

Puppet Script

(PJG054)

“Be an Encourager”

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PUPPET SCRIPT: “BE AN ENCOURAGER” (PJG054)

- Aim of script:** To encourage people to use their words to encourage others.
- Use of Script:** This script could be used in a service about encouragement. Before the script you may want to use the Bible verse: Hebrews 10:24, “*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*” Suggest to people that there are different ways of encouraging someone.
- After the script, you may suggest that during refreshments after the service (if you have them), that people look to speak a word of encouragement to someone.

Main themes: Encouragement, Love

Biblical references: Hebrews 10:24, Romans 12:8, 2Corinthians 13:11

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

Grandad: James, James, I need a word with you.

Enter James

James: Hello Grandad.....oh dear you have your stern voice on. It sounds like I might have done something wrong.

Grandad: Well James, I have just been speaking with the Vicar and he says that you have been terrorising the other children in your church group; kicking them with your spurs.

James: But the Vicar taught us a Bible verse from the book of Hebrews that said that we had to “spur one another on to love and good deeds” and that is what I have been trying to do.

Grandad: Oh James, you really have got the wrong end of the stick.

James: Have I Grandad?

Grandad: Yes, you have James. The Vicar didn’t suggest that you wear spurs like a cowboy does.

James: Oh....

Grandad: He wasn’t even suggesting that you use those spurs to kick other children in the legs!

- James: But it was such fun.....no, no, of course it wasn't fun.....I was just doing what the Vicar told me to do.
- Grandad: Right....so I thought that we ought to have a little chat about what the Vicar was actually asking you to do.
- James: Oh, okay Grandad.
- Grandad: So, another way of understanding the verse from Hebrews is this: "Let us think of how we can encourage each other to love and to good deeds."
- James: But what does the word encourage mean Grandad?
- Grandad: Well, there are actually a few ways to understand the word encourage James.
- James: So, what is the first way, Grandad?
- Grandad: Do you remember James when you were learning to dive, and I used to stand by the side of the pool?
- James: Oh, yes Grandad, I do. You used to say, "Come on James, you can do it."
- Grandad: And did that help you to take the plunge into the swimming pool James?
- James: Yes, it did Grandad. It was like you gave me the confidence that I could dive, and then I actually did it and it felt amazing!
- Grandad: So, encouraging someone else is like saying, "You can do it." Can you think of anyone you could say that to?
- James: Hmmmm – well Billy is absolutely brilliant at playing the flute, and I know that he has been asked to join the worship band at church, but he hasn't.....I don't understand why.
- Grandad: Well, why don't you have a chat with Billy and encourage him? Tell him that you believe that he can do it.
- James: Alright Grandad, I'll do that. So, what is the second way I can encourage someone?
- Grandad: Do you remember when you worked really hard to learn the part you were given in the school play, and on the night of the performance, you remembered all of your words?
- James: Yes, I do Grandad. And at the end of the play, you, Mum and dad all came up to me and said, "Well done – that was great acting!"
- Grandad: How did that make you feel?
- James: Really happy Grandad, and like I wanted to do it again.
- Grandad: So, encouraging someone can be like saying, "You did that superbly – well done!" Can you think of anyone you could say that to?

- James: Hmmm – yes, I can.....Mum made an amazing sticky toffee pudding for tea last night.
- Grandad: So, why don't you tell Mum how amazing a cook she is?
- James: I will Grandad.....I will..... although her cauliflower cheese is absolutely gross, disgusting, euch.....
- Grandad: Thanks James...remember we are talking about encouragement
- James: Oh yes, Grandad.
- Grandad: So let me tell you one more way you can encourage someone. Do you remember when you had chicken pox?
- James: I do Grandad.....I was covered in spots absolutely everywhere. Do you know, I even had a spot on my....
- Grandad: Yes, I remember. And I also remember how down in the dumps you were.
- James: I thought that I would have to live with those nasty itchy spots for ever, but you came to see me Grandad and you sat on my bed and chatted with me.
- Grandad: How did that make you feel James?
- James: It made me feel so much better not being alone...you gave me hope Grandad
- Grandad: So, who could you encourage like that James?
- James: Hmmm.....I know. George is down in the dumps. He has broken his leg.....I will go and see him after our chat.
- Grandad: Do you understand now James how you can encourage other people, by saying, "You can do it" or "You did that really well" or "I'm sorry its rubbish – I'm here for you."
- James: Yes, I do Grandad. Thanks so much for this chat. I think I had better go and see the Vicar and tell him that I understand now what encouragement means. While I am there, I will encourage him by saying that if he keeps trying, one day he will grow a sense of humour!
- Grandad: Oh James!

Exit James and Grandad