



"Peace In A Can"

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PEOPLE

1. Out front / Worship (Heather)

PUPPETS

1. Mister Whiskers (Ben)
2. Tad (Tim)
3. Flurpette (Jeanette)
4. Clay (Frank)
5. Berry (Ben)
6. S.O.C.K. Puppets

PROPS

1. Large Stage
2. Can of Peace

SOUND

1. Theme Song
2. Let There Be Peace on Earth
3. Kung Fu Fighting
4. Playground sounds

ACT I

Scene – Tad is at a local market where he runs into Mr. Whiskers Selling a new “must have” item.

Heather – The world it seems is fighting all the time anymore. We hear about wars in the Middle East, Pakistan, and a hundred other places. We face people that want to hurt us and others who just can’t seem to get along. Do you kids think there is an answer? Tad might just have found one today.

Why don’t we join our friends of the Brook and see what is happening?

Sound – *Song about peace*

S.O.C.K. Puppets – Sing song -

Scene – Tad is at a market, where he comes across Mr Whiskers selling the promise of a miracle.

Mister Whiskers – Friends! Seekers! Come see what wonder I have for you today. I have travelled the seven continents of the world! I have sat with kings and mystics, queens and holy men. I have seen wonders with these very eyes that few men have ever dreamt of.

And so, it is with my vast knowledge and experience that I bring you a treasure so amazing that I can scarce put a price on it.

Tad – What is it mister?

Mister Whiskers – Why... it is the most spectacular thing ever put into a can. It is the answer, my son, to the problems of the world. But you had better act now, for there is a limited supply!

Tad – Wow! That sounds like something I need... But what is it mister?

Mister Whiskers – Now don’t go blabbing this around town young man, but I have... (dramatic pause) peace in a can!

Tad – Peace in a can?

Mister Whiskers – That’s correct my fine young fellow. Peace in a can!

Gathered straight from the prayers of the Dali Lama, high in the Himalayas and fortified with the mantra of a thousand Buddhist priests.

Peace in a can, can and will stop conflict in its steps!

Tad – Doll llamas? Like camels but smaller?

Mister Whiskers – Certainly not my young frog! Dali Lama is a great holy man that lives on top of a mountain.

Tad – Why does he live on top of a mountain?

Mister Whiskers – I dunno, Perhaps he wants to be closer to God... Hey, we're getting off track here son.

Suffice it to say that peace in a can will stop wars before they begin, arguments before they come to blows!

Think of the possibilities!

Tad – And I need this?

Mister Whiskers – Of course you need this, my boy. In fact, the whole world needs this.

(Says in conspiring tones) Do your mom and dad ever fight?

Tad – Well sometimes...

Mister Whiskers – Exactly my point! Arguments – a thing of the past!

Why *wouldn't* you need it?

Tad – I see, Yes, I think I want it, but how much is it?

Mister Whiskers – Aww, Straight to the point. You are a smart young man.

As I said, I have gone to great lengths and severe hardships to obtain Peace in a Can. But I am willing to let it go for the remarkable price of \$20 per can.

Tad – (disappointed) Oh...

Mister Whiskers – What do you mean... Oh? How much were you thinking about spending?

Tad – I only have the \$10 I was saving for Christmas.

Mister Whiskers – Well, I don't usually do this, but as a special for wonderful, green, young frogs today, Peace in a Can is only \$10. You wouldn't happen to know any wonderful, green, young frogs would you?

Tad – I'm wonderful!

Mister Whiskers – And so you are...

Tad – I’m green!

Mister Whiskers – Yes indeed.

Tad – I’m a young frog!

Mister Whiskers – Well, what do you know?

Tad – Could I have it for \$10?

Mister Whiskers – Seeing that you have met all the necessary criteria...

Certainly!

Tad – Woo Hoo!

So, how do I use it?

Mister Whiskers – First I need to warn you. You can only use the Can of Peace once. After it is opened, the magic leaves and it cannot be used again.

Tad – Okay, once. I got it!

Now, what do I do?

Mister Whiskers – It’s quite simple really. Once you come upon a situation that needs peace, just point the can at the problem and say “Feel the peace!” and then open it.

Tad – That’s all? Just say “Feel the peace!” and open it|?

Mister Whiskers – That’s it. Don’t forget to point the can at the problem. If your aim is off, the magic will miss and it will not work.

Tad – Thanks mister!

Mister Whiskers – On the contrary, my young frog... Thank *you!*

Heather – What do you kids think? Do you believe that it is possible to put peace in a can?

The whole world, it seems, is always looking for peace. But the bible tells us that the world will always be in turmoil. Because, you see, even though everyone says they want peace, they want it on their own terms. And of course, no one can agree on the terms.

Let’s see how tad does with his “can of peace” shall we? How do you think he’ll use it?

ACT II

Scene – Tad is at school with his friends

Sound – Song- Kung Fu Fighting.

S.O.C.K. Puppets – Singing “Kung Fu Fighting”.

Sound - Playground sounds.

Tad – Having Peace in a can is much harder than I thought it would be. My parents had a terrible argument last night and I almost used the can. It was a false alarm though. They made up and everything is fine.
I nearly opened it.

Clay – (to Flurpette) Hey! You got me dirty!

Flurpette – So?

Clay – So?...SO???... Do you know how many germs there are in a teeny, weeny, tiny speck of dirt?

Flurpette – Don’t know. And frankly, don’t care!

Clay – (ignores her comment and continues.) Millions! Maybe even bazillions!

Flurpette – Don’t be ridiculous.

Clay – Me? Ridiculous?

Flurpette – Yeah, If the ridiculous hat fits... wear it. You... you... Worm!

Clay – How dare you? You... oversized dust bunny!

Flurpette – take that back!

Clay – No! You take yours back!... Along with your mud!

Flurpette – If you weren’t a worm, I’d poke you in the nose!

Clay – Go ahead, just you try it!

Flurpette – You haven’t got a nose... you’re a WORM!

Clay – Well, you do!

Scene – they begin to fight

Clay – Well, I knew I was going to have to use this sooner or later. (Points can at them) “Feel the peace!”

Scene – All of the sudden, they stop fighting and look around, confused.

Flurpette – What was that?

Clay – I don’t know.

Tad – (proudly) I have opened up a “can of peace” on you to stop your fighting.

Clay – A can of peas?

Tad – no, a can of peace.

Clay – I don’t care what you opened, but whatever it is, you got it all over me. I
say we get him!

Flurpette – Yeah, get him!

Scene – they both duck down to chase after him and when they disappear we
hear the sounds of fighting and the stage shakes.

Heather – Did the can of peace work kids? Of course it didn’t. Do you think it is
possible to put peace in a can?

Often this world will tell you there is a miracle cure for something. Don’t be
taken in.

Outside of God’s will it is all bad. And no amount of meditations or chants
will fix it.

I wonder what happened to Tad?

Act III

S.O.C.K. Puppets – Singing “Let There Be Peace on Earth”.

Scene – Tad is home, hiding in his room – he is behind curtain

Berry – Tad? Where are you? I haven’t seen you since you came home from
school.

Tad – (from behind curtain) I’m here!

Berry – Where exactly is here?

Tad – In my room.

Berry – Come down from your room. I need to talk to you.

Tad – About what?

Berry – That doesn’t matter. Just get down here.

Tad - I can’t .

Berry – What do you mean, you can’t?

Tad – I just can’t – that’s all.

Berry – It was not a request.

Tad – Fine! (Comes up from behind stage – has two black eyes.)

Berry – What on earth happened to you?

Tad – I don't want to talk about it.

Berry – Again – not a request.

Tad – It's all because of that can of peace.

Berry – Someone hit you with a can of peas? Who was it? I'm not going to let them get away with that!

Tad – No one hit me with a can of peas... I opened up a "can of Peace!"

Berry – Maybe you had better explain.

Tad – The other day when I was downtown, I came upon a man who was selling a miracle. It was can that contained peace from the prayers of the doll llama and Buddhist monkeys. He told me that if I came upon a situation that needed peace, that all I had to do was to point and open the can and that there would be peace.

I must have done something wrong, because I came on my friends fighting today and decided to use the can. But when I opened it at them, they attacked me instead.

I spent all of my Christmas money on it too.

Berry – Oh, I see. Looks like this is going to be an expensive lesson Tad.

I'm afraid the man was lying to you when he said that he had peace in a can. Nobody can put peace in a can. In fact, the bible tells us in Job "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble."

Until Christ returns again, there will be conflict in this world. Anyone who tells you otherwise is not being honest.

If you want your friends to quit fighting, then **you** need to be the peacemaker. You need to get in between them and help them settle their differences in a way that restores peace. But more than anything else, you need to pray for them.

Share the love of Christ with your friends and that will bring them peace.

Christ says in John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you;

not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.”

Tad - I know I was wrong. What you say makes a lot of sense. I am going to talk with them and see if we can work it out.

Berry – What about the black eye they gave you?

Tad – Oh, I already forgave them for that.

Berry – Jesus would be proud. And by the way – so am I. Now what do you say we go and put some ice on those eyes so you will be able to see the board in class tomorrow?

Tad – That would be nice.

Heather – Tad learned a very valuable lesson. This world says it wants peace but never seems to find it. Can you kids think of ways that you can be the peacemakers in your homes and at school? Do you think we need more peacemakers in this world?

What is the best way to have peace in this world kids? That’s right – introduce your friends and family to Jesus.

And remember, Jesus said “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.”

Let us pray.

Closing prayer

Music – Ripples Theme

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