

Puppet Script

(PJG051)

“Help me to listen!”

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “HELP ME TO LISTEN!” (PJG051)

Aim of script: To encourage people to listen to God as well as to talk with Him when they pray.

Use of Script: This script could be used in a service where you are teaching about Prayer. It could be introduced by saying that prayer is a conversation and as well as listening to us, God wants to speak to us.

The script could be followed by a time of silence where people are encouraged to listen to God.

Main themes: Prayer, Listening

Biblical references: 1 Samuel 3:9-10, Matthew 17:5, John 10:3-5

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 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 Grandad and James

Grandad: Hello James, it is so good to see you again....I have been really concerned about you. Are you feeling better now?

James: Hi Grandad....I am feeling splendipherously wooshy!

Grandad: Oh....that sounds interesting James. What do you mean?

James: Feeling good Grandad.....feeling good!

Grandad: I'm glad to hear it James....your mother has been really worried about you having such a nasty attack of flu.

James: I was feeling very frogged Grandad!

Grandad: Frogged James?

James: Tired and exhausted Grandad. I didn't know that flu could be so horrible. My whole body hurt all overmy head hurt, my back hurt, my stomach hurt, my neck hurt, my legs hurt, my arms hurt, I just couldn't get comfortable in bed.....and my throat felt like somebody had rubbed sandpaper over it and.... Mum gave me icecream to try and help and....

Grandad: What kind of.....

James: And then I was sick all over my bed and I was coughing and coughing and feeling so cold that I kept asking mum for extra blankets and....

Grandad: That's probably.....

James: Mum said that I had a very high temperature and..

Grandad: She told me that.....

James: I didn't understand why I would feel cold with a high temperature and Mum kept putting cold flannels on my forehead which I didn't like and I felt awful and.....

Grandad: Donkeys are red! PAUSE

James: Grandad, are you alright?

Grandad: I was trying to join in with this conversation James.

James: Oh....

Grandad: I was listening to you really hard James, but I would like to say some things too!

James: Sorry Grandad.....I was getting a bit carried away wasn't I?

Grandad: You were James. But I am really glad that you are feeling less...“frogged” now. I have been praying for you a lot.

James: Have you Grandad?

Grandad: I have indeed....in fact, your Heavenly Father kept on reminding me to pray for you.

James: So, Father God spoke to you about me, Grandad?

Grandad: Yes James, He did, many times over the last couple of weeks.

James: Oh no.....what did He say Grandad?

Grandad: He kept dropping your name into my heart and then whenever I started to pray, I sensed Father God's great love for you.

James: Oh phew...as long as He didn't say anything to you about Deefa

Grandad: Deefa? That's your new puppy isn't it?

James: Yes Grandad....Deefa dog, but there's something I don't understand. You said that God spoke to you.....I thought that we did all of the speaking to Father God.....you know, when we pray to Him.

- Grandad: When we pray James, we have a conversation with Father God, a bit like you and I have just had. Sometimes we do the speaking, and sometimes Father God does the speaking, and we need to listen to Him.
- James: I don't find listening easy Grandad.....
- Grandad: I know that James, but if we do all of the talking and never listen.....
- James: Father God will say things like: "Donkeys are red!"
- Grandad: Well not exactly.....but it is hard to build up a relationship with Him if we never listen to Him.
- James: I don't think that Father God has ever spoken to me Grandad. I have never heard His great loud voice booming into my ear.
- Grandad: Actually James, when Father God speaks to you, His voice is very often as quiet as a whisper, gently speaking into your thoughts....
- James: So how do I know that it is Father God speaking and not me thinking my own thoughts Grandad?
- Grandad: That's a good question James. We get to recognise Father God's voice by getting to know Him through reading our Bibles. We can also share what we think that we have heard with someone who has been a Christian for a while.
- James: Like you Grandad?
- Grandad: Yes James, like me.
- James: Thanks Grandad.....can we have a go now at listening?
- Grandad: Of course James.....shut your eyes and be very quiet PAUSE. Father God, please speak to James today by your Spirit...now James, just wait and see what comes into your mind...PAUSE
- James: Hmm I think that Father God has said something to me.
- Grandad: Great....would you like to share it?
- James: I think He said that I need to tell you about Deefa.....
- Grandad: Go on.....
- James: The thing is, I let Deefa out of his cage and I have just found one of dad's brand-new slippers completely chewed up! I don't know what to do Grandad.....please help me?
- Grandad: Oh James!

Exit James and Grandad