

Puppet Script

(PJG041)

Real men

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “REAL MEN....” (PJJG041)

Aim of script: To teach that the truth we need to enable us to lead a godly life comes from the Bible and not from the TV, magazines and the internet.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script can be introduced by giving people a number of statements and then asking whether they think the statements are true or false. The question is then asked: “Where do we go to find the truth we need to live by?”

The script could be followed by teaching that the Bible is our source of truth and that our minds need renewing through spending time reading and meditating on Scripture.

Main themes: Bible, Truth, Transforming of the mind

Biblical references: Romans 12:2, 2Timothy 3:16-17

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/>



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Enter Grandad and James

James: Owww.....ouch.....aaahhhh.....my muscles are complaining

Grandad: It's not just your muscles that are complaining James.....what have you been doing?

James: I did fifty sit-ups, fifty press-ups and I ran two miles yesterday...and now everything hurts

Grandad: That's impressive James.....what are you training for?

James: Nothing.....

Grandad: So why the sudden interest in exercising James.....this is most unlike you?

James: Real men Grandad are uber fit, very strong and have loads of bulging muscles....

Grandad: Ri..ght.....who told you that?

- James: Oh a bloke I saw on TV last night.....he was talking about how to be a real man.
- Grandad: I see
- James: My friend Bill also wants to be a real man Grandad
- Grandad: Does he now?
- James: Bill told me yesterday that real men shave their heads.....so I was wondering Grandad.....could you shave my hair off for me please?.....dad has an electric razor we could use.
- Grandad: I don't think your mum or your dad would be very happy with me if I did that James.....
- James: Please Grandad.....I really want to be a real man.....
- Grandad: I can see that James.....but if you are going to do something as radical as shaving off all of your hair, I think that we need to check in with your mum first.
- James: She won't understand Grandad.....and she'll say no.
- Grandad: Well seeing as we have some time, how about we go and help your mum get the tea James?
- James: That reminds me of something Grandad.....Eric told me today that it says on the internet that real men only eat steak and chips and drink at least eight pints of beer each day.....so
- Grandad: No....your mother is not about to buy you steak for your tea....or give you one pint of beer, let alone eight pints!
- James: But real men don't take arguments from their women Grandad according to "Men's weekly".....they **always** get their own way.....
- Grandad: I think that this has gone far enough James.....I can see trouble ahead if this continues.....
- James: But Grandad.....
- Grandad: No buts James.....Now what is all this talk about being a real man?
- James: Well me and my friends were chatting the other day and we decided that we wanted to be real men Grandad.....like Danny Muscles and Edwin Glamour.....
- Grandad: I see....
- James: So we have been watching programmes on telly, reading magazines and looking on the internet to find out what we need to do to become real men

- Grandad: OK.....but you know James that you have been looking in the wrong place to find out the truth.
- James: Have I Grandad?
- Grandad: You won't find out how to become a real man by looking at the telly, or by reading magazines.....
- James: Won't I?
- Grandad: Because you see James....that the realest man who ever lived on earth was Jesus...
- James: Jesus?
- Grandad: Yes Jesus....and if you want to find out the truth about what a real man is actually like then you need to read your Bible.....
- James: Really?
- Grandad: And in your Bible you will discover that real men are loving and kind, patient and forgiving, self-sacrificing and powerful.....and they change the world....
- James: Oh, I want to be like that Grandad.....
- Grandad: Good....so let's find some time to do some Bible study together.....
- James: Thanks Grandad.....I'm so glad that we've had our chat....I wasn't looking forward to taking the caterpillar challenge....
- Grandad: The caterpillar challenge?
- James: According to Lewis.....real men have to eat a large caterpillar while singing "twinkle twinkle little star" in front of their class at school without getting caught by a teacher
- Grandad: Oh James!

Exit James and Grandad