

# Puppet Script

(PJG035)

## Standing up to opposition

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## PUPPET SCRIPT: “STANDING UP TO OPPOSITION” (PJG035)

**Aim of script:** To encourage people to keep serving Jesus even when opposition comes.

**Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script can be introduced by telling the story of Nehemiah and how when he was opposed by others for rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, Nehemiah prayed, posted a guard and kept going, because obeying God was so important to him. We too will face opposition when we follow Jesus and serve Him...but we need to learn to stand firm.

The script can be followed by praying for God’s courage to keep serving Him when the opposition comes.

**Main themes:** Opposition, service

**Biblical references:** Nehemiah 4:1-9, John 15:20-21

**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 screen and so it is essential that the voices are heard; radio-microphones are ideal. Puppets and puppet screens can be purchased from many sources including <http://www.onewayuk.com/>



*Enter James dressed in a white vest and Grandad*

Grandad: Hello James.....lovely to see you again...

James: Hello Grandad.

Grandad: James, I am surprised to see you not yet dressed at nearly 11 o'clock in the morning. I thought that you were meant to be down at church in 10 minutes time to be part of the town clean-up project. What's going on?

James: I have been rather busy.

Grandad: Busy doing what?

James: Errrr.....having a very long shower. You know mum said I was really dirty last night after falling off my skateboard into a muddy puddle.....so it took me a **very** long time to get clean this morning.

Grandad: Since when has it taken you three hours to have a shower?

James: I also had to feed my hamster and inspect my play station.

- Grandad: Inspect your play station.....what does that mean James?
- James: I had to make sure that it was ready for use as soon as I get back from helping with the church project Grandad.
- Grandad: I see. Any other excuses James.....did you by any chance find some spots on your body?
- James: Grandad.....you really are amazing. How did you know that I am absolutely covered in spots today....in fact I'm not feeling too well right now. I think I should go back to bed.....
- Grandad: James.....what did we say about lying the other day?
- James: I'm sorry Grandad.....ok, there are no spots, but I am not feeling very well at all.....and that's the truth.
- Grandad: James. What is the matter with you? I thought you were really keen to help with the church's street cleaning project. You are one of the ones who is always complaining about the huge amount of litter that lies around the streets.....most of the church are turning out to help today.
- James: Grandad I really want to help but.....I don't know.....I've rather gone off the idea.
- Grandad: Come on James.....tell me what has happened to make you change your mind.
- James: It's just that some boys at school have heard what we are going to do, and they are planning to come down and give us a hard time. I don't want to be called more rude names and have them making more fun of me .....
- Grandad: I understand that James and it's horrid when people do that sort of thing. Do these boys give you a hard time at school?
- James: Yes, Grandad they do. They found out a few months ago that I go to church and they are always calling me names.
- Grandad: Oh, I'm sorry James.
- James: They call me "holy boy", and "Bible basher". I must admit I feel like bashing them sometimes. Some of them can be really mean to me.
- Grandad: Tell me about it James.
- James: When I walk past them, they will often sing a hymn in a mocking voice and say, "give way to the invisible God's little friend" and everyone laughs at me. Sometimes they hide my things and tell me that God will show me where they are.
- Grandad: That's horrid - maybe I can have a quiet word with your teacher James.
- James: Thanks Grandad.

- Grandad: I know it isn't easy to hear this, but many followers of Jesus are given a hard time from people who don't follow Him. Jesus Himself warned us that this would happen.
- James: Do you understand now why I don't want to help with the town clean-up project?
- Grandad: I do James.....I totally understand. But, let's for a moment stop thinking about those boys and their threats and think about what Jesus might want to say to you about all of this. What do you think Jesus might want to say to you?
- James: Hmm...I know....He would say that He will send down fire from heaven and burn them up if they lay a finger on me!
- Grandad: I don't think that Jesus would say that James.....yes, He could send down fire from heaven, but Jesus would rather those boys turned to Him and knew His love!
- James: Oh.....I know Grandad. He would say that He is with me.
- Grandad: Yes James He would.....Jesus would also say to you, "well done James for having the courage to serve me."
- James: Do you think so Grandad?
- Grandad: I do James.
- James: But Grandad some of the boys are very big and they say that if they see me picking up litter, they will pick me up and put me in the litter bin head first.....I really don't want that to happen Grandad...
- Grandad: Of course you don't James and that is why the Vicar has organised plenty of strong men and women to be with the group of us who will be picking up the litter.....they will be hanging around to make sure that there isn't any trouble.
- James: I didn't know that Grandad. Oh good.....that does make me feel better.....
- Grandad: As a church we have also been praying that God will give us the courage we need to serve Him, so why don't you go and quickly get dressed so that we can head off together?
- James: Alright Grandad. I won't be a moment.....if there are going to be those big strong men to hide behind....I think I'll also take along my super-soaker.....that should be fun.
- Grandad: Oh James!

*Exit James and Grandad*