

Puppet Script

(PJG049)

Prepare for the opportunity

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “PREPARE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY” (PJG049)

Aim of script: To challenge people to prepare their testimony so that they are ready to share part of it when asked.

Use of Script: In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script could be introduced by teaching that in life we have all sorts of opportunities; some of which we need to prepare for.

The script could be followed by encouraging people to prepare themselves for the opportunity when someone asks them the question, “*Why are you a Christian?*”

Main themes: Witnessing, Preparation

Biblical references: 1Peter 3:15

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. James’ computer screen shows the “connecting” sign.

Grandad: Now where is young James? It looks like he is having a few problems with his computer.....he did tell me last time I spoke with him that his computer needed a lot of updates..... surely he sorted those out before our chat today.....come on James.... I would love to catch up with you, but you will miss the opportunity if you don’t hurry up.....I have another Zoom meeting to go to.....Hmmm.....what **is** that boy doing?

Enter James

James: Hello Grandad.....I’m sorry I’m late for our chat.

Grandad: You weren’t doing those computer updates were you?

James: Er....yes I was Grandad.....

Grandad: Oh James.....you nearly missed our Zoom call, because I couldn’t wait much longer. Now tell me all about your week - your mother said that it has been rather eventful. So, what have you been up to?

James: I had a wonderful day on Monday Grandad.

Grandad: What did you do?

James: Mum took us strawberry picking.

- Grandad: That sounds like fun.
- James: It was Grandad. Mum told us on Sunday night that she was taking us strawberry picking the next day and that we had to be ready by ten o'clock in the morning if we wanted to go.
- Grandad: I guess that she didn't want you out in the heat of the day.
- James: Mum said that we had to look out our sun hats and put on our sun cream before we left the house. I was so excited that I was standing by the car at half past nine, all creamed up, with my hat on.
- Grandad: Wow, you were keen.
- James: I didn't want to miss out on strawberry picking Grandad.
- Grandad: No, I'm sure you didn't. Did you pick many strawberries James?
- James: Loads Grandad.....but most of them went into my mouth.
- Grandad: Oh no....
- James: And before you ask, yes, mum did pay for them, and yes, I spent a lot of time in the little room.
- Grandad: Ok, ok, T.M.I
- James: T.M.I?
- Grandad: Too much information! So, what else have you been doing?
- James: Well, the rest of the week hasn't been so great Grandad.
- Grandad: What's happened?
- James: I missed out on entering the Lego competition.
- Grandad: Oh no....that's a shame as the school thought you might win 1st prize in the county.
- James: I know, I was such a silly boy.....I didn't prepare my model in time.
- Grandad: What were you doing?
- James: I kept getting distracted with my PlayStation and playing football in the garden and then when my teacher asked me for my model, I hadn't even started to make it.
- Grandad: So, you missed the opportunity of being a Lego champion because you didn't prepare in time.....
- James: I feel very fed up about that Grandad.

- Grandad: I can understand that.....but perhaps there is a lesson for you to learn.
- James: What's that Grandad?
- Grandad: If you are going to make the most of the opportunities that come your way, you need to prepare for them.....
- James: Like I did with the strawberry picking Grandad?
- Grandad: Exactly James. In fact, there is one opportunity where it is really vital that you prepare beforehand, and it is even more important than strawberry picking or your Lego competition.
- James: What is that Grandad?
- Grandad: The opportunity to tell other people about Jesus James. You need to be ready for the day when someone says to you, "*So why are you a Christian?*" Can you answer that question?
- James: Ummmm.....because.....uummmm.....I guess I haven't really thought about it before Grandad.
- Grandad: Well let's think about it now, so you are prepared. What is it that makes you want to follow Jesus James?
- James: I know that Jesus loves me and is very kind to me. He has also forgiven me all the bad things I have done.....even taking the plug out of Mrs Hancock's pond.....you know Grandad, she wasn't very happy about that.....losing all of her fish....
- Grandad: I know James....now let's think for a moment about any times in your life when Jesus has helped you....
- James: Mmmm.....Jesus took away my fear when I was worried about that Covid19 thingie.....after you prayed for me Grandad I wasn't scared anymore.
- Grandad: That was wonderful James.....
- James: and Jesus gave me the courage to tell mum I had a detention at school....and He healed Billy's ankle when I prayed for him.
- Grandad: There you are.....you have all sorts of things to share James.
- James: Jesus also helped me after the mess in the girl's toilets when.....
- Grandad: T.M.I James....too much information!

Exit James and Grandad