



Puppet Ministry  
**the**BROOK

## **From Bully to Holy: God's Power to Do the Impossible**

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### **PUPPETS**

1. Blue Beard (Harry)
2. Bernard
3. Berry
4. Flurpette

### **PEOPLE**

1. Director

### **PROPS**

1. Jesus T-Shirt for bully
2. Wii controllers (borrow from Brian)

### **SOUND**

1. Ripples Theme
2. Lion of Judah
3. Dum dum... (Scene 1 and 2 before Bernard mentions the name Harry)
4. Video game sounds (beginning of Scene 2)
5. Recess sounds

## ACT I

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**Music:** Lion of Judah

**Director:** Good morning kids! I didn't hear you! Good Morning Kids! It's great to see you all today. I heard that you are going to be learning about Joshua and the Israelites crossing the Jordan River today. How many of you know that story? It's about a miracle that God did in order to show His power to do the impossible. This is how it begins... The Israelites had just finished wandering in the desert for a very long time, and many of them died there; even their leader Moses. So God chose a new leader for them, and his name was Joshua. Right after Joshua became leader he faced a big problem... The Israelites needed to go to war to take the over the land that God promised to them; but there was a really big river in the way, and they didn't have enough boats to get across it! There were hundreds of thousands of people that needed to cross... Do you think you could find a boat big enough for that many people? I don't think I could either. It would have to be too big to even fit in a river! But God helped them solve this problem. In our skit today, our friends at the brook have to face a pretty big problem too. Pay attention and see if you can find out what their problem is...

**Scene:** Bernard and Flurpette are trying to avoid the worst bully the school has ever seen, gossiping about him in the process.

**Flurpette** - Hey Bernard! (pauses to think) What are you doing over here? You don't usually play hopscotch...

**Bernard** - I'm trying to hide from (**sound: dramatic dum dum**)(Bernard looks around scared )... Harry.

**Flurpette** – Oh no... (gasp) Did the Principal let him out today?

**Bernard** –Yah, I don't know why she had to go and mess up the end of a perfectly good school year... Harry has got to be the worst bully that Harper Hopkin's Elementary School has ever seen... He pounds on kids every day at recess, lunch, and after school, throws rocks at cats in the neighborhood, and even broke Mr. Garcia's window on purpose!

**Flurpette** – Wow! I thought he was in for good... Never to leave the Principal's office again! I've never seen Mrs. Plume as mad as she was on share day when he stole Susie's porcelain doll and threw it on the floor into a million pieces! It was really scary... He started growling like a wild animal!

**Bernard** – I'm just worried he's gonna' break me into a million pieces soon, if he finds me... (looks around again)

**Flurpette** – Hey, I don't want to be crushed either! (looks around) Did you see what he did to Jerid's arm... It's fractured in two places! Jerid's going to have to wear a cast all summer... (thinking pause) Maybe we should hide together.

(sees Harry in the distance, but Bernard does not notice) Oh no... too late...  
(runs off stage)

**Harry** – (comes up behind Bernard and taps him on the shoulder) Hey there  
Berry... I've been lookin' for ya everywhere...

**Bernard** – gulp.

**Harry**- Let's have some fun wrestlin' for a while... (grabs Bernard by force and both  
go off stage)

**Director** – Wow! Did you catch what the problem was? Ya, you're right. Bernard and  
Flurpette have to deal with a really mean bully at school. He's a bully because  
he does a lot of mean things, including hurting other kids. Bullies are a big  
problem because no matter how much they get in trouble for acting bad, their  
badness comes from sin inside. We all have sin inside, and the only one that  
can fix that bad part of us is Jesus. We should get back to the story. It's  
summer time now, and Bernard is spending the afternoon with his uncles  
Berry. Let's see what happens...

## ACT II

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**Music** – (summer themed song)

**Scene** – Berry and Bernard are finishing up a session of video game playing at the  
end of summer, when the subject of Harry comes up in conversation.

**Sound** – Video game noise

**Bernard** – Thanks uncle Berry! Playing at your house during the summer is the best!  
What's your favorite game anyway? We played so many good ones so far...  
Like tennis... and bowling... and basketball too! I guess I'd have to say that  
bowling is my favorite though... I like it because I can use mathematical  
formulas to accurately calculate what angle to throw the ball.

**Berry** – I agree that bowling is fun, but I'd have to say basketball is my favorite. Still,  
the best part about them all is spending time with you...

**Bernard** – Gee, thanks uncle Berry. You're pretty great too...

**Berry** – So... Are you ready to go back to school next week?

**Bernard**- (sad sounding) No, not really.

**Berry** – But I thought you loved school... Aren't you excited about your fourth grade  
science experiments? You can even compete in the fair this year in the upper  
grade division!

**Bernard** – Well yah, that's all gonna' be great... But I'm not looking forward to seeing  
Harry again!

**Berry** – Bernard, I think you might be surprised what you see on your first day back...

**Bernard** – (excited) Oh! Did they finally build the new lab the teachers were talking about?!

**Berry** – No. That's not it. It's something better actually... Have you seen Harry at all this summer?

**Bernard** – No. And believe me, I'm happy about it... I had bruises from the last time I saw him for over a month!

**Berry** – I don't think that's going to be a problem anymore...

**Bernard** – You mean he finally got suspended? Wow, I didn't even think that was possible...

**Berry** – No, that's not it either... You'll be seeing Harry at school.

**Bernard** – (disappointed) Ah... I guess I shouldn't have gotten my hopes up.

**Berry** – Bernard, do you believe that people can change?

**Bernard** – I guess they can sometimes... But if you're talking about...

**Sound: dum, dum, dum**

**Bernard** – ...*Harry*, that would be impossible! Do you know how many mean, evil, and outright bullyish things he's done?!

People like him don't change...

**Berry** – Well, what I can tell you is that I've seen and heard differently from him this summer. He's been acting respectful and even kind.

**Bernard** – (thinking) Well, if think you saw him acting nice, there must be some kind of mistake... Maybe there's been a different boy with a blue beard walking around the neighborhood pretending to be Harry...

**Berry** – No. it was definitely Harry. Besides, how many boys have beards in fourth grade? He walked by the house a few days ago and saw that I was taking the trash bins out, so he asked if I needed any help. I was really surprised, so I accepted his offer. He helped me take them all the way to the curb, and then told me "have a good afternoon Mr. Berry!" Not at all like the way he used to talk to me. I'd say it's a very good change indeed...

**Bernard** – Are you sure he didn't come by later and kick the trash bins over or something; like he was just pretending to be nice?

**Berry** – Nope. He was definitely nice. At first I questioned whether he was just having a really good day. But then, I talked to Mrs. Jensen about it, the one with all the cats, and she said he came up and apologized to her for throwing rocks at them before. Harry also gave Mr. Garcia all of the allowance money he earned over the summer, to pay for the window he broke. I was beginning to wonder what brought about this sudden change, so I talked to his mom and she said he went to VBS this summer. She said he's been like a different boy entirely since he came back home. I'm not sure, but I think VBS stands for Villains Boarding School.

**Bernard**– (Drops his mouth) I can't believe it Uncle! I just can't believe it... Boarding school or not, this makes no sense!! Either there must be an imposter Harry or everyone has seen and heard wrong. Harry is the meanest bully ever and always will be! He was born a bully and will die a bully... I love you Uncle Berry, but this is just too difficult to believe. If you said that God came to you and allowed you to cross a great river by parting the water on both sides with His magical powers, I would be more likely to believe that than this...

**Berry** – (disappointed) Alright then, it looks like there's nothing else I can say. I think it's time to call your mom. She said she wants you home before dinner.

**Director** – Wow, that was surprising, wasn't it? Uncle Berry told Bernard something very important. He said that Harry had changed. But, Bernard didn't believe what uncle Berry said, did he? If uncle Berry was right, then Harry went from being a mean bully, to becoming a nice, respectful kid. Do you have any idea why someone might change like that? Those are all good ideas... Why do you think Bernard didn't believe his uncle though? It seemed impossible to him that Harry would change huh? Well, let's find out how the first day back at school went...

### *Act III*

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**Music** – (Sound: Recess noises)

**Scene** – It's the first day of school and Flurpette is talking to the audience

**Flurpette** – Oh, I just love the first day of school! I get start a new class, use a new lunch box, wear new shoes... and my mom always gets me a fur cut! Look at everyone on the playground now... They look like they're having so much fun! I should go join them!

(Flurpette heads toward playground, but Harry pops up in front of her with Jesus t-shirt on)

**Harry**- Hi Flurpette! It's good to see you...

**Flurpette**- Ahh! (Screams and ducks off stage)

**Harry**– Lord, I know you said it wouldn't be easy to follow you... But you'll be with me wherever I go, even if others turn away from me because of you. (Bernard comes up but then spots Harry and tries to slip away, but Harry notices him)  
Hi Bernard! (Bernard freezes with fear)

**Bernard** – (unsure) Hi... Harry?

**Harry** – It's so good to see you buddy! (Harry rushes up to Bernard and puts an arm around him)

**Bernard** – Umm... Good to see you too?

**Harry** – Berny, I owe you an apology.

**Bernard** – An... a what?

**Harry** – An apology. I've been really cruel to you in the past. You're are a pretty cool kid actually, and you never deserved any of it... I shouldn't have been so mean to you.

**Bernard** – (confused) You shouldn't have?

**Harry** – Yah. Can you find it in your heart to forgive me? I would really like to be your friend.

**Bernard** – Wow! Well, considering this is nothing short of a miracle, I guess I better say yes.

**Harry** – Yay! This is awesome!

**Bernard** – Can I ask you something Harry...?

**Harry** – Sure, friends can ask each other anything.

**Bernard** – What happened to you? I mean, before, I use to say that you would never be nice to anyone ever!

**Harry** – (To God) Thank you Lord, my first opportunity to witness! (to Bernard) Have you ever heard about Jesus Berny?

**Bernard** – Isn't he that guy with the long hair and robe that I've seen in paintings?

**Harry** – Uh huh, that's him. But Berny, he's so much more... He's God in human form, our savior, and wants to come into our lives to love us as we are. He died so He could forgive us for all the bad things we've ever done! The best part is that He rose again, and is still living today. When I went to vacation Bible school this summer, He met me there, and turned my life around completely... He's called me to be like him now: loving, kind, and merciful. Exactly how I want to be! The best part is his spirit is inside me now, so I will become like him without having to do it on my own!

**Bernard** – Wow! If the reason you changed is because of this Jesus guy, I want to know him too! He obviously has the power to do the impossible...

**Harry** – Yah. Looking back, I never would have said I could change this much either... But with God, all things are possible! If you want to know Jesus too, you can meet him right now. You just need to understand that God loved us so much, that He made Himself into a man to come and die for all of our sins. If you pray right now, believing in the sacrifice Jesus made for you, and say "I want to change my ways and follow you Jesus", then He will come into your life too...

**Bernard** – Your God is really powerful! So it seems kind of odd that He would listen to me. Will God really listen to a prayer from me right now?

**Harry** – Yah. He listens to us wherever we are because He loves us. Do you want to pray?

**Bernard** – Yes I do. But can you lead the prayer? I've never prayed before.

**Harry** – I'd love to! Okay, repeat after me... God, thank you for loving me so much that you sent your son to die for me.

**Bernard** – God, thank you for loving me so much that you sent your son to die for me.

**Harry** – I accept your sacrifice for me and ask you to come into my heart to change me to be like you.

**Bernard** – I accept your sacrifice for me and ask you to come into my heart to change me to be like you.

**Harry**- Amen.

**Bernard** – Amen. That's it?!

**Harry** – That's it.

**Bernard** – Well, I don't feel any different.

**Harry** – You will. Just give it some time. You'll notice quickly. You'll begin to hear a new, good voice, filled with love inside of you.

**Bernard** – Harry... This seems like a really big thing to share. Our God has so much power... Maybe we should go tell the other kids about Him. I think when they see what He's done with your life, they'll want to know Him too!

**Harry** – Yah. I suppose they will...

(Flurpette comes up)

**Bernard** – There's Flurpette now. We should talk to her.

**Harry** – Hi Flurpette!

**Flurpette**- Gasp! What are you two doing together, and Happy?!

**Harry** – Flurpette, have you ever heard about Jesus...?

**Director** – It really was true, wasn't it? Harry changed! In fact, he changed so much that it was considered a miracle! Why did he change? That's right, he changed because of Jesus coming into his life. God used his amazing power in Harry to bring others to himself too! Anyone who talked to Harry could see that his God was powerful, and they wanted to know him too! It didn't stop with Bernard either... Flurpette accepted Jesus along with many other kids... Even some teachers at their public school wanted to know Jesus! Most of the adults there had never heard about Him either, and Harry was the perfect witness for God to use in order get their attention.

Remember the story of Joshua and the Israelites that I started sharing with you in the beginning? Remember they had the problem of needing to cross the wide river without having a boat that was big enough? Well, God showed his power to do miracles through Joshua too... He told Joshua to get the people to stand in the water with the Ark of the Covenant, a chest that the Jews were given where God chose to let His presence rest. And God parted that wide Jordan river in two for all of them to cross over on dry land! He held the water back in a town upstream. All several hundred thousand of the people walked across the river just like it was a park! And then all of the Israelites knew that God had used Joshua to do the impossible. Other nations saw what God did for the Israelites and were afraid of His power. God shows

his power today too. He does miracles in our lives when he changes us to be more like Him, and He even does physical miracles like healing sick people. He is a very powerful God, and He makes it apparent to all people.

Closing prayer.

**Music –**

**Ripples Theme**

**End**