

Puppet Script

(PJO006)

No favourites!

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “NO FAVOURITES” (PJO006)

- Aim of script:** To encourage and challenge people that God does not show favouritism but treats everyone the same.
- Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship Service setting, the script could be introduced by teaching that sometimes we experience favouritism in the way that we are treated by either parents, or other people – but God is different from humans - He has no favourites.
- The script could be followed by encouraging people to not show favouritism but to love people and treat them well, whatever their age, social status, wealth, or race.
- Main themes:** Favouritism, Loving others, Racism
- Biblical references:** Deuteronomy 10:17, Acts 10:34-35, Romans 2:11, Romans 10:12, Galatians 3:28, James 2:1-4
- Characters:** The script is a dialogue between a young boy puppet called “James” who wants to follow Jesus but keeps getting things wrong, and God, who is an off-stage voice. “James” is operated by one person from behind a puppet screen and is wearing a face mask.



Enter James with a face-mask on

- James: I wonder where Grandad is.....it’s not like him to be late for our Zoom chats. Hmm....I hate this face mask.....it makes my nose feel all itchy and it feels all funny on my skin and the elastic is too tight around my head.....I don’t see why I should have to wear this.....perhaps Grandad could tell my mother that it is a really stupid idea for me to wear one....hmmm..... O Lord where is Grandad?
- God: He’s on holiday. Had you forgotten James?
- James: Oh...oh.... who is that speaking to me?
- God: Your Heavenly Father James.....you asked me a question.
- James: I didn’t expect you to answer me Father.
- God: Most fathers try and answer their children’s questions James.
- James: Yes, but, you know.....you’re God.

God: And I love talking with my children James. Now, I have been hearing rather a lot of huffing and puffing about wearing a mask. What is the problem James?

James: I don't want to wear this horrible thing.....Mum says that I need to practice wearing it because I have to wear it when I go for my hospital appointment next week.

God: Do you understand why you need to wear it James?

James: Mum said that it stops the Covid virus spreading, but I'm not ill Father, so why should I have to wear it?

God: Some people can spread the virus even when they are well.....and if everyone wears a mask, it can help to stop the virus from spreading.

James: Oh.....

God: Wearing a mask means that you will be able to do all sorts of things that you weren't able to do a few weeks ago, like going on a shopping trip with your mother...

James: I don't want to be rude, but I thought that you were God!

God: I am James...

James: Well you will know that I hate shopping trips with mum.

God: I'm teasing you James!

James: Oh... right.....

God: Wearing a mask is all part of getting out and about, seeing your friends and doing fun things again. So, you don't need to grumble anymore.

James: Well I don't think it's fair....

God: What's not fair James?

James: Mum isn't making my younger sister wear a mask.....I think she loves my younger sister more than me.....

God: James.....I know your mother. She doesn't have favourites. Your younger sister is much too small to wear a face mask....it would frighten her.

James: Really Father....that is interesting.....hmmm.....that gives me an idea. I have a really big black mask in my wardrobe.....I could put that on and creep into her bedroom when she is asleep, and shout, "it's a stick up".....she'll think that I'm a robber.....

God: I don't think so James

James: I'd forgotten I was talking toYou. I suppose you would be on my sister's side.....

- God: Hang on a moment James. I don't have favourites. I never have and I never will.
- James: Really.....but I thought that rich people were your favourites because they seem really blessed.
- God: James, I love every person that I have made just the same. The world thinks that the rich and powerful are the favoured ones, but that isn't true. You see, each person is precious to me.
- James: Even the bad people?
- God: Even the bad people James.
- James: But what about the people who are cool, successful, and famous? Surely, they're your favourites?
- God: Nope
- James: And how about the clever clogsies? After all you gave them the brains.....so, they must be your favourites?
- God: James.....how many times do I need to tell you? I have no favourites. Rich or poor, good or bad, clever or not so clever, tall or short, successful or not successful.....I love you all the same.....I have given each one of you the same gift of my son Jesus so that you can know me.
- James: Thank you Father.....I'm getting to know Jesus
- God: I know you are and that is wonderful. Now no more talk about favourites eh?
- James: OK Father.....so if you love bad people as well as good people....
- God: No, you are not going to put a mask on next door's cat, or help yourself to your sister's sweets, or be the one-eyed bandit?
- James: How did you know?
- God: Oh James.....

Exit James