

# Puppet Script

(PJG010)

## The queen's visit

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## PUPPET SCRIPT: “THE QUEEN’S VISIT” (PJG010)

**Aim of script:** To challenge people to be ready for Jesus’ second coming.

**Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, this script could be preceded by the Bible reading of Jesus warning people to be ready for when he returns again.

The script can be followed by teaching on how we are to prepare for Jesus’ return.

**Main themes:** Advent, Jesus’ second coming

**Biblical references:** Matthew 24, Acts 1:11, 1Thessalonians 4:13-18

**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 Grandad*

Grandad: James, James, what are you doing? Are you still playing on that X-box? You’re going to get square eyes. Come and tell me about your week.

*Enter James*

James: Hi Grandad.....do you really think my eyes might turn square? Cool!

Grandad: James I really do think you spend too much time staring at that screen.....now why don’t you tell me what you have been doing with yourself all week?

James: Nothing much really Grandad....

Grandad: Isn’t your school preparing for the visit of the Queen.....she must be coming soon?

James: Oh yes.....we are, but I am getting rather bored with it all. We seem to have been getting ready for ages.

Grandad: So what have you been doing?

James: We have been painting pictures to decorate our classroom.....I got a bit bored with that so I decided to paint something a little bit more interesting.

Grandad: Like what James?

- James: The floor.
- Grandad: What do you mean the floor?
- James: I thought that when important people come to visit, you normally put down a red carpet. I knew we didn't have a red carpet at school, so I painted a nice long stripe of red paint right down the middle of the classroom, so that when the queen visits she can walk on it.
- Grandad: What did Miss Smith think about that?
- James: She didn't see it until I had finished, and the funny thing was that she went the same colour as the paint and ran out of the classroom.
- Grandad: Can I ask you what sort of paint you were using?
- James: Oil paint Grandad
- Grandad: Ahhh.....poor Miss Smith.....well what else have you been doing to prepare?
- James: In cookery we have been making special sweets for her to eat.
- Grandad: What sort of sweets?
- James: Peppermint creams, orange creams, chilli creams, lem.....(*Grandad interrupts*)
- Grandad: Did I hear you right then James, chilli creams? I have never heard of those before.
- James: They are my own invention....that will give the queen a new taste sensation won't it Grandad?
- Grandad: Hmm.....I suppose it will. I don't expect Miss Smith knows about those does she?
- James: No....she left us to make them ourselves, and I found the chilli powder in the cupboard. I think someone left it behind after the last cookery class.
- Grandad: Apart from painting and cooking have you been doing anything else to prepare James?
- James: Oh yes Grandad loads of things...in fact all rather boring things, like writing stories, writing poems, making models....I'm fed up with it all Grandad.
- Grandad: But it will all have been worth it when the queen eventually arrives won't it James?
- James: Oh yes Grandad....It will be a wonderful day because Miss Smith says that she is going to shake each one of us by the hand and speak to us. I'm practising my poshest voice. Good morning, your royal highness.....what a pleasure it is for your humble servant James Augustus Horace Wilfred William Henry Beaumont to meet you.

Grandad: Hang on a minute, what's all this with the names? Those aren't all your names.

James: I know Grandad....but I want to impress her. And then I shall take a bow. I am so excited about that Grandad....and then as a class we are all going to have our photo taken with her....and then we are going to sit down together to eat....

Grandad: Don't tell me....your chilli creams.

James: Yes Grandad....and we will have a chance to show her our work. Yes I am looking forward to her coming even though we seem to have waited for ages.

Grandad: What day is she coming James?

James: Oh one Saturday....we all have to be at school by nine o'clock in the morning as she is arriving at half past nine. Miss Smith thinks that we will be home again by lunch time.

Grandad: How wonderful. Oh look at the time. Do excuse me James as I must go and put on the television. In a few minutes time it is the England - Scotland rugby match and I have been looking forward to watching it. This day is etched on my memory.... Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

James: Did you say Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> Grandad?

Grandad: Yes James I did, why?

James:(*slowly*)Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> is the day the queen is coming. Grandad what time is it?

Grandad: It's five to two James....you have been watching television and playing on your Xbox all morning. Are you sure it is today that the queen is coming?

James: Yes Grandad....it was today.....and I have missed it. Oh, why wasn't I ready?

*Exit James and Grandad*