

# Drama Script

(DRA024)

## First day at school

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## DRAMA: “FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL” (DRA024)

- Aim of Script:** To reassure people of the Lord’s presence with them when they face difficult situations, like the first day of a new school.
- Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship service the script could be preceded by reading Psalm 23 and talking about the Lord being our shepherd, who is with us not only in the good times but also in the harder times. His promise is that He will never leave us nor abandon us and will provide for all of our needs.
- The script could be followed by teaching that one of the ways the Lord provides for us is that He sends other people to come and help us when we really need help. Not only that, but He also asks us to go and provide help to others when they really need it.
- Main themes:** The Good Shepherd, God’s promise of His presence, School, New starts
- Biblical references:** Psalm 23, Matthew 28:20, John 14:16
- Cast:** Narrator, Jim, Teacher, Bill, older girl, Basil
- Props:** Bible and Bible notes, school bag, football, two chairs at front of stage

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*(Enter Jim who stands centre stage, miming that he is asleep.)*

**Narrator:** It was Jim’s first day at High school. When the alarm woke him up, he had a good stretch, *(Jim stretches)* and immediately remembered that he was starting his new school today. *(Jim mimes fear)*

He was feeling very nervous because none of his friends were going to his new school and he was wondering how he would cope and whether anyone would want to be his friend.

He was also worried that he might get lost around such a big school, and whether he would manage the work.

As he did every day before he went to school, he reached for His Bible study notes so that he could spend some time with his Father God.

*(Jim picks up Bible study notes and His Bible and turns them to the right page)*

He read the verse for the day:

**Jim:** “Jesus said to his disciples, “I will talk to the Father, and he will provide you with another friend so that you will always have someone with you. This friend is the Spirit of truth”” John 14 verse 16

**Narrator:** Jim’s Bible notes went on to tell him that every follower of Jesus has the Holy Spirit living within them, so that they would never be on their own. This really cheered Jim up to realise that God would be with him through his day. He finished his quiet time by praying,

Jim: Father God please help me today as I start High school. Please keep reminding me that you are with me, and that I am not alone. I give this day to you. Amen.

*(Jim puts down the Bible and notes)*

Narrator: Jim quickly had his breakfast *(mimes eating)* grabbed his bag *(picks up school bag)*, said goodbye to his mum.

Jim: Bye Mum

Narrator: and ran to catch the bus for school. *(Exit Jim)* Half an hour later he was walking into the school playground with hundreds of other children.

*(Enter Jim with school bag on his shoulder walking around looking nervous)*

He was starting to feel rather alone when a teacher walked across the playground towards him.

*(Enter Teacher who walks towards Jim)*

Jim recognised her as one of the ladies who went to his church. She smiled at Jim and said:

Teacher: Hello Jim, how nice to see you. I hope you enjoy your first day at King's School. I am your Year Head, so if you need to talk about anything, don't hesitate to come and speak to me.

*(Exit teacher)*

Narrator: Jim suddenly felt less alone. He knew one of the teachers, and she had been really nice to him. *(Exit Jim)*

The rest of the morning went smoothly until the bell rang for morning break. Many of the children seemed to know each other and went off to different parts of the playground to play. Jim was left on his own.

*(Enter Jim who wanders around then stops)*

After a while, he silently prayed:

Jim: Father, I am feeling very alone now. Please show me someone I can play with.

Narrator: At that moment he saw a boy with a football walking out onto the playground.

*(Enter boy with football under his arm)*

As the boy walked past him Jim plucked up the courage to say:

Jim: Hi, I'm Jim. Can I come and play too?

Boy: Of course you can, I'm Bill. Come and join in.

*(Exit Bill and Jim)*

Narrator: Jim went off with Bill and before long he was enjoying a game of football. It didn't seem long before the bell went again calling everyone back to lessons. *(Enter Jim who sits on chair at front miming reading a book)*

By one o'clock Jim's stomach was starting to rumble, and so he was very glad when the bell finally went for lunch break. Some of the children had brought packed lunches, but his mother had given him money for a school lunch.

Having put his books away, *(puts book down, gets up and wanders aimlessly around)* he then went in search of the canteen and before long he was well and truly lost. He seemed to have walked down miles of corridors and passed lots of rooms, but none of them were the canteen.

Jim started to feel frightened and lost and wondered whether he would ever find any lunch, so he silently prayed:

Jim: Father, I am lost and feeling rather frightened and hungry. Please help me find my way to the canteen.

Narrator: A couple of minutes later, Jim saw a much older girl walking down the corridor towards him.

*(Enter older girl)*

He plucked up all of his courage and said,

Jim: I'm lost. Please could you help me find my way to the canteen?

Older girl: Sure. You're nearly there actually. Come with me because I am heading there myself.

*(Exit older girl with Jim)*

Narrator: The older girl not only showed Jim where to find the canteen, but she took him in, showed him how to pay for his meal, and what to do about choosing his food.

After lunch it was time for afternoon lessons.

*(Enter Jim)*

Jim had noticed in the morning that there seemed to one boy in his class that no-one wanted to sit next to.

*(Enter Basil who stands at a distance from Jim)*

This boy looked different from everyone else as his uniform was rather scruffy and he walked with a funny limp. As Jim walked back into his classroom a thought came into his mind which said, "Be friendly to Basil"

Jim realised that His Heavenly Father was speaking to him, so when he saw Basil in the classroom he said:

Jim: Hi, I'm Jim, would you like to come and sit next to me?

Basil: Oh yes please, I'm Basil.

*(Basil walks over to Jim and they sit down next to each other on the two chairs)*

Narrator: Before long, Jim and Basil were becoming friends, and Basil smiled for the first time that day. At the end of the day *(Basil and Jim stand up and Basil exits)* as Jim walked to the bus stop, *(Jim walks in opposite direction to Basil)* he thanked His heavenly Father for being with Him in so many ways.

Jim: Thanks Father for being with me today and helping me in so many ways.

Narrator: Jim realised that He was going to manage High school after all because he was never alone with Father God helping him.

*(Exit Jim and Narrator)*