

Puppet Script

(PJG043)

I'm afraid of Covid19

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “I’M AFRAID OF COVID19” (PJG043)

Aim of script: To encourage people that Jesus, the Lord of all creation is with them through the “storm” of Covid19.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script can be introduced by saying that sometimes things happen in our lives that leave us feeling afraid. Jesus has promised that whatever “storms” in life we face, He, the Lord of all creation, is with us.

The script could be followed by brainstorming ideas on how we can become more aware of Jesus’ presence with us, for example, through prayer, spending time in God’s creation, learning and meditating on Bible verses etc.

Main themes: Storms, Fear, Promise, Presence, Prayer.

Biblical references: Matthew 8:23-27, Matthew 14:22-33, Hebrews 13:5b-6, Philippians 4:6-7

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. **James has a small “blanket” over his head.***

Grandad: Hello James....or should I say hello blanket....what are you doing James?

James: I’m hiding Grandad.

Grandad: I can see that James, but who are you hiding from? Have you upset your dad again?

James: No Grandad....I’m hiding from Covid19.

Grandad: Right....

James: It’s going to get me Grandad, I know that it is and I’m so afraid. I don’t want to get really ill and go to hospital and be put on a venti-thing and then die and oh help Grandad, I am so scared....

Grandad: Oh, poor James.....you really are frightened aren’t you?

James: Yes I am Grandad.

Grandad: But hiding under a blanket isn’t going to help you James.

James: Won't it protect me Grandad?

Grandad: No, it won't James, so why don't you take off the blanket and we can have a little chat together.

James: If you're sure that my blanket isn't protecting me from nasty Covid Grandad?

Grandad: I'm sure.

James: *(Shakes off blanket)* Oh hello Grandad. I can see your face now.

Grandad: It's good to see your face too James. Now then why don't you tell me where all these anxious thoughts have come from?

James: I saw it all on the television last night Grandad. The news reporter said that lots of people are going to hospital and some people are dying and the more that he talked, the more frightened I got.

Grandad: I understand that totally James. Covid19 is a serious situation, but we don't need to get in a total panic about it. Many people have been ill, but they have also got better again.

James: Have they Grandad?

Grandad: Yes they have James.

James: Oh....

Grandad: And if we are sensible about washing our hands and keeping our distance from people then we will probably be ok too.....

James: Do you really think so Grandad?

Grandad: Yes I do James, but even if we did get ill, we can have hope as followers of Jesus.

James: How Grandad?

Grandad: Jesus promised His followers and He promises us that He is always with us. He will never leave us whatever is going on in our lives.....even if we caught Covid19.

James: That makes me feel a lot better Grandad.....I want Jesus to be close to me, especially if I got ill.

Grandad: Well He is James....it is like He is holding your hand.

James: Whenever I feel afraid walking in the dark to my violin lesson, dad holds my hand. When he does that I feel safe again.

Grandad: Although you can't see Jesus, He is walking right beside you....so just imagine that He is holding Your hand, like your dad does.

James: I'll try and do that Grandad.....but I wish that I could see Jesus because when I am really scared, it seems like He is a long way away.....and my hand doesn't stretch that far!

Grandad: I know James.....Jesus seems like He is far away, although He isn't really. It feels that way because your fear is very big and is right in front of you.

James: My fear of Covid19 is ginormous Grandad.

Grandad: So why don't you tell Jesus about it? Jesus wants you to be honest with Him about the things that make you scared.

James: Really Grandad?

Grandad: Really James....when you have told Jesus how scared you are, Jesus wants to wrap you around with His peace.

James: Like a warm blanket?

Grandad: Yes, like a warm blanket around your heart.

James: Can I pray now Grandad?

Grandad: Of course you can James.....Jesus is right here with us.

James: *(bows his head)* Jesus, I'm scared of Covid19. Grandad has told me that You will never leave me and I believe Grandad because he always tells me the truth. Help me to know inside of me that You, my great big God, are with me. Help me to put my hand in yours now....and Jesus please would you wrap my heart up in the warm blanket of Your peace. Amen.

Grandad: Amen.

James: Thanks Grandad. I'd better go. I think that my toasted marshmallows should be ready....they've been sitting on the electric rings of the cooker for the last half an hour.

Grandad: Oh James!