

# Puppet Script

(PJG055)

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difference”**

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| <b>Aim of script:</b>       | To encourage people to take responsibility for looking after God’s world, by making changes in their lives.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Use of Script:</b>       | <p>This script could be used in a Harvest service, or a Creation care service. Before the script you may want to use the Bible verse: Romans 13:10, “<i>Love does no harm to a neighbour</i>”, explaining that our energy hungry lifestyles are doing harm to our poor neighbours and that we have a responsibility to make changes in the ways that we live.</p> <p>After the script, you may want to share simple practical ideas of what things people could do to live more “lovingly.”</p> |
| <b>Main themes:</b>         | Creation care, Climate, Love                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Biblical references:</b> | Genesis 2:15, Romans 13:8-10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Characters:</b>          | <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 <a href="http://www.onewayuk.com/">http://www.onewayuk.com/</a></p>              |



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*Enter Grandad and James*

- Grandad: Hi James, I have been looking forward to seeing you. How are you doing?
- James: A bit fed up Grandad.
- Grandad: Oh dear.....what’s happened James?
- James: Our Children’s Church leader has given us a very difficult job to do this week Grandad.
- Grandad: What has she asked you to do?
- James: We’ve got to sort out the climate crisis, because there are floods in poor countries that are washing away people’s homes. I mean, how can I sort that? I’m not Moses who can hold back the waters, am I? How can I stop floods?
- Grandad: Oh James, I think that you’ve got the wrong end of the stick.
- James: Do you think so Grandad?
- Grandad: Yes, I do James
- James: So, what do you think Mrs Exodus meant when she asked us to sort out the climate crisis?

- Grandad: She wasn't asking you to sort it out James, but to play your part in looking after God's beautiful world, so that the damage we are all doing to it can be reduced.
- James: Oh, I see Grandad.....so if I feed the dog – he's part of God's World - and help dad sweep up the leaves in the garden – then I'm playing my part.
- Grandad: Although those are great things to do James, I don't think Mrs Exodus had that in mind exactly.
- James: What did she have in mind then Grandad?
- Grandad: Things like walking places instead of going in the car. That means precious energy is saved and not wasted. Perhaps you could get in the habit of walking to church James?
- James: No way Grandad.....I like my lie-in on a Sunday morning and it will take me sooooooh much longer and sooooooh much effort.
- Grandad: Come off it James.....I reckon it will only take you an extra 10 minutes and you've got loads of energy.
- James: How about another idea, Grandad?
- Grandad: Once a week, your mum was talking about having a meal without meat. You could enjoy some nice fresh vegetables that your mum has grown herself.
- James: I'm definitely not doing that Grandad. I love meat, especially roast beef.....and beef sandwiches and spaghetti bolognese and cottage pie and.....
- Grandad: Yes, I get the point James. Did you know that cows emit a lot of gas into the atmosphere, which is really bad for the climate?
- James: Cows have gas.....that's hilarious.....I didn't know that cows fa...
- Grandad: Thank you, James. So, how about giving up one meat meal a week?
- James: But I don't like vegetables very much Grandad.
- Grandad: I thought you loved baked potatoes.
- James: I do but...
- Grandad: Alright James, then how about you clean your teeth without leaving the tap running.
- James: No Grandad, I couldn't do that. That is how I've always cleaned my teeth and I can't change that.
- Grandad: James, did you understand from what Mrs Exodus said that the over-use of the world's resources in our country and other rich nations is badly affecting people living in poor countries?

- James: Yes Grandad, I think so.
- Grandad: Well, if we are going to follow Jesus and love our neighbours, and that means doing no harm to them, then we are going to need to change the way that we do things.
- James: But that's so hard Grandad.
- Grandad: Not really James when you put your mind to it. I think it is exciting to think that you and I can make a difference to other people's lives simply by making a few small changes in the way that we live.
- James: So, if I walk to church and eat less meat and switch off the tap when I am cleaning my teeth then there won't be floods in poor countries.
- Grandad: Not exactly James, but it would help, and you would be playing your part in living a life that isn't wasteful. Many people in church are already doing that.
- James: Are they Grandad?
- Grandad: Yes, they are. There are all sorts of simple things you can do as well as the things we've talked about, like helping with the recycling, switching off lights when you leave a room and.....
- James: OK Grandad. Thank you for helping me understand what Mrs Exodus was saying. I do want to make a difference, but I need your help.
- Grandad: Of course James....we'll do it together. Now, would you like me to show you how to make a bug hotel?
- James: Oh cool....I'd love to do that, but what has that got to do with looking after God's world?
- Grandad: We need to help the good insects in our gardens to thrive James because they are really important in all sorts of ways. We'll talk about that as we make the bug hotel.
- James: Let's go and build it now Grandad.
- Grandad: OK James.
- James: Once the insects are settled in my bug hotel, I think I will take some of them on outings to school and church and to Harriet's house.....I hope some big spiders want to come and stay!
- Grandad: Oh James!

*Exit James and Grandad*