

Puppet Script

(PJG042)

I don't like Covid19

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “I DON’T LIKE COVID19” (PJG042)

- Aim of script:** To encourage people to look for, and give thanks for, God’s blessings through the Covid19 crisis, because God’s love, and goodness remain the same whatever happens in our lives.
- Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script can be introduced by saying that sometimes the situations in our lives can change dramatically, but God’s love and His goodness always stay the same.
- The script could be followed by sharing the blessings that people have received, followed by a time of thanksgiving.
- Main themes:** Change, God’s Love, Goodness, Faithfulness, Blessings
- Biblical references:** Lamentations 3:22-23, Psalm 107:1, 1 Chronicles 16:34, James 1:17

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 puppet screen. This script is different from others as James and Grandad are skyping each other on their phones, so some barrier between them would make that clear.

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Enter Grandad and James

- Grandad: Wow, it works.....well hello young James.....Grandad here.....skyping you!
- James: Hello Grandad.....you might want to take your thumb off the camera lens so that I can actually see you!
- Grandad: Okay.....now this is exciting isn’t it.....a skype chat together?
- James: *(In a grumpy voice)* Hmm.....I’d rather see you Grandad.....it’s been ages since you came round to my house.
- Grandad: I know James.....it is really hard isn’t it, but who would have thought that your old Grandad would start using technology eh?
- James: *(In a grumpy voice)* S’pose
- Grandad: Oh dear.....do we have a rather grumpy James today?
- James: I hate Covid19 Grandad.....I hate it, I hate it, I hate it.... Everything has changed since Covid19 came along.....I can’t even go to school anymore.
- Grandad: But I thought that you of all people would be pleased about that James?

James: I would have been except Mum is now my teacher.

Grandad: Oh, poor mum!

James: Poor mum.....she is the strictest teacher I have ever had. I have to start my lessons at ten o'clock in the morning and we don't finish until one o'clock.

Grandad: But James that is only three hours of school instead of your normal six hours. Isn't that a good change?

James: Maybe....but mum notices when I mess about and she doesn't let me get away with anything. It isn't fun anymore.

Grandad: You mean that you are actually learning a few more things!

James: Hmmmm

Grandad: So, if you aren't having school lessons in the afternoon, what are you doing?

James: Mum is teaching me to bake cakes and biscuits and we made some coconut ice yesterday, which was really yummy.

Grandad: Well that does sound like fun.....you couldn't be doing that if you were going to school now could you?

James: But Grandad, Covid19 is stopping me from going to the park with my friends and I love going there.

Grandad: I know you do James, but hasn't your dad built you something in the garden?

James: Oh yes. He has built me an obstacle course that goes around the garden and at four o'clock each day he times me going round it. So far my record is 10 minutes and 23 seconds. I'm trying to go round in under 10 minutes today.

Grandad: What a kind dad you have James and what a brilliant idea. I know how busy your dad is with work and it can't be easy for him trying to work from home.

James: But Grandad I can't meet up with my friends because of stupid old Covid19.

Grandad: I thought that you were using skype to spend time with them?

James: I am Grandad, but it's not the same....and.....

Grandad: Hold it there a moment James. All I am hearing from you is moan, moan, moan about the things that have changed.....but from what I am hearing it isn't all bad.....in fact you are enjoying some good changes.

James: I s'pose so....but....

Grandad: Now apart from all the things we have talked about, what other good changes have happened?

James: Errrrr.....oh yes, one really good change.

- Grandad: Go on...
- James: I am not having violin lessons anymore.
- Grandad: Why's that?
- James: Because my teacher got frustrated with me just playing wrong notes over and over again on Zoom, so she said that we would resume lessons when she can see me in person.
- Grandad: I see.
- James: Oh, and another thing
- Grandad: What's that?
- James: My church has put on their website some really cool ideas for doing church at home, which I have enjoyed, although I do miss playing jokes on the Vicar.
- Grandad: I'm sure you do....perhaps your Vicar is enjoying a little break from those jokes... maybe a good change for him!
- James: Oh Grandad do you think so?
- Grandad: I'm only joking James....now that's better.....you are starting to see all the good changes even though other parts of your life are difficult at the moment.
- James: You're right Grandad...although I still hate Covid19.
- Grandad: I know James....Covid19 has brought a lot of challenges to all of us, but even when everything in life changes we can be sure that one thing will never change.
- James: What's that Grandad?
- Grandad: Father God's love for us never changes. His love and His goodness always stays the same whatever else is going on around us. He still carries on blessing us day after daysometimes we just need eyes to see those blessings.....and then thank Him for them.
- James: Thanks Grandad for helping me see some of those blessings.
- Grandad: Why don't you and I have a "Skype blessings chat" at the end of each day and we can share how Father God has blessed each of us?
- James: Oh yes Grandad, I'd love that. I have just remembered a really big blessing.
- Grandad: What's that James?
- James: Because I can't go to the sweetshop, I ordered my sweets on dad's Amazon account and tomorrow 150 bars of peppermint aero are arriving!
- Grandad: Oh James!