



**“Stand By Me”**  
**“Reference – Judges-4”**  
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**PUPPETS**

1. Clay
2. Flurpette
3. Berry
4. Bitsy
5. Lil Devil
6. SOCK puppets

**PEOPLE**

1. Director

**PROPS**

1. Full Stage
2. Book

**SOUND**

1. Ripples Theme
2. Stand By Me 1,2 & 3

# Act I

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**Music:**

**Director:** Good morning kids! I didn't hear you! Good Morning Kids!

I understand that you are learning about Deborah and Barak. Can anyone tell me who Deborah was? That's right she was a prophetess and she was a judge over Israel. She was the first woman in authority over the Jewish people.

Deborah called Barak, a general, to come to her. She told him that God had commanded him to take an army to Mount Tabor and to destroy Sisera and his army. But Barak would not go unless Deborah went with him.

For this reason, Deborah told him that he would have no victory in this matter over Sisera and that a woman would get the glory.

Barak's faith was not strong enough to take him all the way into battle.

When God calls you to do something hard, will you have the strength of faith to go boldly ahead and do what the Lord has commanded.

Today we find our friends at the Brook in just such a dilemma. Let's see how they do.

**Music:** Stand By Me – 1 (Sung by SOCK puppets?)

Church music

**Scene:** Berry is preaching a sermon. Clay is at church. He is listening intently to everything the preacher has to say.

**Berry:** ...And so now we get to the point of the message of Jesus Christ. In the book of Mark, we see that Jesus is ready to leave and take up His rightful place with the father. But before he leaves, he commissions His disciples. We read in verse 15 where Jesus says

<sup>15</sup>And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

And so I ask you today. Are you fulfilling the great commission? Are you sharing the gospel? Do you want to have a reward waiting for you in heaven?

**Clay – I do!**

**Berry – Do you want your friends and family to go to heaven?**

**Clay – I do!**

**Berry-** Do you want God to say "well done my good and faithful servant." When you meet Him in heaven?

**Clay – I do!**

**Berry – then the gospel is the key!**

Shall we pray!

**Clay** – I do! (shouts it)

**Berry** – I appreciate your enthusiasm boy. Let us bow our heads.

Heavenly Father, help us as we go that we would spread your gospel, that live would be changed and many would come to know you. That we would have our reward with you in heaven. Amen

**Clay** – Amen.

**Director** – It seems as though clay was a very good listener in church today. Wasn't he? He was pretty excited today about the gospel as well. How many of you know what the Gospel is? That's right, the gospel is the "good news" that Jesus paid the price for our sins and that through his sacrifice, we have forgiveness. Pretty cool huh?

God asks us to share this news with others. It is a commission, or job that we have as Christians to share what we have found with others. God call us to step out in faith and confront a world that has turned its back on God.

God told Barak to go to the mountain with his soldiers and what did he do? That's right. He told Deborah he would not go unless she came with him. I don't think that that was what God had in mind. Do you?

Let's see what Clay does with the job he's been given – shall we?

## Act II

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**Music** – "Stand by Me 2"

**Clay** – (reading book) Christian... C... H.... R... I... S... T... I... A... N... Christian! Bible – B... I... B... L... (interrupted by mom)

**Flurpette** – What are you doing Clay?

**Clay** – I am practicing my spelling.

**Flurpette** – That is wonderful Clay. You will get an A in your spelling class for sure if you keep practicing.

**Clay** - Oh, that's not why I am practicing.

**Flurpette** – Then why are you practicing your spelling if not for school?

**Clay** – I am practicing so that I can get a reward from God when I get to heaven.

**Flurpette** – I am sorry Clay, but I don't remember where in the bible it says you have to be a good speller. In fact, if that was true, a lot of us wouldn't get in.

**Clay** – But the pastor said that if we are not good spellers, we won't get a reward from God when we get to heaven.

**Flurpette** – Oh Clay, he did not say that you have to be a good speller. He said that Jesus said we should share the Gospel.

**Clay** – Then I am confused. If Jesus doesn't want me to be good speller, then what does he want?

**Flurpette** – He wants us to share the Gospel Clay. The gospel is the good news that Jesus died for our sins and we can have forgiveness and then we can live forever with God in heaven.

**Clay** – I already know that.

**Flurpette** – I know you know that Clay. But it's not something that we are supposed to keep to ourselves. Jesus wants us to share the good news with others so that they can be saved to.

**Clay** – You mean I have to talk to people?

**Flurpette** – Of course.

**Clay** – But you know that I can't talk to people.

**Flurpette** – I think you are exaggerating a little Clay.

You know Clay, there are people in your life that only you will have the opportunity to share the gospel with. It would be a tragedy if they didn't come to salvation just because you were afraid to talk with them.

**Clay** – I'm not going to share the Gospel unless you come with me!

**Flurpette** – That's not how it works Clay, There will be places in your life that I cannot come. For instance, I cannot hang out at school with you.

**Clay** – Well, you could hang out near the fence.

**Flurpette** – Clay... (exasperated.)

**Clay** – What if some of them are (pauses) you know (pauses) Dirty!

**Flurpette** – Clay we are all dirty before we come to Christ. Our sin is so dirty that God cannot even look at us. We need the blood of Jesus to wash us clean.

**Clay** – So it would be like I was cleaning them then?

**Flurpette** – Not really, God does the work, but He needs us to be His hands and feet here on earth.

**Clay** – No, I still don't think I can do it. Come with me!

**Flurpette** – If I came with you Clay, then the reward in heaven would be mine. Some things we are called by God to do alone. But you are not alone really.

**Clay** – What do you mean I am not alone? Do I look like I have some kind of evil twin lurking inside of me?

**Flurpette** – No silly. When you asked Jesus to come into your heart, He sent the Holy Spirit to be your helper.

**Clay** – But you know I don't speak well.

**Flurpette** – The Holy Spirit will give you the words Clay. You just have to be willing. God will do all the work.

**Clay** – Are you sure?

**Flurpette** – As sure as I am of anything.

**Director** – What do you think kids? Sometimes the hardest thing we do is to share the love of God with the people in our lives. But God has called us all to go out and share the good news, hasn't He?

Do you think Clay can do it?

Barak had weak faith and because of that, his reward was taken away - even though he won the battle.

God tells us that many will come into heaven with no treasure. They will have been saved from hell but will have nothing to show for the gift they were given.

Do you think you could tell someone about the love of God?

Do you know someone who needs to know the love of God? Let's see what is happening at school.

## Act III

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**Music** – “Stand by Me 3”

**Scene** – Bitsy is talking to Lil Devil. Clay is eaves-dropping.

**Bitsy** – I am just so worried. Everything on the news is bad.

**Lil Devil** – Yep – everything.

**Bitsy** – All of these grownups who are supposed to be so smart, but they can't seem to figure it out.

**Lil Devil** – Yep – they're pretty stupid. You are smart though.

**Bitsy** – Then why don't I feel smart? Why am I so sad?

**Lil Devil** – You just need some self-esteem then you will be happy.

**Bitsy** – How do I get that?

**Lil Devil** – More stuff of course. You need lots of more stuff – expensive stuff. Then you will be happy.

**Bitsy** – But how will I pay for all that stuff?

**Lil Devil** – You'll work two or three jobs I guess.

**Bitsy** – And that will make me happy?

**Lil Devil** – Should work. At least that’s what all the commercials say>

**Bitsy** – I am not so sure that sounds like it will make me happy.

**Devil** – So what other options do you have?

**Bitsy** – You have a point.

**Lil Devil** – Anything I do to help. Just call me anytime. Have fun with your stuff Betsy and “feel better”.

**Bitsy** – It’s Bitsy – and yeah – whatever.

**Scene** – Lil Devil Leaves

**Bitsy** – There has to be an answer out there somewhere. I am tired of feeling like my life has no purpose.

**Clay** – (looks up) Holy Spirit I hope you are there. I need, I mean Bitsy needs your help right now. (calls out to Bitsy)

Hey! Aren’t you Bitsy Bunnington?

**Bitsy** – Yes I am. Who Are you?

**Clay** – My name is Clay. I sit behind you in English.

**Bitsy** – Oh, I heard about you. You’re that kid that gets freaked out by dirt.

**Clay** – Uh huh. Bitsy, I am sorry but I overheard you talking to that other guy.

**Bitsy** – Great. Now the whole school will know about it.

**Clay** – No they won’t. I promise not to say anything.

I know just how you feel.

**Bitsy** – You can’t possibly know how I feel. You are so happy all the time.

**Clay** – I wasn’t happy all my life. I was an outcast. I came to the Brook to end my life.

**Bitsy** – Really? Why did you want to kill yourself?

**Clay** – I felt like there was no point to my life.

**Bitsy** – So what changed? Did you win the lottery? Are you rich now?

**Clay** – No. That wasn’t it. I heard about a man named Jesus.

**Bitsy** – And that made things better?

**Clay** – Well, not all at once.

Would you like to talk for a while? I can tell you about Him and how He changed my life, how He healed my broken heart.

**Bitsy** – I would like that very much. Do you want to have lunch with me?

**Clay** – Sure, whatcha got?

**Bitsy** – Carrots.

**Clay** – Are they clean?

**Bitsy** – Of course. Washed em myself.

**Clay** – Then lets go.

(Looks up and speaks) Thanks Holy Spirit for this, you better not go anywhere, looks like she needs you.

**Director** – Clay found out that he was not alone. The Holy Spirit will come and be our helper when we need Him. You are unique in the entire world. Only you will be in all the places and do all the things that are in your life.

God may call on you when you least expect it to share hope with someone who is hopeless. Will you be ready?

Don't be like Barak. Stand firm in your faith and know that you are never alone.

You don't need to be a good speller. Just tell them what God has done for you and point them to His word. He says that He will never leave or forsake us and that is a promise from God. It is a promise too good to keep to ourselves.

**Closing Prayer**

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