

Puppet Script

(PCC007)

Hope is born

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “HOPE IS BORN” (PCC007)

- Aim of script:** The aim of the script is to encourage people to explore who the baby is, who was born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger.
- Use of Script:** This script works well in a Carol Service. Alternatively it could be used in a Christmas or Epiphany All Age service.
- In an All age Worship service setting it could come after an opening short talk asking the question: “Who is this baby born in Bethlehem?”
- The script could be followed by reading Matthew 2:1-12, followed by a short talk explaining what the Bible says about who Jesus is. Alternatively, the script could be followed by a time of worshipping Jesus.
- Main themes:** Incarnation, Son of God, Hope, Epiphany
- Biblical references:** Matthew 2:1-12, Isaiah 9:7, Micah 5:2, Isaiah 53

Characters:



The script is a dialogue between a male camel puppet called “Cameron,” who is rather grumpy, and his wife, a female camel puppet called “Camilla.” 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 Cameron

Cameron: (in a grumpy voice)
Camilla, Camilla.....oh where is that camel when I want to talk to her? She seems to spend hours talking with other camels and donkeys and

Enter Camilla

Camilla: Was that my beloved’s voice calling me? It sounded rather grumpy....not like him at all!

Cameron: Oh, quit the sarcasm Camilla.

Camilla: Sorry Cameron. Are you okay, all by yourself in that camel shed?

Cameron: I’m rather lonely actually Camilla.

Camilla: I thought you would be glad of a break from my “constant chattering” as you so often tell me.

Cameron: Well, I’m missing you

Camilla: Aaah...that’s nice

- Cameron:and I'm cold as well.....it's not the same sleeping on your own in a cold dark shed.
- Camilla: No, it must be hard.....but you do understand why you are having to self-isolate don't you?
- Cameron: Of course I do.....that stupid camel, Camelot spreading his bugs all around.....he should have known that he had the Persian flu and not spread it to the rest of us.
- Camilla: That's a bit harsh Cameron.....Camelot didn't even know that he had the virus until he became really ill.
- Cameron: Well I don't know how much longer I can stand staying in this cold dark shed here in Jerusalem..... all by myself with these same 4 walls. I hate it, I hate it, I hate it.
- Camilla: Poor Cameron. I know it is hard for you now, but you only have a couple more days left in isolation before we can be on our journey again. I am so excited about who we are going to see in Bethlehem....
- Cameron: Well I'm not.....hmmmp
- Camilla: But a new king has been born Cameron.....and we are going to see him.
- Cameron: He'll probably be the same as all the other kings Camilla.....dripping with money and jewels....power crazy with hundreds of servants seeing to his every whim.
- Camilla: I don't think so Cameron.....I have been talking with Humphrey.
- Cameron: I knew it....the moment I'm on my own, you are off smooching with other camels.
- Camilla: I was not smooching Cameron....I was talking....there is a difference.
- Cameron: It makes me want to spit.....aaaaahhhh
- Camilla: Well if you are going to do that, I'm off....
- Cameron: No, don't go Camilla. I'm sorry....I'm sorry. Go on, tell me....what did Humphrey say to you?
- Camilla: Humphrey said that he had heard some servants talking at the back of Herod's palace....
- Cameron: And?
- Camilla: Please be patient Cameron.....
- Cameron: Well spit it out.....what did the servants say?

- Camilla: They said that there is an ancient prophecy that says that God's King is going to be born in Bethlehem. He is going to rule with justice and righteousness...
- Cameron: That will be different.....I hate the way that King Herod rules here in Jerusalem. He is so cruel and greedy and lazy. I can't wait to leave these stables.
- Camilla: It will be more than different Cameron if this baby is God's King.
- Cameron: "If" being the important word in that sentence Camilla.
- Camilla: Well think about it for a moment.....we have been travelling for months now, following a star in the sky. Have we ever done that before Cameron, in all of the journeys that we have made together?
- Cameron: No, I suppose we haven't.
- Camilla: Our masters are also bringing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.....
- Cameron: And don't I know it....my poor back is still hurting from the weight of all of those gifts.
- Camilla: But don't you think that they are rather unusual gifts to give to a baby Cameron?
- Cameron: Now you have mentioned it, you are right there, old girl.
- Camilla: Enough of the "old", Cameron.
- Cameron: But you are going rather grey and a bit plump around the waist and...
- Camilla: I think I'll go and talk with Humphrey
- Cameron: No, no, I didn't mean it....come on Camilla....this is really interesting. I mean bringing gold is a sensible gift for a king isn't it?
- Camilla: It is.
- Cameron: But incense? Why would our masters bring incense, because that is burnt when people worship God?
- Camilla: Well from the ancient prophecies I am hearing, I'm starting to wonder if this new King might be God.
- Cameron: Oh Camilla, don't get too carried away.
- Camilla: I'm not Cameron....I just have that feeling in my humps that this baby is going to be someone truly wonderful.
- Cameron: Maybe, but God, Camilla.....God coming to earth as a baby? Don't be ridiculous.
- Camilla: Well you explain the gift of myrrh then clever clogs if you know everything.

- Cameron: It is the smell of death Camilla...we all know that smell when we pass by the tombs on our way into this city. They cover dead bodies with it.
- Camilla: So why give myrrh to a baby Cameron?
- Cameron: I don't know. Perhaps our masters have made a mistake.
- Camilla: Perhaps....but they packed the bags really carefully.
- Cameron: So, this baby is going to die Camilla, like the rest of the humans eventually die.
- Camilla: But it doesn't explain why you would give myrrh as a gift does it? Camelot told me.....
- Cameron: Oh, you've not been talking with him, have you?
- Camilla: Just a little Cameron.....at the beginning of our journey.
- Cameron: Hmm...well, what did Camelot tell you?
- Camilla: He told me that his master had heard that this new king will suffer for the sake of other people, but that his kingdom will be a wonderful place that will last for ever.
- Cameron: And you believe all of that Camilla?
- Camilla: It makes sense of all of the facts and all the prophecies I have been hearing about. That is why I am so excited about going to Bethlehem.
- Cameron: So, let me get this right. This baby king we are going to see in Bethlehem could actually be God in the flesh?
- Camilla: Yes Cameron
- Cameron: Well that would be amazing Camilla
- Camilla: Absolutely Cameron.....so we're not simply going to see a baby king, but we are going to see hope born in Bethlehem.

Exit Cameron and Camilla