

Puppet Script

(PJG050)

Christmas Eve: The very best present

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “CHRISTMAS EVE: THE VERY BEST PRESENT” (PJG050)

Aim of script:	To encourage people that the very best present to receive at Christmas is Jesus.
Use of Script:	<p>This script could be used on Christmas Eve in a Crib service or a Christingle service. It could be introduced by talking about the giving of presents at Christmas, as a sign of our love for one another.</p> <p>The script could be followed by talking about why Jesus is the very present of all.</p>
Main themes:	Christmas Eve, Jesus, Presents, Love
Biblical references:	John 3:16
Characters:	<p>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/</p>



Enter James singing

James: “Oh happy day, happy day, my presents aren’t far away. Oh, happy day, happy.....”

Enter Grandad

Grandad: Someone sounds happy.

James: Hello Grandad.....I’m so excited.....there are loads and loads of presents under the tree and I can’t wait to open them.

Grandad: That does sound exciting James. I am really looking forward to celebrating Christmas with you tomorrow.

James: I feel like I’m going to burst with excitement. Do you think that could happen Grandad?

Grandad: I’ve never heard of anyone bursting before James, so I think that you will be ok.

James: Oh good.....but I don’t think that I’m going to get any sleep at all tonight..... those presents are really calling out me to open them Grandad.....perhaps when everyone is asleep I could creep down the stairs and.....

Grandad: No James.....that’s not happening. It would be such a shame to upset your parents in the middle of the night.

- James: Hmmm
- Grandad: You know your parents have been working hard to make it a special Christmas for us all this year. I know that they have bought you a big treat because they love you so much.
- James: Really Grandad? What have they got me? You can tell me.... I can keep a secret.
- Grandad: Well, it wouldn't be a surprise then, would it James?
- James: Oh how exciting.....now I really do think I'm going to burst. *"Oh happy day, happy day, my presents aren't far away...."*
- Grandad: Calm down James.
- James: How can I after that news? It's really hard.
- Grandad: I wonder if you could do something for me James?
- James: What's that Grandad?
- Grandad: Do you think that you could give your mum and dad a little lie in tomorrow morning and perhaps not get up until after six o'clock.....
- James: That will be hard Grandad
- Grandad: I know it will James, but you can do it. And perhaps you could also lay off the dying cow impression if there is something on your plate that you don't like at lunch time.
- James: But I hate sprouts, and cabbage and cauliflower Grandad.
- Grandad: I know James, but deep groans and moans and rolling around the floor was a bit much last year.
- James: Alright Grandad.....I'll try very hard not to make a fuss.
- Grandad: Well done James.....now why don't you tell me what presents you have bought for your parents to show them your love?
- James: I have bought dad something that mum is really going to love Grandad.
- Grandad: Ri...ght.....and what is that?
- James: It's a plant called "Snore ease" and when it has grown the smell it gives off will stop dad snoring.....you know what a loud noise he makes. Do you think he will like it Grandad?
- Grandad: I think it is a very unusual present James.....I'm sure that your dad will appreciate the thought.

- James: I have bought Mum a box of Quality street chocolates, which I have filtered especially for her.
- Grandad: I'm not sure I quite understand what you mean James.
- James: Mum only really likes the toffees. I have eaten all the other chocolates, so when she opens the box there are only toffees.
- Grandad: Oh no....I'm glad that your mum is so understanding. Now there is one present that we haven't talked about yet, that is actually the very best present of all, and is given to everyone
- James: What.....more surprises Grandad? This is getting better and better.....
- Grandad: James.....whose birthday are we actually celebrating tomorrow?
- James: Oh of course.....it's Jesus' birthday Grandad.....how did I forget?
- Grandad: I think you have been getting a bit carried away with other presents.....so what happened on the 1st Christmas James?
- James: Jesus was born Grandad.....as a baby.....and yet He is God.
- Grandad: I know James.....it is very wonderful. Your Heavenly Father sent His Son Jesus so that we can have life and know His wonderful love.....that is the very best present of all.....that is what I will be celebrating tomorrow.
- James: Me too Grandad. I think that I will go and make Jesus a birthday cake. Do you think Jesus will like that?
- Grandad: I am sure He will James.....just leave out the more unusual ingredients.
- James: So, no chilli powder, branston or tomato ketchup Grandad.
- Grandad: You've got it!
- James: Ok Grandad. See you tomorrow. And just a heads up..... please don't be cross when you see what I have bought for my little sister. I saved up 4 weeks pocket money to buy it.
- Grandad: What have you bought her James?
- James: Let's say....it has come from the pet shop and has 8 legs, but it is very friendly!
- Grandad: Oh James!

Exit James and Grandad