

Puppet Script

(PJG048)

Fake News!

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “FAKE NEWS!” (PJJG048)

- Aim of script:** To challenge people not to lie.
- Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script could be introduced by teaching that God hates lies and wants us to be people of truth, however, it is very easy for us to slip into lying.
- The script could be followed by a Confession prayer; asking the Lord to forgive us for the lies we have told and asking Him for help to be people of truth.
- Main themes:** Truth, Lies, Integrity
- Biblical references:** Leviticus 19:11, Psalm 101:7, Proverbs 12:22, Ephesians 4:25, Colossian 3:9-10
- 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 and Grandad

- Grandad: Hello James.....it’s good to see you again.
- James: Hello Grandad – you are a great “Zoomer”....
- Grandad: Thank you James.....now I’ve just come off the phone from your mother and she is not very happy.
- James: Oh dear.....what has my sister done?
- Grandad: I don’t think it is what your sister has done James. Maybe you can solve the mystery of the missing cooking chocolate?
- James: But I’m not a detective Grandad.
- Grandad: Very funny James. Now your mother needs that cooking chocolate for a cake she is making for Mrs Evans, who has just come out of hospital. Do you know anything about it?
- James: Why would I know anything about it Grandad?
- Grandad: Because you are someone who rather likes chocolate.
- James: I do Grandad. It is delicious, especially cooking chocolate.

Grandad: Okay, so you do know something about it?

James: Well put like that, maybe I do, maybe I don't.

Grandad: Come on James.....spit it out.....

James: I can't Grandad. I have eaten it!

Grandad: So why did you lie to me and to your mother James?

James: It was only a "little white lie" Grandad!

Grandad: There isn't such a thing as a "little white lie" James.

James: But Bertie said white lies are ok especially if you cross your fingers behind your back.

Grandad: Well Bertie is not telling you the truth James.

James: Oh.....

Grandad: You see James, you are either telling the truth about something or you are telling a lie – it is as simple as that.

James: Alright Grandad

Grandad: And while we are talking about your mother being cross, I gather the Vicar has spoken to her about his raspberries.

James: His raspberries?

Grandad: Someone has been going into his garden and helping themselves to his prize raspberries and they have nearly all gone.

James: What a shame.

Grandad: I thought that too. I wonder why the Vicar rang up **your** mother to talk about this.

James: I wonder too.

Grandad: Your mother did tell me that you have suddenly got into exercising.....long walks I hear.

James: Oh yes Grandad.....I love my walks.

Grandad: That is very surprising for a boy who normally won't walk anywhere and makes a fuss when they can't be driven around.

James: So, would you like to see what I did at Sunday school this week Grandad?

- Grandad: Don't change the subject James. Apparently, the Vicar's neighbour saw a small boy coming out of the Vicarage garden last night wearing a red and green stripey t-shirt.
- James: That's fake news Grandad.
- Grandad: Fake news?
- James: Yes, fake news. I wouldn't take any notice of that.
- Grandad: James.....enough of this fake news nonsense. I want you to be honest with me now. Have you been helping yourself to the Vicar's raspberries?
- James: Er....well....
- Grandad: So....it is either yes or no James. I don't want any white lies, fingers crossed behind your back or fake news.....I simply want the truth.
- James: I did take the raspberries Grandad and I am feeling rather bad about it.
- Grandad: Thank you for telling me the truth. Now you know that taking the Vicar's raspberries is wrong, don't you?
- James: I do Grandad....I just couldn't resist them.
- Grandad: Well we had better go round and ask the Vicar to forgive you for doing that.
- James: Alright Grandad.
- Grandad: But what I really want you to learn from our little chat today is that lying is never the right thing for a Jesus follower to do. Jesus wants us to be people of truth, like He is.
- James: I'll try to be truthful Grandad
- Grandad: Well done James. You know that lying really spoils your relationships. It didn't feel very nice when you were lying to me earlier....and it has made your mother very upset.
- James: I'm sorry Grandad.....I love you and my mum very much.
- Grandad: And I love you too James.....now go and get yourself ready, and we'll make a quick visit to the Vicar's.
- James: Thank you Grandad....just one thing before we go. Mum said to me earlier that Mr Long down the road has suggested that she send me to boarding school.
- Grandad: Really?
- James: Yes Grandad and that's not fake news!

Exit James and Grandad