



"The Test"

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PUPPETS

1. Boy Puppet

PEOPLE

1. Worship leader
2. Mom
3. Instructor

PROPS

1. One man stage
2. Portable Chalkboard (if Available)
3. Pajamas for puppet.
4. Old Sock

SOUND

1. Ripples Theme
2. Song dealing with tests.
3. Halleluiah Chorus
4. Flames sound
5. Crickets
6. Boy talking to girl clip

ACT I

Music: "Ripples Theme"

Worship leader opens with music, and a brief talk about the tests we face in this world and that we will face one final test.

Music: "Satisfaction song"

Mom – So, have you finished your studies?

Boy – Yes mom! (*exasperated*) Why do you have to bug me so much?

Mom – I only bug you honey cause I love you. I want you to do well and this is an important test. If you fail this one, it could affect your whole future!

Boy – I know, I know! You told me like a thousand times!

Mom – Well, brush your teeth and get to bed. You need to be rested in the morning if you want to do well.

Boy – Gee mom, could like you give it a rest... before my head explodes?

Mom – (*Kisses Puppet on forehead.*) Goodnight sweetheart. Get some sleep. I love you.

Boy – Sheesh! (*after mom walks away*) She worries too much. (*Yawns*) But I am really tired. I guess I will go to sleep after all.

Music: "Short sleepy song (crickets?)"

Instructor – (*Bangs rod on stage next to puppet*) Wake up young man! You are supposed to be taking your test!

Boy – Uh... what? (*Disoriented*)

Instructor – It's your Heaven test my boy and everything rides on it!

Boy – But wait a minute! Nobody told me I was going to take the "Heaven Test" today. I've been studying Social Studies all week.

Instructor – Everyone takes the "Heaven Test" young man. And now it is your turn.

Boy – But where is everyone else that is taking the test? I seem to be here all alone.

Instructor – Oh, you're a bright one aren't you? Nobody can fool you can they? Everyone takes this test alone. There is no cheating here.

Boy – But I NEVER cheat... Dude!

Instructor – We'll soon see about that. And the name is Michael, not *dude!*

Boy – Where is my test?

Instructor – This will be an oral test

Boy – Eww... I hate those.

Instructor – Shall we begin?

Boy – You mean right now?

Instructor – No time like the present!

All right, now have you had any Gods before God?

Boy – What kind of question is that?

Instructor – It is a life and death question – that is what it is!

Boy – Wait a minute! What happens if I don't pass this test?

SOUND - Flames

Boy – It suddenly got really hot in here.

Instructor – Exactly! This is not a test you want to fail, young man!

Boy – What was that question again?

Instructor – Have you had any Gods before God?

Boy – I am sure the answer to that question is NO!

Instructor – *Really?* Can I have playback please?

SOUND – track that has a conversation between the boy and another stating that he looked up to this singer more than anyone else and would give anything to go to the concert.

Instructor – Is that your voice?

Boy – Yes

Instructor – Question 1... FAIL!!!

Boy – Hey! That's not fair! And when did you record me?

Instructor – Question 2.

Boy – Wait!

Instructor – Question 2. Have you ever made an idol?

Boy – Why would you ask me that? I am just a little kid. I can't make anything.

Instructor – What about "Socky".

Boy – Who told you about that?

Instructor – Didn't you once say that you would die without "Socky"? That "Socky" is your reason for living? Why you even have Socky with you now. Don't you?

Boy – (Holds up his hand with the sock on it.) This test isn't fair!

Instructor – Question 2 – FAIL!

Boy – Hey...

Instructor – Question 3 – Have you ever taken the Lord's name in vain?

Boy – No... at least I don't think so.

Instructor – Do I have to playback the time you smashed you finger with that rock.

Boy – No! Please don't do that! I said a lot of bad things then. But after all, I had just hit my finger with a rock! You can't blame a kid for that can you?

Instructor – Question 3 – FAIL!

BOY – But...

Instructor – Question 4 – Do you keep the Sabbath day holy?

Boy – Do I what?

Instructor – Question 4 – FAIL!

Boy – But I didn't even answer that one.

Instructor – Question 5 – Do you always honor your father and Mother?

Boy - Of course I do.

Instructor – Always?

Boy – Yes... always.

Instructor – Weren't you just thinking before you went to bed that she was a terrible nag and you couldn't wait until you were grown and living on your own?

Boy – How do you know what I am thinking? This goes waaay beyond not fair!

Instructor – Do you need the playback?

Boy – No, that will not be necessary.

Instructor – Question 5 – FAIL!

Question 6 – Have you ever committed murder?

Boy – What? You are kidding right? Of course I have never committed murder!

Instructor – The bible tell us that if we hate someone then we have committed murder in our heart.

I seem to recall that you said you hated Joey Johnson.

Boy – But he was really mean to me.

Instructor – Question 6 – FAIL!

Question 7 – Have you ever committed adultery?

Boy – Adultery? What is that?

Instructor – Question 7 – PASS!

Boy – Yay! I passed one! Now I'm on a roll.

Instructor - Question 8 – Have you ever lied?

Boy – Yes, I have lied.

Instructor – Ahh, an honest answer for a change. Question – 8...

Boy – I know... FAIL!

Instructor - Question 9 – have you ever stolen?

Boy – I am not a thief!

Instructor – What about that piece of pie you took last week?

Boy – But it was ours.

Instructor – It was your mother's. Did you have permission?

Boy – No.

Instructor - Then it is stealing! Question 9 – FAIL!

Question 10 – Have you ever wanted something that belonged to someone else?

Boy – Well, yeah, duh... doesn't everyone?

Instructor – Question 10 – Fail! Final grade... FAIL!

Boy – But wait a minute. What IS a passing grade?

Instructor – Perfection.

Boy – But that is impossible! Nobody's perfect!

How could anyone possibly pass that test?

SOUND - Flames

Boy – Wait, wait, wait! There has to be a way to avoid that! Why would you give a test that was impossible to pass?

Instructor – To show you that it was impossible to pass.

There is a bonus question however.

Boy – and what is that?

Instructor - Who is Jesus and what is He to you?

Boy - Well, Jesus is the Son of God and He is my LORD and Savior.

Instructor – Well then... your final grade is... PASS

Music: “Halleluiah Chorus”

Direction: Instructor walks off and boy puppet lays head back down.

Mom – (Walks in and gently shakes boy.) Wake up son. You have a big test today.

Boy – Whew, what a night. I think after the test I just went through, this one should be a piece of cake!

Mom – What a strange child. (Walks away shaking her head.)

Boy – Oh and mom...

Mom – Yes?

Boy – I love you!

Mom – I love you too son.

Music: “Closing song”

Director then comes out and talks about how we will all face this final test and though we may fall short in life, we pass when Jesus covers our mistakes.

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