



"I Can't Get No Satisfaction"

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PUPPETS

1. Ripley
2. Mr. Whiskers

PEOPLE

1. Worship leader.
2. Unsatisfied Person

PROPS

1. One man stage
2. 7 small buckets – labeled: satisfaction, money, power, people, stuff, pleasure and the Holy Spirit
3. Sand

SOUND

1. Ripples Theme
2. I cant get no satisfaction
- 3.

ACT I

Music: "Ripples Theme"

Worship leader opens with music, and a brief talk about how hard it is to find satisfaction in this world – In fact, he says, he even know a song about it.

Music: "Satisfaction song"

Mr. Whiskers – Ah, so you say you can't find satisfaction eh? Well, boy have I got a deal for you.

Unsatisfied Person – Well who are you? And why should I listen to anything you have to say?

Mr. Whiskers – I am glad you asked my boy - yes glad you asked. You see my name is Mr. Whiskers and I am the most successful resident of the Brook. I own too much to mention and I have the answer for your problem.

Unsatisfied Person – Okay, I'll bite. So what is your answer to satisfaction, eh, Mr. Whiskers was it?

Mr. Whiskers – Yes, Yes, oh, the key to satisfaction is people my friend. If you fill your life with enough people then you will be truly satisfied. I find I can never have enough people in my employ – you know, I mean friends.

Unsatisfied Person – You mean to say, that if I go over there (points at bucket labeled people) and fill my life with people that I will be satisfied?

Mr. Whiskers - Yes, that is exactly what I am saying! Gone on boy, give it a try!

Unsatisfied Person – *(Walks over to table with buckets on it. He fills his from the one labeled “people”. Sand fills his bucket.)* Wow, this is amazing! People are wonderful!

Mr. Whiskers – I told you that people would satisfy you. They never fail to satisfy me. *(Unsatisfied man walks back over to his place and as he does so, the sand leaks from his bucket.)*

Unsatisfied Person – *(As he approaches his spot.)* I am not feeling so satisfied anymore. I don't know what's wrong.

Mr. Whiskers – Well that happens sometimes with people. They fill you for a while and then they leave you empty. However, I have the solution for you. Money! Yes, money is the way to satisfaction and I have tons of it so I should know.

Unsatisfied Person – That sounds good to me. I sure could use some of that. I never seem to have enough money. *(Walks over and fills his bucket from the one labeled “money.”)* Yes that is nice, I am feeling more satisfied.

Mr. Whiskers – Exactly right! I knew that you would find satisfaction in money, although I must admit that I always seem to need more.

Unsatisfied Person – *(Walks over to his spot again and the sand runs out. Looks down.)* I seem to be out of money and my satisfaction is gone. What am I supposed to do now?

Mr. Whiskers – Yes that money can be a very fickle thing. We just need to find that one thing that will keep you satisfied. Let me think for a moment. I have it! Power, yes power is what you need to make you happy. Power is the thing that most men desire and I know if you get a big dose of power you will find satisfaction.

Unsatisfied Person – *(Pours sand from the “power’ bucket.)* Ooh I feel the power!

Mr. Whiskers – Satisfied eh?

Unsatisfied Person – You Bet! (walks back over to spot and sand leaks out.)
...But not so much anymore.

Mr. Whiskers – Has the power left you already. Usually it takes longer, err, uh,
I mean usually people of power are satisfied for a while.

Unsatisfied Person – Maybe that's true but I just feel like something is missing
in my life.

Mr. Whiskers – Well why didn't you say that in the first place my boy! What
you are missing is stuff! You just don't have enough stuff in your life!
Everyone knows that the stuff of this world will make you happy.

Unsatisfied Person – You're right! I don't have much stuff. Maybe if I get
more stuff I'll be satisfied.

Mr. Whiskers – Of course it will. I have tons of stuff and see how happy I am?

Unsatisfied Person – (Pours from "stuff" bucket) Oh yeah... lots of stuff! Ooh
baby! Now I really feel satisfied!

Mr. Whiskers – Just like I said. Nothing like stuff to satisfy. Well, sometimes
anyway.

Unsatisfied Person – (Sand pours out of bucket again.) What happened? All of
this stuff doesn't make me happy anymore? When will I find
satisfaction?

Mr. Whiskers – I have one more idea for you. How do you feel about pleasure?

Unsatisfied Person – Oh, I like pleasure. In fact, I look for as much pleasure
as I can get.

Mr. Whiskers – Well then, my young boy! Step up to the bucket of pleasure
and be satisfied!

Unsatisfied Person – *(Walks over to bucket and fills up.)* Oh boy, this feels wonderful. Ooh I love pleasure. I am truly satisfied now.

Mr. Whiskers – Well then, there you go.

Unsatisfied Person – *(Walks back over and sand pours out of course.)* What has happened? Why has the satisfaction left me? Why is pleasure no longer satisfying me?

Ripley - Do I hear the voice of that no-good Mr. Whiskers?

Mr. Whiskers – Oh no! It's that goody two-shoes Ripley. I'm getting outta here. I don't feel like being preached at today. You are on your own young man!

Unsatisfied Person – But wait a minute! I'm not satisfied yet! What about me?

Ripley – (comes up) Who are you and what is all of this hollering about?

Unsatisfied Person – Oh, you don't have to worry about me. I'm just a dissatisfied nobody!

Ripley – Oh, and don't tell me, Mr. Whiskers had the answers to all of your problems. Right?

Unsatisfied Person – Well, he said he did, but he really didn't. How did you know?

Ripley – That old bottom-feeder has been causing problems around the Brook for years now. So tell me son, what seems to be the problem?

Unsatisfied Person – You see, no matter how hard I try, I can't seem to find satisfaction in my life. I have tried money, people, stuff, power and pleasure. But it seems that at the end I feel more empty than I did in the first place.

Ripley – Oh I see. You must understand friend that your problem is a “hole” problem, not a satisfaction one.

Unsatisfied Person – “Hole” problem? I don’t understand.

Ripley – Show me your bucket.

Unsatisfied Person – (Holds up bucket and there is a hole in the bottom that says “GOD”) Hey! There’s a hole there!

Ripley - You see, God made you and He put a hole in you that only He can fill. You can try to fill it with the things of this world but you will be left empty every time.

Unsatisfied Person – How do I fill this hole inside of me?

Ripley – There is only one way to fill that God hole inside of you. That is by accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and only through Christ can things be made right again.

Unsatisfied Person – I’m tired of feeling empty. I want Jesus to be my Lord and Savior.

Ripley – Well then, let’s do that right now. (Ripley leads Him in a prayer of salvation. Then he gives him a disk that says Jesus to put in the bottom of his bucket.)

Now, go and fill your bucket with the Spirit of God!

Unsatisfied Person – (Walks over and fills the bucket till it overflows.) Hey! It’s overflowing!

Ripley – That’s the way the grace of God works. He fills us to overflowing with His spirit.

Unsatisfied Person – (Walks over to his place with his full bucket.) I am still full!

Ripley – Isn't God wonderful? Only in Him do we find complete satisfaction.

Unsatisfied Person – Wonderful indeed. (Sings song)

Music: "New Satisfaction song"

I have found my satisfaction
Jesus is my new heart's passion
Oh He died and rose
And he paid for my sin
I have found my satisfaction!
Hey, Hey, Hey!
What do you say?
Will you find your Satisfaction?
Give your life to Jesus' passion?
Have you tried
And you tried
But this life is a lie?
Come and get your Satisfaction
It's Jesus Christ
That's what I say
Hey Hey Hey!

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