



"A Life That Matters"

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Puppets

1. Grandma

PEOPLE

1. Worship leader.
2. Announcer
3. Kids from audience (6)

PROPS

1. One man stage
2. Fog Machine.
3. Angel Wings

SOUND

1. Ripples Theme
2. Twilight Zone rift
- 3.

ACT I

Music: "Ripples Theme"

Worship leader opens with music, and a prayer.

Music: "A song about life"

*Announcer– (In the style of the old "Twilight Zone") Submitted for your approval
Grandma is coming to the end of a long and uneventful life.*

Grandma - *I feel like I am coming to the end of a long and uneventful life.*

Announcer - *Grandma feels as though his life has been wasted.*

Grandma - *My life has been wasted.*

Announcer - *She feels as though he hasn't had any impact on the world.*

Grandma - *I haven't had any impact on the world.*

Announcer - *She feels as though his life doesn't matter.*

Grandma - *My life doesn't matter.*

Announcer - *Is there an echo in here?*

Grandma - *(Shakes his head no.)*

Announcer - *Grandma is about to find that there is more than meets the eye in
this life in.... The heaven zone.*

Music - Twilight Zone rift.

Grandma – I am so tired. I can't believe that it will be much longer before I get to go home and be with the Lord.

But I am so sad. My life has been a waste. I have never built any great monuments. I didn't cure any diseases. I wasn't famous. I didn't write the great novel. In fact, when I think of it, I haven't done much at all.

I live here now all alone. I don't have much and my bank account is nearly empty.

God, I just don't know the point of it all. I have tried to be faithful, but my life doesn't seem to have mattered - doesn't seem to have counted for anything. (*Drifts off to sleep.*)

Scene - *Fog rolls in and angel comes in.*

Angel - Grandma. Grandma wake up!

Grandma - Who are you?

Angel – It is not important who I am. I am here to talk about you?

Grandma – Me? Why have you come to talk to me? You're not the ghost of Christmas past are you?

Angel – No, I am not the ghost of Christmas past. But the great I AM thought you might need to hear this right now.

Grandma – why are you speaking in riddles? I am an old woman and I don't have time for riddles.

Angel – Oh, my dear Grandma, I think this will solve a riddle or two for you.

I understand that you feel as though your life has been wasted.

Grandma – How did you know that?

Angel – Oh I know so much more than that. But I have something that I think you might want to see.

Scene – *Kids walk up to microphone. (The teacher with them to tell them what to say. Teacher will whisper in their ear when it is their turn.)*

Grandma – Who are all of these people?

Angel – Just a few folks we thought you might like to meet.

Child 1 (Girl) – Hi Grandma.

Grandma – Who are you?

Child 1 – I used to come over to your house for lemonade.

Grandma – Oh, now I remember you. You were always thirsty. We would have cakes and lemonade in the garden and you would always ask me a million questions about God. Did any of the answers I gave you help?

Angel – They more than helped Grandma. It was your faithful sharing of the Gospel that planted the seed. At 16 she accepted Jesus as her Lord and

Savior. Without your telling her about the things of God she wouldn't be in heaven today.

Child 1 – Thank you Grandma. (Child 1 sits down)

Child 2 (boy) – Hi Grandma!

Grandma – You look familiar. But I don't know from where.

Child 2 – You served me dinner at a shelter once.

Angel – You did more than serve him dinner Grandma. You saw that he was crying and so when you finished serving you came over and talked with him.

Grandma – Oh, now I remember. Both your mom and dad were homeless and you were sad that you had no place to stay.

Angel – Do you also remember what you told him?

Grandma – I think I told him not to worry. That God says in His word that He provides for the birds of the air and He will take care of you too.

Angel – Your memory is improving. You did tell him that very thing. And your faith in God was always on his mind. You'll be happy to know that when you prayed to God that his parents would find jobs that God answered your prayers and this boy credited his rescue to God. Later, he accepted Christ and is here because of you today.

Child 2 – Thank you Grandma. (Sits down.)

Child 3 (Girl) – Hi Grandma!

Grandma – Hi! I remember you.

Child 3 – You let me stay with you.

Angel – Yes Grandma. For a while you were a foster parent and you took her in when she lost her parents. She watched you and listened to your prayers and admired you. It was your faithful example that helped her to know that God was real. And one night while you were sleeping she prayed that God would give her a faith as strong as yours. He listened to her prayer and she has touched so many lives because of you and is here in heaven.

Child 3 – Thank you Grandma! (Sits down.)

Child 4 (Boy) – Hi Grandma!

Grandma – I know you! You used to live next door to me.

Child 4 – Yeah, you gave me clothes.

Grandma – Oh I remember the tatters he used to run around in. His parents were so poor that they could not afford new clothes for him.

Angel – and so you would give him the clothes your son used to wear.

Grandma – They weren't doing me any good.

Angel – Yes, but it was how you gave them to him. You would tell him that God had blessed you and now you wished to bless him back.

Grandma – I remember that.

Angel – He took that lesson to heart and you'll probably be surprised to learn that he began a clothing ministry that helps kids all over the world. And it was your example that set him on his path. He has helped so many because of you.

Child 4 – Thank you Grandma! (Sits down.)

Child 5 (Girl) – Hi Grandma!

Grandma – I don't remember you.

Child 5 – You came to me in the hospital. I was very sick.

Grandma – I am sorry you were sick.

Angel – Don't be sorry for her. She is in the arms of Jesus now and it because you prayed with her that she is there. If you had not shared the love of God with her, she would not be here today.

Child 5 – Thank you Grandma. (Sits down).

Child 6 (Boy) – Hi Grandma!

Grandma – You look vaguely familiar.

Child 6 – You came to me in prison. I had done some bad things.

Grandma – Oh I remember that place. It was so awful and so sad. God seemed more real to me there sometimes than anywhere else – so many lost souls.

Angel – And you shared with him at his most desperate moment that God was a God of forgiveness. That God would forgive him for all of the things he

had done. He took that step of faith because of you and many others were lead to Christ by his example while he was in prison.

Child 6 – Thank you Grandma. (Sits down.)

Angel – So you see Grandma, your life has not been a waste in the eyes of God. In fact it has been a magnificent triumph of faith. This is only a small portion of the rewards that are waiting for you.

Please do not lose heart. God does not see success as the world does. He has great love for you and there is an eternity waiting for you to see that your life does matter.

Scene – Angel drifts away and Grandma falls back to sleep.

Grandma – (waking up) Oh, what a glorious day! I have a lot of work to do. After all, I am living a life that matters. (walks down)

Announcer – Submitted for your approval. Grandma does live a life that matters. For God sees the world and the things in it differently than we. So remember, keep the faith and someday you too may join her in the... "Heaven Zone!"

Follow-up – In The book of Matthew Jesus tells us, beginning in verse 34 - Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'
"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?
When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?
Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'
And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'

(Continue to follow up on passage with the kids).

We have much to be thankful for – are we sharing our blessings? Our we sharing the hope we have in Jesus Christ?

Closing Prayer

Music: "Ripples Theme"

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