar came to do the baptism and pour the water over the baby.....the fish swam into the shell he used and it landed whop on the baby's head.
- Grandad: Oh no James...I bet that caused quite a commotion.
- James: It did Grandad.....and my poor old goldfish fell on the floor and wriggled and wriggled. No-one went to pick it up, so I ran up the aisle, grabbed my fish and put it back into the font. The vicar went red, then purple, then red again. Mum said that she was so embarrassed that I lost two week's pocket money to the "sin" box and then dad had a big go at me.
- Grandad: That sounds very reasonable to me James. There must be quite a lot of money in that box by now.....as we are only a week away from Easter....
- James: Actually Grandad.....there isn't any money in it at all.
- Grandad: What do you mean James? You have just told me that there is at least two weeks of your pocket money in the box.....and my guess is that there is probably more. If it's not in the box where is it?
- James: In that plant you saw when you walked into the house Grandad.
- Grandad: James.....you don't mean to say that you have robbed the "sin" box so that you could buy your mum a plant for Mothering Sunday last week do you?
- James: I didn't "rob" the box Grandad. That money was all mine anyway and I thought Mothering Sunday was a good cause.
- Grandad: Oh James...what are we going to do with you? Does your mother know about this?

James: No Grandad she doesn't. You won't tell her will you?

Grandad: But what will you say if she asks you where the money has gone James?

James: I'll tell her that we must have had a burglary Grandad.

Grandad: But James that is a lie.....

James: I'm just fed up with this silly old "sin" box.

Grandad: Oh James.....I think that your mother is simply trying to help you understand that there is a cost to sin.

James: Grandad....can I ask you a question.....what exactly is sin?

Grandad: That is a very good question James.....sin is when we break God's holy laws.... when we fail to love Him and when we fail to love other people. It isn't just killing, stealing, or telling lies. We sin when we live to please ourselves rather than God.

James: Oh....

Grandad: An easy way to remember what is at the heart of sin is to look at the middle letter in the word sin.....

James: The letter I?

Grandad: That's right James.....Sin is "me first".....what I want, me at the centre, instead of God first.....what God wants.....God at the centre.

James: Oh, I see.

Grandad: The problem with sin is that it spoils things.....it spoils your relationships with other people and it stops you from having a relationship with Father God as He is holy.

James: I know it spoils things with mum when I lie.....it feels horrible inside when I can see that she doesn't trust me.....

Grandad: So I think that your mum put out a sin box for Lent to help you learn in a simple way that sin has a cost.....

James: Well it certainly cost me a lot of pocket money this Lent Grandad.....

Grandad: I know James....but sin really cost Jesus most of all....sin cost Jesus His very life.....

James: How come Grandad? I don't remember any Bible stories about Jesus doing anything really bad.

Grandad: Jesus didn't do anything bad James.....but he chose to come to earth and take the punishment that you and I deserve for our sins.....and that punishment was death.....death on a cross.

- James: Wow.....I didn't know that sin was so serious.....Jesus must love us very much if he was willing to take our punishment.....
- Grandad: He does James.....and He did it so that we can enjoy a relationship with our holy Heavenly Father.....
- James: Thank you Grandad for helping me understand about sin and what it cost Jesus....I think that I had better go and tell mum what has happened to all of the money in the "sin" box.....
- Grandad: What a good idea James.....
- James: It won't be easy....but in a way I'll feel much better once I've got that sorted out. Perhaps while I'm sorting things out, I ought to tell Dad where his whiskey has gone.
- Grandad: What do you mean James.....the last time I saw the whiskey bottle it was full?
- James: It is full Grandad.....but not with whiskey! I thought it would be fun to give the whiskey to the cat..... you should have seen her trying to walk afterwards.....but then I panicked so I filled up the bottle again.
- Grandad: Filled it up again.....with what?
- James: Cold tea from the teapot Grandad
- Grandad: Oh James!!
- Exit James and Grandad*