

A script from



“Wooly Bully Part 2”

A Puppet Script

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What Willie and the gang find out why Robert the Bully is such a bully and that Robert is ready for a big change of heart. (This is a sequel to the script "Wooly Bully" by Tom Smith.)

Themes: Salvation, Change, Bullies, Confess, Believe

Who Robert
Sammy
Willie
Susie
Betsy

When Present

**Wear
(Props)** Rope

Why Philippians 4:7

How *See the end of this script.
If you are not using this as a follow up to the script "Wooly Bully", feel free to make any edits necessary to the dialogue.

Time xxxxx

Robert: *(Approaching Sammy)* Hey.

Sammy: *(Frightened)* Uhhhh...yes uhhh... sir.

Robert: You seen Willie?

Sammy: *(Quivering)* Uhhhh no...uh...sir. I haven't seen Willie all day.

Robert: *(Speaking with a New Jersey tough guy accent)* Well, if yas duz...tells 'em I'm lookin' for 'em, okay?

Sammy: *(Nodding and quivering)* Ah...yeah...sure. I'll tell him.

Robert: And tell him it's a matter of *(slowly)* life...or death.

Sammy: *(Frightened)* Life or...death?

Robert: Yeah. Be sure to tell 'em.

Sammy: Okay...I'll tell him.

Robert exits.

Sammy: *(Relieved)* Whew! Oh man, I wonder what he wants to see Willie about.

Willie: *(Enters upbeat carrying a jump rope in his hand)* Hi ya, Sammy. Top of the morning to ya. I got my rope. Ya wanna play cowboy?

Sammy: *(Worried)* Uh, Willie. I've got some bad news for you.

Willie: *(Waving his arms about joyfully)* How could anyone possibly have bad news on a beautiful day like today? I'm sure that nothing you have to say to me can be that bad. What is it?

Sammy: Uh...Robert's lookin' for you.

Willie: There now. That wasn't so bad, was... *(silence as he suddenly realizes what Sammy said)* Eeeekkkkk! *(Panic)* Robert? Robert's lookin' for me? Again? Oh man. Didn't we just do a skit on bullying? Did he say what he wanted?

Sammy: Life or...death.

Willie: Huh?

Sammy: He said it was a matter of *(slowly)* life...or death.

Willie: *(Weakly)* Life or... *(becomes faint)* Ohhhhhhh.

Susie: *(Enters)* Hi guys. What's up? You two look like you've just seen a ghost.

Sammy: *(Somberly)* Robert wants to see Willie.

Susie: *(Concerned)* Again? We just did a skit on bullying!

Sammy: *(Nodding)* Yeah, I know. But now he says he wants to see Willie about a matter of *(slowly)* life...or death.

Willie: *(Groaning)* Ohhhhhhh.

Susie: Oh my. Poor Willie. What are you going to do?

Willie: I don't know. I can't hide. I guess I'm gonna have to see what he wants.

Susie: Don't worry, Willie. If you stand up to Robert, we've got your back.

Willie: WHAT? You've got my back! Like you had my back last week right before you two went running off leaving me standing to face Robert all by myself? That kind of "we've got your back?"

Susie: Whoops. Sorry. We got scared. So what are you going to do?

Willie: *(Worried)* I don't know. *(Perks up)* Hey, wait a minute. I've got an idea.

Sammy: What?

Willie: Well, I've got this rope *(holds up rope)*. I'll tie one end of it over here *(Willie drops from view but can be heard speaking)*...and then I'll tie the other end of it over here...like this. There. *(Pops back up in view)* Now, if Robert gets mad and chases after me he'll trip over my rope because he won't know it's here.

Susie: Good idea. That will, at least, give you a head start.

*Suddenly **Robert** is seen approaching.*

Sammy: *(Quivering)* Uh...speaking of Robert...here he comes now. I think I'll watch your back Willie...from over behind those bushes. *(Sammy exits quickly.)*

Willie: *(Sarcastic)* Thanks Sammy.

Susie: *(Disappointed and shouting at **Sammy** as he leaves)* Sammy, where ya going?

Robert: *(Approaches)* Hi, Willie. I wanted to talk to you.

Willie: *(Confused)* Just uh...talk?

Robert: Yeah. About something you said the other day.

Willie: *(Worried)* Uh...I might have been wrong...or mistaken...or something.

Robert: No, you weren't wrong. But first, let me tell you something.

Willie: *(Curious)* Okay.

Robert: *(Becomes serious)* When I was little...my dad was a soldier. One day he went to war and he never came back home.

Willie: *(Sadly)* Gee, I'm sorry. I didn't know.

Robert: Yeah...ah thanks. *(Pause)* For a long time after that I was kinda mad at God. I blamed Him for taking away my dad. After a while I began taking my anger out on other kids. They all had dads... got to do things with 'em...and I didn't.

Willie: I see. Is that why you're always bullying other kids?

Robert: *(Nodding)* Yeah, I guess so. *(Pause)* But the other day you said something that reminded me of my dad. Something I had forgotten about.

Willie: What was that?

Robert: Well, I remember that sometimes I'd get scared at night and Dad would come into my room and hold me. And that made me feel real safe.

Willie: *(Nodding)* Yeah. My dad does that too.

Robert: Then my dad would always tell me that I didn't have anything to be afraid of. He told me that God was always with me. And then he would say, " and I've got your back." That's the same thing you said last week. You said that God was at your side and God's army was at your back.

Willie: Yeah, I remember.

Robert: My dad was never afraid. I don't think he was necessarily 'brave' but he wasn't afraid. He had a 'peace' about him. I've never been able to understand it.

Susie: Maybe I can help.

Robert: You? How?

Susie: Your dad was a Christian, wasn't he?

Robert: *(Nodding)* Yeah. He talked about Jesus a lot.

Susie: Then that explains it.

Robert: I don't understand.

Susie: You see Robert, when someone becomes a Christian they come to understand that God is ultimately in control. Regardless of what happens. So we don't have to spend time worrying about things that are out of our hands. We just turn our worries into prayers and give them to God. He loves us and knows what's best for us.

Robert: *(Thinking)* Hmmm.

Susie: *(Continues speaking)* Jesus promised to never leave us alone. He gives us the Holy Spirit who is always with us. The end result of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives is deep and lasting peace. It's the "peace that transcends all understanding".

Robert: *(Repeating slowly)* Peace that transcends all understanding?

Susie: Yeah. That's a verse from the Bible. Philippians 4:6-7. It says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Robert: Gosh, how can I know that peace? How can I know the peace that my dad knew?

Susie: By knowing God...and putting your trust in Him.

Robert: I don't think I understand.

Susie: The Bible tells us that we're all sinners. You, me, Willie...all of us. And that our sin separates us from God. But that God loved us so much He sent His Son Jesus to die for us...to take away our sin.

Robert: You mean on the cross, don't you?

Susie: That's right Robert. Jesus died on the cross to take away our sin. He paid the price for our sin so we wouldn't have to.

Robert: Hmmm. I think I remember my dad talking about that. He called it the good news.

Susie: But it's not enough just to know about this good news. You must put your faith in Jesus. Trusting him to save us.

Robert: How do I do that?

Betsy: The Bible says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved." That is God's promise to us today. Robert, would you like to put your faith in Jesus now?

Robert: Oh, yes. I'd like to do that very much.

Betsy: *(Excited)* Oh, that's wonderful Robert. Will you pray a prayer with me?

Robert: I wouldn't know what to say.

Betsy: Just repeat after me. Okay?

Robert: Yeah...I'd like that.

Betsy: Great. Willie, let's all bow our heads.

Betsy: *(Says prayer as Robert repeats after her)*

'Father God / Thank you for loving me. / Thank you for sending Your Son Jesus to die for me / and to pay for my sins. I now put my faith in Jesus / to forgive me / and to save me from my sins. / I confess that Jesus is Lord. / Thank You for the gift of eternal life. / I pray in Jesus name. / Amen.'

Willie: *(Excited)* That was awesome Robert! I'm really proud of you. Now you know that you can truly go to Heaven.

Robert: This is so cool. Hey, *(concerned)* does this mean I have to go to church and stuff?

Susie: We don't have to go to church Robert. We go because we want to. It's important, once you become a Christian, to spend time with other Christians. They can help you to learn more about God and what He expects from you and they can also help you to grow in Christ. We keep each other accountable.

Robert: Hmmm.

Susie: I think the first thing we should do Robert, is get you your very own Bible.

Willie: Yeah. That's a good idea Susie. It's important that we all have our own Bible. Hey! I just remembered. I've got an extra one at home that Robert can have. It was a birthday gift but I've already got one.

Susie: Great.

Willie: (Excited) Alright! Let's all run over to my house and get it.

All puppets begin running toward the edge of the stage where they trip over the rope that Willie had tied earlier and drop from view.

Susie: (Heard buy not seen) Ouch!

Willie: Yeah, that goes for me too.

Willie, Robert and Susie begin laughing as they pop back up in view. All are tangled up in, and tied together, by the rope.

Robert: (Laughing) I think being a Christian is going to be quite an adventure.

Willie: You can say that again, Robert. You can say that again.

All laugh as they hobble off stage. Ouch! Hey...you're pinching me...ouch! You're standing on my foot. Don't poke your finger in my eyes...ouch!

The end.

Helpful verses:

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trust in you. Isaiah 26:3.

Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. Psalms 55:22

Tips for performing with puppets:

Puppets are wonderful tools for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in a fun, lighthearted way. What great joy it brings to hear the laughter of children when your performance goes well. I would like to take just a moment to focus on a few areas that I believe are key in order for that to happen.

The first has to do with the stage (curtain) itself. **PREPARE YOUR WORK AREA.** How you feel *behind* the curtain can make a big difference in how your presentation is seen in *front* of it. You will want a large enough work area behind the curtain to allow three or four puppeteers to maneuver comfortably behind it. A short stool or a rolled up blanket can provide relief from the discomfort to your knees and back. Proper lighting is a must. This will help prevent you from losing your place while reading from the script. You may want to attach several copies of the script to the back of the curtain and have each puppeteer highlight their individual parts.

Next, because puppets are mostly expressionless, you will need to give them their spirit and vigor. **BE HIGHLY EXPRESSIVE AND ANIMATED.** Wave those arms, raise your voice and include lots of *wows, boings, zonks and thuds!* Children love that.

The presentation is most important. It is so easy for a good skit to suddenly go bad due to poor delivery. Reading over a script two or three times before performing it can make a world of difference. **COMMIT TO MEMORY AS MUCH OF THE SCRIPT AS POSSIBLE.** This will free you up to spend more time concentrating on the handling of your puppet....adding slap-stick humor, etc. **ALWAYS KNOW WHAT YOUR PUPPET IS DOING.** Is he positioned too high up....or down too low. Is he looking at who he's speaking to. Are his lips in sync with your words.

And finallydon't forget the 'risk' factor. By this, I mean to be bold. Take risks. Dare to be differently. So what if your puppet (or your audience) gets a little wet. Who cares if your puppet ends up with whipped cream (shaving cream) on its face or with a little Play-Doh in its hair? It all comes out in the wash. **DO THE UNEXPECTED.** Your children will love it. If they are still talking about your puppet skit days, or even weeks, after it's over you're probably doing something right. In short, **HAVE FUN!**

1. Prepare your work area
2. Be expressive
3. Commit to memory much of the script and know what your puppet is doing
4. Do the unexpected
5. Have fun.