

Puppet Script

(PJG053)

“Thin ice”

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “THIN ICE” (PJJG053)

- Aim of script:** To teach that Christmas is when we celebrate God’s “rescue plan” for us, in sending Jesus into the world.
- Use of Script:** This script could be used in an Advent service or another service around Christmas time. Before the script you may want to talk about the different people in life who are involved in rescuing people eg firemen, police, medics.
- After the script, you may want to explain what Jesus did to rescue us from our sins.
- Main themes:** Jesus, Salvation, Rescue, Christmas, Love
- Biblical references:** 1Timothy 1:15, John 3:16-17, Matthew 1:21, 1John 4:14
- 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, how lovely to see you today. It’s not long now until Christmas.... you must be getting very excited.
- James: A bit I s’pose
- Grandad: Wow.....this isn’t the James I know, who normally can’t sleep for nearly a month before Christmas. I thought that you helped your dad put up and decorate your Christmas tree last week.
- James: I did Grandad...
- Grandad: And I know that yesterday your mum let you help her make the gingerbread biscuits you love so much.
- James: Mmmm....
- Grandad: So, what’s the matter James?
- James: I just don’t feel.....er.....Christmassy Grandad.
- Grandad: Christmassy?
- James: You know Grandad.....that excited feeling I have when I think about Christmas day coming with all the lovely presents, and the food and the decorations and the films on television.

- Grandad: Yes, I see what you mean.....but that isn't what Christmas is really all about is it James?
- James: I have had such a terrible shock Grandad, that I can't seem to get excited about all that Christmas stuff. It all seems so..... unimportant.
- Grandad: Why don't you tell me what has happened James?
- James: You know how cold it has been recently Grandad.....well the lake in the park near us has iced over completely.....it looks, or should I say looked really cool.
- Grandad: Go on.
- James: Two days ago, I told mum that I wanted to go and ice-skate on the lake because it was frozen.
- Grandad: I expect that she said, "no" to that request.
- James: You're right Grandad. She said: "Definitely not – that is far too dangerous"
- Grandad: And of course, you listened to your mother, didn't you?
- James: That's the problem Grandad, I didn't. When she was busy talking to one of her friends on the phone, I slipped out, picked up my ice skates and headed down to the lake.....it was still just light enough to see my way.
- Grandad: I really don't like the sound of where this story is going James.
- James: I had an amazing time ice skating Grandad.....and it was so beautiful.....with the snow everywhere. I thought that I was in the film "Frozen", and any minute Olaf would appear.
- Grandad: Oh James, really.....
- James: I was just in the middle of the lake, trying out a special jump when I heard this awful noise.....a cracking sort of a noise.
- Grandad: Oh no.....
- James: Suddenly Grandad, I was plunged into freezing cold water and it went over my head and in my nose and my eyes and it was really scary.....and it smelt awful and I hated it.
- Grandad: How frightening for you James.....that must have been terrible.
- James: It was Grandad, and it was dark too and I thought I would never get out of the lake and that I might die, and no-one would find me
- Grandad: Poor James.....but someone obviously did find you because you are here to talk with me today.....so what happened?

- James: I clung onto the ice and I shouted, “Help, help” and the next thing I saw was a light coming towards me.....I thought I was about to meet Jesus face to face.....but it wasn’t Him.
- Grandad: So, who was it James.....out in the dark?
- James: My dad carrying a large rope with some of his friends. Mum must have told him that I wanted to go ice-skating on the lake and he came looking for me. He must have guessed I was in trouble.
- Grandad: How did your dad get you out from the middle of the lake?
- James: He was very brave Grandad.....he wriggled on his stomach across the ice while his friends held onto the rope.....and then he pulled me out of the water. Once he got me off the ice, he wrapped me up in a big blanket and carried me home on his shoulders.
- Grandad: Your dad risked his life to rescue you James.....that lake is very treacherous.
- James: Can you see now Grandad why I don’t feel very Christmassy?
- Grandad: Yes I can James, but you know....being rescued is actually what Christmas is all about.
- James: Is it Grandad?
- Grandad: It is James.....God the Father sent Jesus to earth to rescue each one of us because He loves us, but unlike your dad who rescued you from the lake, it cost Jesus His life.
- James: So, what do I need rescuing from?
- Grandad: You need rescuing from the results of turning your back on your loving Heavenly Father; doing what you want and ignoring what He wants.
- James: Oh, I see.
- Grandad: You see God’s plan for our lives was to know Him and walk with Him.....when we chose not to do that, He didn’t abandon us but sent Jesus to show us His love and to rescue us. That’s what we are really celebrating at Christmas.....God’s rescue plan for us.
- James: So, are you saying that all the food and parties and trees and decorations are to **help** us celebrate Jesus coming to rescue us?
- Grandad: That’s right James.....
- James: Whoopee.....I know what being rescued is like. I can celebrate that! I’m going to ask Mum to make me the biggest chocolate log ever, to buy me a puppy, have a party and put lights up all over the garden and....
- Grandad: Oh James!
Exit James and Grandad