

Puppet Script

(PJG044)

I'm bored of Covid19

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “I’M BORED OF COVID19” (PJJG044)

Aim of script: To encourage people to grow in loving their neighbours during the Covid19 pandemic.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script can be introduced by saying that the Covid19 pandemic gives us opportunities as Christians to grow in all sorts of ways; one of which is learning to love and serve our neighbour.

The script could be followed by sharing some practical ways to serve people; showing God’s love and kindness to them.

Main themes: Loving Neighbours, Serving

Biblical references: Mark 12:30-31, Matthew 25:31-46, Matthew 7:12

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.

Enter Grandad and James.

James: Oh Grandad, it is so good to see you today on Skype again.

Grandad: It is lovely to see you too James.....I’m really getting the hang of this.... but why are you looking so down in the dumps? What’s happened?

James: I’ve been grounded Grandad and it is all the fault of that stupid Covid19.

Grandad: Oh dear, so where are you not allowed to go James?

James: I’m not allowed to go into the garden for a whole week Grandad. How was I to know that my scientific experiment with dad’s Glenmorangie whiskey would go wrong?

Grandad: Why don’t you tell me what happened to your dad’s “Glenmorangie” whiskey?

James: Well I was so bored Grandad. I’m not allowed to go and play football with Billy down the street.

Grandad: That’s tough.

James: I’m not allowed to come and visit you.

Grandad: I do miss your visits.

- James: I can't go to my swimming club or to Cubs.
- Grandad: It must be very frustrating James.
- James: It is and because I am so bored with Covid19, I thought that I would try out a science experiment I found on the internet about the density of liquids.
- Grandad: Go on.....
- James: Well I read that if you put a glass of water upside down on top of a glass of whiskey with a layer of plastic between them....and then make a little hole in the plastic, then the whiskey floats up into the top glass and the water sinks down into the bottom glass. I thought that sounded rather cool.
- Grandad: Oh James, so you decided to try this out with your dad's expensive whiskey?
- James: I didn't know that it was expensive Grandad.
- Grandad: So, what went wrong?
- James: I thought that using 2 different shaped glasses wouldn't matter, but it did, and before I knew it, a glass of whiskey was all over the kitchen floor. I tried the experiment again, but it didn't work the second time either.
- Grandad: Your dad must have been furious.
- James: He was.....I have never seen his neck and face go such a bright red colour before. At least there was still a little drop of whiskey left in the bottle.
- Grandad: A little drop.....what size glasses were you using?
- James: Pint glasses Grandad.....I didn't know what shot glasses were.
- Grandad: James, I think that we need to direct your creative brain in new directions. I understand that you are bored right now, but that is only because some of your usual activities have stopped.
- James: I just want everything to go back to normal again Grandad.
- Grandad: I understand that, but James at the moment you have a big opportunity if you are willing to take it. You have the opportunity to practice loving your neighbour. Jesus taught us that it is one of the most important things we need to learn how to do.
- James: But that doesn't sound like much fun to me Grandad.
- Grandad: Oh, but it is James.....you actually have the most fun in the world when you learn to give to other people. Have you ever thought what fun it might be to bake some delicious cakes and then leave them on the doorstep of someone who can't leave their house?
- James: So instead of ringing the bell and running like.....

- Grandad: Yes, instead of that...you ring the bell and leave the cakes to be found.
- James: That does sound quite cool Grandad.
- Grandad: It is James. Have you thought that you could make a really lovely “thank you” card for your postman and inside the card, you could leave a bar of chocolate for them to find?
- James: Mmm, I could do that.
- Grandad: And how about creating a den for your little sister and playing with her one afternoon?
- James: Not sure about that one Grandad if I’m honest.
- Grandad: I think that you would find that if you decided to be kind to your sister and give her some time, that you would actually end up enjoying yourself, as well as growing in learning how to love others.
- James: That wouldn’t be easy Grandad.
- Grandad: Who said that loving others was easy? How about giving your mum some help cleaning the house? You could push the Hoover around for her.
- James: But I hate housework.
- Grandad: Think how happy you would make your mum by offering her your help. Wouldn’t it be fun to see the big smile on her face?
- James: I guess it would.
- Grandad: There are so many things that you could do from home to love your neighbour....it just takes a bit of imagination and you have lots of that James.
- James: Thanks Grandad.....you’ve helped me realise that I don’t need to be bored after all...
- Grandad: Well done James. You could even set up a whatsapp group in your street and offer your help to people.
- James: That’s a great idea Grandad and I could even charge a pound a job.
- Grandad: Oh James....
- James: Well how else can I pay for a new bottle of dad’s Glen-Oranges whiskey?