

# Puppet Script

(PJG047)

## The Special Gift

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## PUPPET SCRIPT: “THE SPECIAL GIFT” (PJJ047)

**Aim of script:** To encourage people with some of the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives.

**Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script could be introduced by saying that before His death, Jesus told His disciples that He would be sending them a special gift, the gift of the Holy Spirit, who would help them to live the Christian life.

The script could be followed by the Pentecost reading from Acts chapter 2 and prayer; inviting the Holy Spirit to come and fill people afresh with His presence and His power.

**Main themes:** Pentecost, Gift, Holy Spirit, Presence, Power

**Biblical references:** John 14:16-18, John 16:7-11, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:5-9

**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 James singing to himself*

**James:** Come on Grandad.....hurry up and connect with me. I can't wait for our Skype chat.....

Grandad says I am getting a special gift today, and it isn't even my birthday. I can't wait to find out what it is.

I would love a new phone....no I think I'd rather have an ipad...no.....I know what would be really special.....a puppy.

I wonder what name I would give it? Fido....Buster....Deefa...

*Enter Grandad*

**Grandad:** Hello James.....Now what did I hear you trying to name as I was joining you?

**James:** The puppy I think you are going to give me Grandad.

**Grandad:** I'm sorry to disappoint you James, but I don't think that your mum really wants a new puppy right now.

**James:** Oh...that's a shame. I was hoping a puppy would be the special gift that you said I am going to get today. In which case, am I getting a new remote control car?

- Grandad: No James, you're not.....anyway there's nothing wrong with your remote control car.....you only received it a couple of weeks ago.
- James: But it's not working Grandad.....it's useless! Oh Grandad, don't keep me in suspense. What is the special gift that I am going to get today?
- Grandad: Well this is a special gift that all Christians receive James, and we remember the giving of this special gift especially at Pentecost.
- James: So, what is it Grandad?
- Grandad: The Holy Spirit
- James: The Holy Spirit?
- Grandad: Yes James
- James: But I don't want a ghost! I'm frightened of ghosts....
- Grandad: The Holy Spirit isn't a ghost James. He is God's Spirit.
- James: Oh.....but why is the Holy Spirit a gift Grandad?
- Grandad: Do you remember me telling you that Jesus' disciples were very sad when Jesus told them that He was leaving them?
- James: Yes Grandad I do.....
- Grandad: Well Jesus told them that after He had left them, He was going to send them the special gift of the Holy Spirit, who would live inside them and be with them forever. Jesus wasn't going to leave them alone.
- James: Did Jesus keep His promise Grandad?
- Grandad: Yes He did James and on the day called Pentecost, God sent His Holy Spirit to come and live inside Jesus' followers.
- James: I wonder what it felt like for the disciples to have the Holy Spirit living inside them.....do you think it tickled Grandad?
- Grandad: No James, it wouldn't have tickled, but what those disciples would have felt was the presence of Jesus with them, because the Holy Spirit makes Jesus real to people.
- James: Really Grandad?
- Grandad: Really James.
- James: The other night when I was saying my prayers, asking Jesus to forgive me for.....hmmm
- Grandad: for?

- James: For keeping my collection of wasps in the biscuit tin and making mum really cross when she opened the lid and they all escaped and she got stung.....
- Grandad: Oh dear.....
- James: Anyway I was asking Jesus to forgive me, and I kept saying sorry Jesus, sorry Jesus and then all of a sudden I felt really loved by Jesus in my heart.....was that the Holy Spirit Grandad?
- Grandad: Yes James.....what you were sensing was His loving presence with you.
- James: Wow.....the Holy Spirit is inside me too then Grandad?
- Grandad: He is James because you are a follower of Jesus.
- James: That is so cool Grandad. God is actually living inside me.
- Grandad: He is James.....and not only that but He is making you more and more like Jesus.
- James: That will be a big job for Him to do in me Grandad.
- Grandad: It's a big job for Him to do in all of us James.
- James: Do you think that is why I felt so guilty about stealing and eating my sister's sweets yesterday?
- Grandad: Yes I do James. The Holy Spirit in you was showing you that stealing isn't something a Jesus follower does.
- James: Hmmmm.....
- Grandad: I think that you need to use some of your pocket money to replace those sweets, don't you?
- James: You are a mind reader Grandad. I haven't been able to get that thought out of my head all morning. Do you think that was the Holy Spirit speaking to me?
- Grandad: Yes James I do.....
- James: The Holy Spirit is certainly busy in my life Grandad.
- Grandad: He is indeed. But not only does the Holy Spirit make Jesus real to you, and change you on the inside, He also wants to give you the power you need.....
- James: Yes, I definitely want the power Grandad. Will the Holy Spirit help me point a finger at something and it will move across the room, or will He enable me to zap people who are nasty to me or.....
- Grandad: Hold on a moment James....you didn't let me finish.
- James: Sorry Grandad.

- Grandad: The Holy Spirit wants to give you the power you need to do the things that God wants you to do, like telling your friends about Jesus.
- James: That's a really hard thing to do Grandad.
- Grandad: I know it is James and that is why you need the powerful Holy Spirit to help you. Without His power, none of us can do the things that really change the world.
- James: So, Grandad, you said that today I was going to get a gift. But you have just told me that the Holy Spirit is already living inside me.
- Grandad: Ah yes James.....but God wants to give you more and more of His Spirit. Every time He fills you, He is giving you a very precious gift.
- James: I really want more of the Holy Spirit Grandad.
- Grandad: Wonderful James. Right, we'd better go and get ready for Zoom church today because we will be praying for a refilling of the Holy Spirit. By the way, one thought about your remote-control car.
- James: What's that Grandad?
- Grandad: Have you thought about plugging it in and charging it?
- James: No I hadn't Grandad.....so that's why it didn't work. It had no power.