

Puppet Power 2

Chasing God Shaking Nations: Equipping children's leaders



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JOINING GOD'S ARMY



Teaching Point:- God accepts us as we are.

Characters:- Ernie and Jasper

Props:- Notice saying 'Join God's Army Today', combat trousers, cap gun.

Enter Ernie carrying 'Join God's Army Today' notice inviting audience to join. Enter Jasper humming.

E: *(To audience)* Ah, this looks like a good candidate to join God's army. *(To Jasper)* Oh, good morning Sir. Can I interest you in joining God's army today?

J: Who me? Oh, I've always wanted to join the army.

E: Well come right this way Sir.

J: *(Excitedly)* This is so exciting. Just wait a minute while I get my uniform on.

Exit Jasper to opposite side to put on his combat trousers. (You may need to ask for help from the audience!)

E: *(Shouts after Jasper)* J ... j ... just a minute Sir, you don't need a uniform. I say Sir ... you don't need a uniform!

Ernie ad lib to audience re. trousers/uniform not required etc. Enter Jasper wearing combat trousers.

J: *(Proudly)* Will this do? Do I look smart?

E: Well, yes Sir you do, but you really don't need

J: You know I've always wanted to join the army. This is so exciting.

E: But Sir

J: *(Excitedly)* How do I look? How do I look? Eh? Eh? Will I pass on parade? Will I?
(Salutes)

E: Look Sir, you don't need a uniform because when you're walking God's way

J: *(Interrupts)* That's it! That's it! I knew there was something else. WALK!

E: No really Sir there's nothing else. You just

J: WALK! I've got to learn to walk right. Just a minute Sergeant!

Exit Jasper to the side to practise walking ie. marching.

E: But Sir, come back *(To audience)* Oh it's no good. He won't let me explain. I hope he comes back.

J: *(Slowly at first then gaining in speed)* Left! ... Right! ... Left! ... Right! ... Left! Right! Left! Right! Left! Right! etc. *(Marches up to Ernie)* I've done it Serg! Look! *(Demonstrates marching again)* Left! Right! Left! Right! etc.

E: Well that's very good but

J: Good eh? Will you let me in now?

E: *(A little frustrated)* Sir, If you'd just stop talking a moment

J: That's it! TALK! I knew it! I don't talk proper! I'll go and practise. Wait for me I won't be long.

E: No, no Sir. There's nothing wrong with the way you

Exit Jasper to side to practise 'posh' talking eg. 'How nice to see you', 'How now brown cow', 'How do you do?'

E: *(To audience)* Oh dear me! This isn't going at all well. Whatever will he think of next?

Enter Jasper.

J: *(Speaking slowly with 'posh' accent)* How do you do? How nice to see you! How now brown cow!

E: *(Frustrated)* Please Sir, if you could just wait a minute I'll

J: Oh no! I knew it! It's my weight! I don't weigh enough!

E: Hang on a minute Sir, you're just fine as you are. You don't have to worry about

J: Yes, that's it! I've got to put some weight on and get fit!

Exit Jasper to side

E: Oh dear me! Whatever next!

Ernie stares in disbelief as Jasper eats madly - Mars bars, 3 shredded wheat etc. - does various exercises eg. Press ups, exercises ears, feels muscles etc. Enter Jasper.

J: Well what do you think now? Here, feel my muscles.

E: *(Feels muscles)* Very good Sir, but really you're just jumping the gun!

J: A GUN! Of course. All soldiers have to have a gun. How silly of me to forget!

Exit Jasper to find a gun

E: *(Shouts after Jasper)* No Sir, you definitely don't need a gun! *(To audience)* Whatever will he think of next?

Enter Jasper brandishing gun (Possibly firing a cap gun)

J: Here we are. Bang! Bang! How's this?

E: Well Sir, I've been trying to tell you that you don't need any of these things to join GOD'S army. He's only interested in you. You can join just as you are.

J: What no gun? No uniform? No special way of

E: That's right - you need to come just as you are.

J: *(Relieved)* Well, why didn't you say so?

E: Well I did try to

J: Eh! This is great! Can I join now?

E: Of course, come on in.

J: Wow! This is tremendous!

Exit Ernie and Jasper together.

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