

Puppet Script

(PJG045)

**I'm fed up with
washing my hands**

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “I’M FED UP WITH WASHING MY HANDS” (PJG045)

Aim of script: To encourage people to give money to water projects overseas, where people are at greater risk of getting Covid19 because they cannot wash their hands.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script could be introduced by saying that one of the things that we can thank Father God for is the gift of running water that enables us to wash our hands and protect ourselves from getting Covid19. Many people in the world don’t yet have this blessing.

The script could be followed by talking about one of the overseas water projects (eg Christian Aid or Tearfund) where hygiene kits and safe water are provided to people in the developing world to protect them from the virus.

Main themes: Water, Loving Neighbour, Giving.

Biblical references: Mark 12:30-31, Matthew 25:31-46, 1John 3:18, Micah 6:8, Amos 5:23-24

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. Alternatively, you could have both puppets in a real Skype meeting and record it.

Enter Grandad and James.

James: Hello Grandad.....I am so glad to see you today on Skype again...

Grandad: So am I James.

James: Oh Grandad, I am so worried about my hands.

Grandad: What’s wrong with them James?

James: They’re shrinking!

Grandad: Shrinking?

James: Yes Grandad, they’re shrinking? Can’t you see?

Grandad: No James, I can’t.

James: Do you need to change your glasses Grandad? You might be wearing your reading glasses.

- Grandad: Don't worry James.....I have got the right glasses on and I can see your hands perfectly clearly and they look the same as normal to me.
- James: But Grandad, they are slowly dissolving away, and I am sure that they are getting smaller and smaller each day.
- Grandad: Why do you think that James?
- James: Because I must be washing my hands at least 100 zillion times each day.
- Grandad: 100 zillion times?
- James: Well maybe 10 zillion times.....but it feels like mum is always saying to me: *"James, go and wash your hands."*
- Grandad: Oh, now I understand.
- James: So, have my hands shrunk Grandad? Please be honest with me.
- Grandad: No, they definitely haven't shrunk James so you can stop worrying now.
- James: Phew that's a relief. I hate all of this hand washing Grandad....it is such a pain
- Grandad: I know James, but I am sure that you understand why we all need to do it don't you?
- James: Mum has told me it is to stop the virus from spreading. But I don't have the virus Grandad, so why should I have to keep on doing this?
- Grandad: Well James, none of us can see the coronavirus, and so every time you touch something that lots of other people may have touched, you might pick up the virus on your hands. Then, if you didn't wash your hands, you could get ill.
- James: Oh, I see....but having to wash my hands zillions of times each day is driving me mad. I'm sure that my fingers will dissolve one day. Imagine that.....my fingers slowly dissolving and sliding down the plughole.....that could be cool, although it would be hard to do anything without fingers!
- Grandad: Now you are being really silly.
- James: Sorry Grandad.....but handwashing really is a royal pain in the...
- Grandad: Thank you James.....how about you try and think of something about this handwashing thing as being a blessing?
- James: Mmm....I suppose I am not having to do my lessons while I am washing my hands.
- Grandad: That's not what I meant. Think about the water.
- James: Aaah yes, water is fun. Yesterday I was swishing my hands round the bowl so fast that I created a whirlpool and then water started coming over the basin and.....

- Grandad: Oh James, that isn't what I meant either. You know having clean water coming out of a tap is a tremendous blessing, especially at the moment when we all need to keep washing our hands.
- James: Do you think so Grandad?
- Grandad: I know so James. There are millions of people around the world who don't have clean water and soap to wash their hands in. Because of this, they are at much greater risk of getting the coronavirus.
- James: Oh dear Grandad. Can we do anything to help?
- Grandad: As a matter of fact, we can. £30 given to Christian Aid provides a Hygiene Kit and Safe Water to one family in the developing world to help them protect themselves from the virus. I am trying to save up some money to send to Christian Aid.
- James: You are kind Grandad.....I would like to do that too, but where could I get £30 from?
- Grandad: How about saving up some of your pocket money? Don't you get £1.50 a week?
- James: I do but I already give a tenth of that to the church after our last conversation about money.
- Grandad: Well done James, but that still leaves you with £1.35 to spend. You could save up a part of that each week, and how about doing some extra jobs for your dad?
- James: I don't think that dad will pay me anything after the whiskey episode.
- Grandad: I know.....but I would be happy to pay you to help him cut the grass each week.
- James: Would you really Grandad?
- Grandad: Yes James I would.
- James: Thank you Grandad.....I really want to help people in other countries to have water. I know it is a pain to keep on washing my hands, but you are right, at least we do have water.
- Grandad: That's the spirit....and how about baking your old Grandad a nice cake. You bake it and I will pay you for it. What do you think?
- James: I'll make you your favourite chocolate cake Grandad.
- Grandad: That sounds great James, but this time, please don't add cayenne pepper.... the last cake you made me had me sneezing for weeks!
- James: Sorry Grandad!