

# Puppet Script

(PJL003)

**I want to punch him**

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## PUPPET SCRIPT: “I WANT TO PUNCH HIM!” (PJL003)

**Aim of script:** To teach that obeying Jesus is wise, whereas going our own way is foolish.

**Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be preceded by the Bible reading of “The two builders” in Matthew’s Gospel

The script can be followed by teaching on obedience.

**Main themes:** Obedience, forgiveness, wisdom

**Biblical references:** Matthew 7:24-27

**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 female friend “Lucy” – a girl puppet, who is also a follower of Jesus. 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 Lucy*

James: I am so cross

Lucy: I can see that. What is the matter with you James?

James: I am so cross that I want to go and punch Alfie

Lucy: Why.....what’s Alfie done?

James: *(ignoring Lucy)* In fact I think I will go and sort it out now.....once and for all. I have had enough of all of his messing with me. He is going to get a black eye and it will serve him right.

Lucy: James.....hello.....it’s Lucy here.....your friend. Please stop ignoring me.

James: Sorry Lucy....I’m a bit distracted. I need to go and sort Alfie out once and for all.

Lucy: What has Alfie done to you James? Why are you so cross?

James: Alfie has been flicking bits of paper and rubber at me all through chemistry class and now I am in trouble....can you believe it?

Lucy: That’s tough. Who’s your teacher?

James: Mr Rahim

- Lucy: Oh dear. He is pretty strict
- James: Tell me about it. I kept turning round to tell Alfie to stop flicking me and Mr Rahim pounced on me and told me to stop disrupting his lesson. I have an after school detention on Wednesday and I also have to explain to my mum that it wasn't my fault or I will lose my pocket money for a month.
- Lucy: Poor James you have had a rough time
- James: Anyway I'm going to go and sort it out myself. Alfie is going to get one big punch that he will never forget.
- Lucy: Do you think that is the best way of sorting this out James?
- James: Yes. Don't start telling me that I should "kiss and make up". I'm not a girl like you. We boys have our own ways of sorting things out....Ben said I should punch him and so did Alistair.
- Lucy: I was just thinking about what Mr Watson said in Sunday school last week about obeying Jesus and doing things His way. Do you think punching Alfie would be Jesus' way of sorting things out?
- James: Probably not. I guess Jesus would tell me to forgive Alfie...oh that is soooo hard, when my fist is fired up and ready for landing on Alfie's cheek.
- Lucy: Hold onto that fist for a moment because Mr Watson also said that if we obey what Jesus says we are wise and not foolish
- James:(Pause) Hmmm it would just be my luck for Mr Rahim to catch me when I am in the middle of punching Alfie
- Lucy: And then you wouldn't just have an after school detention, but you might get suspended.
- James: That would probably be a year's worth of pocket money down the drain knowing my mum....oh this is so hard.
- Lucy: I know James...it is hard....but Jesus' way does seem the best doesn't it? If you get on and forgive Alfie, rather than punching him and getting into more trouble, you will be free to come on the class outing tonight to pizza hut.
- James: Alright Lucy....you're right.....I will do what Jesus says and forgive Alfie....
- Lucy: Well done James
- James: Do you realise you are looking at one wise boy Lucy? And while I am being wise, perhaps I had better stop throwing water bombs at Rachel during Mr Rahim's lesson!

*Exit James and Lucy*