

Drama Script

(DRA030)

Padding the boat

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DRAMA: “PADDLING THE BOAT” (DRA030)

- Aim of Script:** To encourage Christians to play their part in the ministry of the church.
- Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship service the script could be preceded by an opening prayer and a time of sung worship.
- The script could be followed by teaching people that as the body of Christ we all have a part to play. Some are gifted to be leaders (steer the boat), others are gifted to listen to God and speak about where God wants to take the church (use the binoculars), others are gifted to teach (use the training manual), others are gifted to pastor (use the first aid box) others are gifted to evangelise (use the megaphone) or take some other part. You could interview different members of the church about the ministries that they are involved in.
- Main themes:** Ministry, The Body of Christ, Gifts of the Spirit
- Biblical references:** 1Corinthians 12:1-27, Ephesians 4:1-16
- Cast:** Lenny (the Leader), Priscilla (the Prophetic), Ted (the Teacher), Pat (the Pastor), Evan (the Evangelist), boat owner (who speaks the last line using an off stage microphone)
- Props:** Boat with four paddles, Ideally life-jackets for the five people (but not essential), rudder, pair of binoculars, training manual (ie Bible), 1st aid box, megaphone
- Before the Service:** The boat is positioned centre stage with its paddles to one side

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(Enter Boat owner carrying the binoculars, Bible, 1st aid box and megaphone. He goes and stands behind the boat. Enter Lenny, Prudy, Ted, Pat and Evan, who walk towards the boat chatting and laughing. Once they reach the boat they gather around it.)

Boat owner: Hi everyone. What a lovely day for the journey you are taking up the river. You are heading for paradise creek, a beautiful little spot where you will be able to rest. The current in the river is very strong, so you will need to paddle hard, and work as a team in order to get there, or the current will pull you back. I've got the boat all ready for you, so if you'd like to climb in.

(People climb in one at a time, and owner gives them their paddles and extras. Lenny is given a rudder)

Here you are Lenny. You are just the right person to steer the boat so you will need to sit at the back.

(Prudy is given a paddle and a pair of binoculars, which she puts around her neck.)

Here you are Prudy. You are just the right person to use these binoculars. They will help you see the way ahead so that you won't all go in the wrong direction.

(Ted is given a paddle and a Bible).

Here you are Ted. You are just the right person to use this training manual. It will help you know what to do at every stage of the journey.

(Pat is given a paddle and a first aid box.)

Here you are Pat. You are just the right person to use this first aid box, which you will need to tend any wounds that occur on the journey.

(Evan is given a paddle and a megaphone.)

Here you are Evan. You are just the right person to use this megaphone. You will need it to tell other boats you come across about paradise creek, and how to get there.

Have a good journey and remember that it is very important that you all pull together otherwise you won't get to paradise creek. Good-bye.

(Exit Boat owner. Everyone in the boat begins to row together and in time with one another.)

Lenny: Well done everyone.....nice and steady.....1,2,3,4, 1,2,3,4...1,2,3,4,

(Evan puts down their paddle)

Evan: I can't do this anymore. It's way too hard for me. I just can't do it. Sorry folks.

(Other three people show that they have to paddle harder. After a while Pat puts down their paddle.)

Pat: I don't like this part of the boat, I would much rather steer.

(Pat then stands up and makes to move to the back of the boat. The whole boat rocks and everyone gets panicked)

Lenny: Sit down or the boat will sink

(Pat sits down rather grumpily and carries on paddling half-heartedly.)

Prudy: I don't want these binoculars.....they're boring. I'd much rather use the megaphone. Why can't I have the megaphone?

Ted: Stop moaning Prudy and start using those binoculars. We need you to keep an eye on the way ahead so we won't get lost.

Prudy: But it's not fair.....I want the megaphone and if I can't have it then I am not rowing anymore.

(Prudy puts down their paddle)

Ted: Well that's just great....I wonder if my training manual tells me what to do with selfish people.

Evan: Come on Ted....that's a bit unnecessary.

Ted: Really...and that comes from someone who isn't even bothering to row anymore because he thinks it's "too hard." Please stop the boat. I'm getting off and going home.

(Ted puts down their paddle)

Lenny: Hey guys....calm down. We are never going to get to Paradise creek if we all behave like this. Do you remember what the owner said to us? He said that we would all need to pull together as a team, or the current would pull us backwards. He gave each one of us a part to play, so let's play it, OK?

Evan: Yeah....you're right....sorry guys for being selfish. *(Evan picks up their paddle)*
We do want to get to Paradise creek don't we?

Pat: Yes we do. Come on everyone let's try again and pull together, and use all the equipment that the owner gave us to help us get there.

(Everyone picks up paddles and starts to paddle. After a short time they freeze)

Boat owner: Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it.

(Exit all)