

Puppet Script

(PJG046)

The Vicar wants me to be a witness!

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “THE VICAR WANTS ME TO BE A WITNESS!” (PJG046)

Aim of script: To encourage people to look for opportunities to witness to others.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script could be introduced by saying that people in the world today are hungry and thirsty for the Gospel. Followers of Jesus have been given the responsibility of being witnesses.

The script could be followed by encouraging people to think through what parts of their testimony they could share with their friends and families, so that they are ready to take up the opportunities that Jesus gives them to witness.

Main themes: Witness, Gospel.

Biblical references: 1Peter 3:15, Romans 10:15, 2Corinthians 5:20

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.



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Enter Grandad and James.

James: Oh Grandad.....am I pleased to see you again on Skype today...

Grandad: It's good to see you too James, but what's happened? You sound rather worried.

James: I am worried Grandad....in fact I don't really know what to do about this problem.

Grandad: You haven't been doing more science experiments have you?

James: No Grandad, but I think that the Vicar is in trouble.

Grandad: Really James, and why do you think that?

James: He wants me to be a witness.....and not just me, but everyone who was taking part in Zoom church on Sunday.

Grandad: Okay....so what's the problem with that James?

James: I don't want to go to court Grandad. It's a scary place with people all dressed up in black robes like crows...

- Grandad: Like crows?
- James: Yes Grandad.....and I don't want to swear on the Bible. What if I say the wrong thing, then God will be cross with me, and he won't forgive me for.....
- Grandad: Hold on, hold on.....let's start at the beginning. I don't think that the Vicar is asking you to be a witness in court James. He hasn't done anything wrong that needs you to go to court.
- James: But he has Grandad.....I saw it with my own eyes.
- Grandad: What did you see?
- James: On Thursday evening last week, when we were all outside our homes clapping, I saw the Vicar walking along the road, and he was in a big hurry.
- Grandad: That's not a crime James.
- James: He was carrying the church swag bag.
- Grandad: The church swag bag?
- James: You know, the one that is put in the safe with all of the money in it.
- Grandad: Yes, I know the one.
- James: Anyway, I saw a police car stop, and the Vicar got into it, and was driven off. I think that he was nicked Grandad for stealing the church money.
- Grandad: OK I understand now what is going on.
- James: I knew you would Grandad.
- Grandad: Do you remember James that we have been collecting money so that people in poorer countries can have clean water?
- James: Yes Grandad, I made you a cake if you remember and you donated ten pounds for it.
- Grandad: I do remember James and it was delicious.
- James: Oh good.
- Grandad: Well, a lot of people have sent the Vicar cheques for the water project, which I expect he has put in the church safe. He was probably taking those cheques to the treasurer so that they could be banked on Friday morning.
- James: Okay.....but what about the police car?
- Grandad: Roger, who works for the police, sometimes gives the Vicar lifts around the parish as the Vicar's car is playing up.
- James: So, the Vicar wasn't arrested?

Grandad: No, he wasn't James. I think that we would have all heard if he had been.

James: Then why has he asked me and everyone else to be a witness?

Grandad: The Vicar was asking you all to be witnesses for Jesus.

James: Oh no.....what has Jesus done wrong? I thought that He was perfect.

Grandad: Jesus is perfect, and He hasn't done anything wrong.

James: In which case, why does He need witnesses Grandad?

Grandad: Jesus wants us to tell other people about Him and about all the good things that He has done for us.

James: So, we are to witness about the good things that Jesus has done for us, rather than the bad things that some other people do?

Grandad: Exactly. You are starting to understand James what kind of witness the Vicar is asking you to be.

James: But who will listen to me being a witness Grandad?

Grandad: Your friends and school mates. You told me the other day that one of your friends asked you why you go to church?

James: Yes, you're right Grandad. Charlie asked me.

Grandad: And what did you tell him?

James: I told him that you get good cake at church!

Grandad: Oh James....

James: Only joking Grandad. I told him that I go to worship Jesus because Jesus has been very kind to me....

Grandad: Go on.

James: I told him that Jesus has forgiven me all the wrong things that I have done and that He has given me a brand-new life.

Grandad: Well done James.

James: I told him that Jesus walks with me every day and that I am never alone and that one day I will be with Him in heaven.

Grandad: It sounds to me like you were a great witness.

James: Do you think so Grandad?

Grandad: I know so James....and those words will make Charlie think.

James: They did do something Grandad because Charlie has asked me if he can come to church with me when it opens again.

Grandad: That's wonderful James.....I shall pray for Charlie.

James: Thanks Grandad. And thank you for helping me know what sort of witness I am meant to be. I am so glad that I don't have to go to court, although Jimmy was really hoping for an outing there.

Grandad: Jimmy?

James: The mouse I caught in the garden yesterday!

Grandad: Oh James....

Exit Grandad and James.