

Puppet Script

(PJG040)

What a rubbish party

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “WHAT A RUBBISH PARTY!” (PJG040)

- Aim of script:** To teach the biblical truth that everyone is welcome in the Kingdom of God.
- Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script can be introduced by asking people to think about who they would invite to a party they were putting on.....then who they wouldn't invite.
- The script could be followed by teaching that Jesus welcomes everyone into His kingdom, irrespective of their age, nationality, gender or what they have done in their past. Read the biblical account of Jesus calling the tax collector Levi to follow Him, (Mark 2:13-17) and how that offended the religious people. Teach that as members of God's family, we need to see people as Jesus sees them and extend a welcome to all.
- Main themes:** Welcome, God's love
- Biblical references:** Mark 2:13-17, Mark 9:37, Luke 15:1

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 and James

- James: That's it.....I am definitely not going to mum and dad's party tomorrow night
- Grandad: Hello James....you do seem rather grumpy today
- James: I am Grandad.....in fact I am feeling very cross
- Grandad: So tell your old Grandad what's going on
- James: It's mum and dad's party Grandad
- Grandad: Oh yes...I'm really looking forward to it.....I think they are wonderful the way that they have invited the whole of your street to come along and celebrate Christmas.
- James: Well I don't
- Grandad: Why's that James?
- James: Where do I even begin.....do you know the people at number four?

- Grandad: I'm not sure I do James
- James: They are thieves Grandad.....two of the four men who live there have just come out of prison for burglary
- Grandad: I see
- James: So I don't understand why mum and dad have invited them to our party.....we will have to hide all of the silver and the jewellery
- Grandad: Since when did your parents have any silver James.....and do you have a mysterious stash of jewellery somewhere in your bedroom that I don't know about?
- James: That's not funny Grandad.....
- Grandad: Your parents want to bless everyone in the street James.....I know that they have been praying about this for a long time....
- James: But I don't want to associate with thieves Grandad....
- Grandad: Mmmmm.....I seem to remember an incident not so long ago with a missing five pound note....
- James: Well.....that's not all Grandad.....mum and dad have invited those awful people from number twenty six too....you know the ones who are always shouting at each other.....what if they shout at each other when they come round here?
- Grandad: I don't think that they will do that James
- James: Not only that but the young couple from number thirty one have also been invited..... they're the ones who are always getting drunk and sing at the top of their voices as they come back from the pub on a Saturday night....
- Grandad: I see
- James: To make matter even worse I have just heard that all the zillions of children from number fifteen are coming
- Grandad: I thought that you'd enjoy playing with the other children James
- James: Not two and three year olds Grandad.....I'll have to hide all of my toys....in fact I think I'll stand at the garden gate and tell the children to go home and to bed.....they are definitely not welcome here
- Grandad: Oh dear.....
- James: And that's not all Grandad
- Grandad: Does it get worse?

- James: Yes it does.....mum has baked all of my favourite cakes and biscuits for this party and I'm not allowed to eat any of them before tomorrow night.....why is she giving the best stuff to those people?
- Grandad: Can I tell you a true story James?
- James: Alright Grandad
- Grandad: One day Jesus invited a tax collector called Levi to follow Him.....in Jesus' day tax collectors were hated by the other people.....they were thought to be dishonest, greedy traitors....
- James: Really?
- Grandad: But Jesus wanted Levi on His team.....and He welcomed him into his group of followers
- James: Oh....
- Grandad: The teachers of the law and the Pharisees, who were the respectable people, were very cross with Jesus for welcoming Levi. They did not like it all when Jesus welcomed lots of other people who had done wrong things to come and be His followers.....even eating with him.....
- James: A bit like I'm getting cross with mum and dad Grandad.....
- Grandad: Yes James.....you see Jesus looks at people differently from the way we often look at them.....he sees each one of us as infinitely valuable and so welcomes us all into His kingdom with His love.....as Jesus' followers we need to be like him.....
- James: Alright Grandad.....I'll try and be friendly.....but I'm still standing at the gate.....
- Grandad: What if I told you that Jesus loves to welcome children too?
- James: Hmmmm.....so I'll try and welcome the children too.....
- Grandad: Well done James.....
- James: I must dash Grandad.....I have a few preparations to make before tomorrow evening's well-timed releases.....
- Grandad: Well-timed releases James?
- James: I have a bucket of frogs I collected from the village pond and twenty wasps I have been collecting in a bag all waiting for their freedom!
- Grandad: James!

Exit James and Grandad