



## "How Great My Art"

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### **PUPPETS**

1. Berry

### **PEOPLE**

1. Worship leader.
2. Person From The Brook

### **PROPS**

1. One man stage
2. Painting
3. Paint Brush

### **SOUND**

1. Ripples Theme
2. How Great Though Art

## ACT I

**Music:** "Ripples Theme"

**Direction:** Worship leader opens with music – 3 Songs

**Music:** "How Great Thou Art"

**Scene** – Berry is painting a picture.

**Berry** – (Humming)

**Person** – Hey, what are you doing?

**Berry** – Oh, I am just doing some art.

**Person** – Haven't I seen you around here before?

**Berry** – You do look familiar.

**Person** – Oh, that's right! You are the one that lost his memory. By the way, how's that working out for ya?

**Berry** – I have my memory back now. This lovely young girl at the Brook here reminded me that my name was Berry. I am so relieved that I remember now. You can't imagine what it is like not to remember your name or where you are from.

**Person** – So then what is your name?

**Berry** – My name is Bartholomew Ignatius Blunderbuss III!

**Person** – Wow, that is a mouthful. No wonder you forgot it.

**Berry** – You can call me Berry though.

**Person** – Berry?

**Berry** – You see, I used to hang out all the time at Knott's Berry Farm and I just loved scones covered with fresh berries. Since my name is so hard to say, folks just started calling me "Berry" and so that has been my name ever since.

**Person** – Well, "Berry" I can handle. So Berry, what are painting a picture of?

**Berry** – It is an angel... or at least I think it is an angel.

**Person** – That is very nice Berry. You must love painting a lot.

**Berry** – Actually I hate it.

**Person** – You hate painting, but you are painting a picture of an angel? I guess you really like angels then huh?

**Berry** – Nah, I just had to paint a picture of something, I just decided to paint an angel.

**Person** – Oh, I get it. You are painting for a class right? This is just an assignment.

**Berry** – Nope.

**Person** – Then I am totally confused. You are painting – which you say you don't like. You are doing a picture of an angel – which you don't particularly care about. And you are not doing it for a class... Then why on earth my friend are you painting?

**Berry** – So I can get into heaven.

**Person** – Huh? Oh.. now I see, you are doing it for Sunday school.

**Berry** – Nope.

**Person** – Wha?... Then why on earth are you painting a picture of an angel.

**Berry** – I already told you, so I can get into heaven.

**Person** – But Berry, a painting won't get you into heaven.

**Berry** – But that's not what the pastor says.

**Person** – Now I am really confused. Look, I'll just be quiet for a minute and you can explain the whole thing to me. Okay?

**Berry** – All right.

The other day I was listening to a message about the bible, and when the preacher started talking, he was saying something about the Lord's prayer.

He said, "Our father who does art in heaven."

Well, I didn't know before that God wanted us to do art. I guess that was why he was so close to Leonardo Da Vinci. Anyway, I ran out and bought some art supplies and started painting this picture so I can get into heaven.

**Person** – Oh no Berry, you don't need a painting or art to get into heaven. We get into heaven on the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. I don't care how wonderful an artist you are; it won't get you into heaven.

**Berry** – Boy, that is a load off my shoulders. (Whew.) Cause in case you hadn't noticed, I am a lousy painter. (Goes back to painting.)

**Person** – But if you don't like to paint, then why are you still painting?

**Berry** – Oh, well, I am really in you debt for setting me straight on the whole "getting into heaven thing." But that doesn't change the fact that God is an art lover.

**Person** – Well, there is more to it than that I am afraid – if you were referring to the Lord's prayer.

**Berry** – I was.

**Person** – You see, the prayer is properly stated "Our father who art in heaven." It was Jesus giving His disciples an example of how to pray to God. And "art in heaven" is not talking about art, it is how they used to speak in the old days and it refers to the fact that God lives in heaven.

**Berry** – Nooooo.....

**Person** – Uh huh.

**Berry** – Do you want a half-finished painting then?

**Person** – Uh, thank you but I don't have any room for more art... sorry.

**Berry** – can't say that I blame you.

I am going to have to talk to Howard and tell him just how sorry I am.

**Person** – Was Howard someone who tried to explain it to you before and you didn't believe him?

**Berry** – No... you know... (points up) Hooooowwwarrd!

**Person** – Huh? Howard is a pilot?

**Berry** – No! You know, Howard... GOD!

**Person** – Berry, God's name is not Howard.

**Berry** – Yes it is...

**Person** – No it's not!

**Berry** – Look I appreciate your help on the first part of the prayer, but this part I am sure of.

**Person** – Go on.

**Berry** – Okay, so it says... "Our father who art in heaven... HOWARD be thy name."

**Person** – (Laughs)

**Berry** – It's not funny... God's gonna hit you with a lightning bolt or something for that.

**Person** – I am sorry Berry. Listen, the prayer goes like this "Our father who art in heaven HALLOWED be thy name.

It means that we hold the name of God in reverence. It is another one of those old words.

**Berry** – That explains it. I always thought that Howard was a strange name for God to choose. I like just plain God better.

My Friend Howard is going to be disappointed though.

**Person** – Why is that?

**Berry** – Cause He thought He was named after God.

**Person** – I guess that would kinda spoil your day.

Berry? Can I suggest something to you?

**Berry** – Sure.

**Person** – Maybe it would be a good idea if you started coming to the Brook more often. I think we could straighten you out on a thing or two.

God wants us to know what He has to say about things. That is why He has given us the bible. We have some wonderful teachers here that will share the word of God with you in a way that you can understand.

Would you like that?

**Berry** – Absolutely.

**Person** – And one last thing...?

**Berry** – Yes?

**Person** - How about we pray the Lord’s Prayer together? The whole thing...

**Berry** – I would love that!

**Person** – Matthew 6:9 says that we are to pray in this manner "*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. <sup>10</sup>Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. <sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*"

**Direction**: Brief discussion about prayer and understanding the bible.

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