

Puppet Script

(PJG052)

**“Is Jesus a giant
lightbulb?”**

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “IS JESUS A GIANT LIGHTBULB?” (PJG052)

Aim of script: To teach that Jesus is the light of the world and what that means.

Use of Script: This script could be used in a children’s “Light night” party on October 31st. Alternatively it could be used in a Christingle service.

Main themes: Jesus, Light, Guidance

Biblical references: John 8:12, John 12:46, 1John 1:5, John 1:5

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
LIGHTS GO OUT

James: Grandad, help, help, it’s all dark in here. Where are you, I can’t see anything? Oh, no, I’ve dropped my sweets...they’ve gone all over the floor. I’m going to be in trouble again. Grandad.....where are you, will you please put a light on?

A LIGHT IS SWITCHED ON SO THAT THE PUPPETS CAN BE SEEN

Grandad: Hello James.....now then, what’s all the fuss about?

James: Grandad, I couldn’t see what I was doing and then I dropped my sweets. I hope that the Vicar won’t be cross because they are all over the floor.

Grandad: Don’t worry James....we can sort that out later on.

James: *(notices children)* Oh, hello boys and girls, I didn’t see you all sitting there? OK.....own up, which one of you has broken the lights? Come on.... I’m not getting the blame for this one.

Grandad: What are you talking about James?

James: Well one minute it’s light and the next minute I was plunged into darkness. I couldn’t see anything, and then one light came on. I thought that perhaps some of the children had smashed the lights.

Grandad: No-one has smashed the lights, James.

James: Is the vicar trying to save money on lighting?

Grandad: No James, he isn’t!

- James: Well, I'm glad that it is light again Grandad, because I don't like the dark...I find it very scary.
- Grandad: I know you do James....I think that lots of children find the dark scary too.
- James: Sometimes when I am lying in bed in the dark, I hear noises coming from under my bed....
- Grandad: Those noises might be your hamster James.....he is a bit of an escape artist isn't he?
- James: Oh Grandad...I hadn't thought of that. Yesterday Mum was very cross because she found some of his droppings on the floor under my bed. Aren't I silly? I thought that my hamster Alcatraz was a monster!
- Grandad: Well, you will be relieved that he isn't James...you can stop feeling afraid now!
- James: But Grandad, I still find the dark scary.
- Grandad: I know James. Let me ask you a question.
- James: Go on Grandad.
- Grandad: What happens to the darkness when a light is turned on?
- James: Hmmmm.....I suppose that it goes away Grandad.
- Grandad: Exactly....darkness goes away whenever a light comes on....it doesn't matter how small the light is....the darkness still has to go away. Light is much more powerful than darkness. You know Jesus said something interesting about light.
- James: What was that Grandad?
- Grandad: Jesus said that He is the light of the world.
- James: The light of the world?
- Grandad: Yes James.
- James: Does that mean that Jesus is like a giant lightbulb that flashes on and off over the world, or a giant firework that lights up the sky or.....?
- Grandad: No James it doesn't!
- James: Oh that's a shame.....I like the thought of Jesus doing light displays.
- Grandad: James...forget the giant lightbulb bit ok.
- James: OK...
- Grandad: When Jesus said that He is the light of the world, He meant that He is the One who will help us see clearly and show us the right way to live.

- James: What does that mean Grandad?
- Grandad: Think about it this way...if you were walking down a very dark street at night, what would help you see where you were going?
- James: A torch or a candle or I suppose a giant lightbulb....
- Grandad: A torch would be the best James....
- James: OK...
- Grandad: The light from the torch would show you the path. It would stop you from falling into a ditch or stepping into a deep puddle or something worse!
- James: That reminds me Grandad....on my way to the sweet shop I nearly stepped into some dog poo....if it hadn't been for the street light it would have gone all over my.....
- Grandad: Thank you James....I don't think we need to hear about that!
- James: Alright Grandad...
- Grandad: Now back to our torch....like the light coming out of the torch showing you the safe path to walk on, Jesus shows us the right and safe path to walk on through life, if we are willing to listen to what He says and follow Him.
- James: Thanks Grandad for helping me understand. Now you have shown me how important light is, and walking on the right path, I think there is something that I need to do.
- Grandad: What's that, James?
- James: I think I need to move the outside lights back to where they were before I came into church.
- Grandad: What have you done with them James?
- James: I have moved them so that people will end up walking into the duck pond!
- Grandad: Oh James!!

Exit James and Grandad.