

A script from



“Wooly Bully”

A Puppet Skit

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What	Willie is afraid of Robert, the bully, but after facing him he finds out that God's go his back. Themes: Courage, Bravery, Fear, Trust, Enemies
Who	Willie Sammy Susie Betsy Robert
When	Present
Wear (Props)	None
Why	Luke 6:27-28
How	*See the end of this script.
Time	Approximately 10 minutes

*Skit opens with **Willie** peeking over the edge of the stage... cautiously looking from one side to the other. The audience will only see **Willie's** eyes and forehead. After glancing from side to side **Willie** pops up in full view sounding relieved.*

Willie: Whew! Good. I don't see him anywhere. Maybe if I stay hidden he won't find me. (***Willie** crouches back down and exits slowly... cautiously glancing from side to side*).

Susie: (*Enters from the opposite side of the stage*) Hmmm. Willie's not here yet. (*Glancing at her wrist watch*) I wonder where he could be.

Sammy: (*Approaches*) Hey Susie.

Susie: Hi Sammy. What's up?

Sammy: Not much. What'cha doing standing out here all by yourself?

Susie: I'm waiting for Willie. He's been walking with me to school this week. He's usually here by now.

Sammy: I don't think Willie is going to school today.

Susie: (*Surprised*) Oh, how come? Did someone tell him that they ran out of pizza in the cafeteria?

Sammy: (*Chuckling*) No.

Susie: Hmmm. Let me guess. Then it must be that he's having a test today that he didn't study for...as usual.

Sammy: No. That's not it either.

Susie: (*Becoming concerned*) How come then? He isn't sick, is he?

Sammy: No...he's not sick...or any of those other things. It's that new boy in school...Robert. He's kind of a bully and he's been picking on Willie all week. I think maybe Willie is a little afraid of him.

Susie: (*Concerned*) Oh my.

Sammy: Yeah. Robert can be pretty mean. He's been picking on some of the younger kids.

Susie: Has anybody told the principle?

Sammy: I don't think so. Somebody probably should, but everyone is kind of afraid. They all think that if Robert found out who squealed, then he'd wanna beat them up too. So nobody has told anyone.

Susie: Gosh, that's terrible. What's Willie going to do? He can't stay home from school forever.

Sammy: Yeah, I know. *(Pause)* I wish there was something I could do.

Susie: *(Nodding in agreement)* Yeah, Me too. Nobody likes bullies.

Sammy: Yeah, that's for sure.

Susie: Seems like they're always picking on weaker kids. They think they're so tough, but they're really just mean.

Sammy: *(Nodding in agreement)* Yeah.

Susie: Then someone eventually comes along who's bigger than them, and that's when they discover that they're not so tough after all.

Sammy: Yeah, that's for sure.

Susie: Satan works like that too.

Sammy: *(Confused)* Huh?

Susie: Sure. He's the biggest bully of them all. Always picking on the weaker Christians. Those who aren't spiritually strong yet. He tries to make them doubt their new faith and turn away from God. He even tried to pick on Jesus by tempting him in the wilderness at a time when Jesus was weak from going 40 days without food, but he wasn't able to. Jesus was too tough for him.

Sammy: Yeah, I remember that from the Bible.

Betsy: *(Approaches)* Hi guys.

Sam&Sus: Hi Betsy.

Betsy: What are you two doing here? If you don't hurry up you're going to be late for class.

Susie: Yeah, we know.

Sammy: We were just wondering if there was something we could do to help Willie.

Betsy: *(Confused)* Willie? Why? Is there something wrong with him?

Susie: *(Regretfully)* Yeah, we got a new boy at school this week and he's been pickin' on Willie.

Betsy: You must mean Robert.

S&S: *(Nodding)* Yeah.

Betsy: I heard he was causing trouble for some of the kids. Too bad for Willie. Bullies can be such...such...bullies.

Susie: *(Becoming excited)* Hey! Wait a minute! I just thought of something. Maybe there is something we can do, Sammy.

Sammy: *(Perks up)* Like what? *(Doubtfully)* We're just kids.

Susie: Well, we may just be kids, but there are a lot of us. And if we all stick together we should be able to stand up to Robert. And make him stop bein' so mean.

Sam&Bet: *(Excited)* Yeah. That just might work.

Susie: That's what we'll do then. As soon as we see Willie we'll let him know that we're going to stand up to Robert with him. We'll cover his back.

Sam&Bet: *(Excited)* Yeah, One for all and all for one. *(Exchange high fives.)*

All quiet down.

Sammy: *(Curious)* Hey Susie, I was just wondering. Were there bullies back in Bible times?

Betsy: Yeah, were there?

Susie: Oh sure. Lots of them. There have probably been bullies ever since Cane killed Able. There are always stronger people taking advantage of weaker ones. I suppose Goliath is a pretty good example from the Bible. He was so big and soooooo sure of himself. Everyone was afraid of him. That is, everyone except David. Little David went face to face with Goliath and whooped him good. Ya see, David was able to stand up to Goliath because he knew that his strength was from the Lord and he trusted God to be with him.

Sammy: Yeah. That was cool.

Susie: That's something we need to remember whenever we prepare for battle. Whether it be with a bully or any other situation that's beating up on us. Remember that God is with us. Always. And that our true strength is found in Him.

Bet&Sam: *(Nodding in agreement)* Yeah.

Susie: Okay. That settles it then. We're going to help Willie face this bully. Right?

Bet&Sam: Right!

Susie: I think the first thing we need do is pray. That should always be our first line of defense.

Betsy: For Willie or for Robert?

Susie: Both.

Sammy: *(Confused)* Huh? Pray for Robert?

Susie: Sure. We don't really know why he's a bully. Maybe he was bullied when he was little. Or maybe he was raised by parents who didn't teach him to do the right things. He might just be acting tough to hide the fact that he's really scared or lonely. We just don't know. So we can pray that God will soften Robert's heart and make him not so mean.

Betsy: Yeah. You're right, Susie. Maybe Robert just never had a real friend. Let's pray for both him and Willie right now.

Susie, Sammy and Betsy form a huddle and bow their heads as if praying. Soon **Willie** can be seen entering, walking backwards toward them with his back facing them. Still crouching and quietly looking side to side. He isn't aware that he is about to bump into **Susie, Sammy and Betsy**. Once **Willie** bumps into his friends they are all frightened and jump up shouting.

All: Eeeeeiiiiikkkkk!

Willie: *(Relieved)* Oh! Whew! It's you guys. I was afraid it might be...*(pauses because he doesn't want his friends to know that he's hiding from Robert)* ...uh...I mean...I was afraid you might be uh...um *(stuttering and stammering)*.

Susie: Yeah, we know. You were afraid we might be Robert.

Willie: *(Surprised)* You know?

Sammy: *(Nodding)* Yeah, we know. And we've been trying to think of a way we might be able to help you.

Betsy: Yeah. We were just praying for you and Robert when you bumped into us.

Willie: *(Slightly laughing)* I don't think Robert needs your prayers. He's already big enough.

Susie: We were praying that he might become nicer.

Willie: Yeah. That would be just fine with me.

Sammy: Willie, we all agreed to stand with you if Robert gives you a hard time.

Willie: Really?

Susie: *(Reassuringly)* Yeah. If you face Robert we want you to do so knowing that God is standing at your side and that we will have your back. We are the Lord's army.

Sam&Bet: *(Nodding in agreement and shouting)* Yeah...one for all and all for one!

Sammy: *(Excited)* Just like the Three Mouseketeers.

Susie: *(Correcting **Sammy**)* That's Musketeers Sammy.

Sammy: *(Slightly embarrassed)* Oh...yeah...ha. Musketeers.

Willie: Really? You guys will do that for me?

All: Sure we will, Willie! We're the Lord's army and were here for you!

Willie: Gosh. Thanks. You're the best friends anyone could ever have. It will be a whole lot easier facing Robert knowing that God is with me and that you three have my back.

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

Sammy: *(Frightened)* Yikes! Here comes Robert now.

*As **Robert** approaches **Willie** is standing alone in front of his friends.*

Susie: *(Bravely whispering)* Okay guys, we can do this. Be brave. And remember, Willie, no matter what happens we've got your back.

Willie: *(Standing his ground)* Thanks guys.

Robert: *(Speaking with a New Jersey tough guy accent stands in front of Willie)* Hey, youz guys.

Willie: *(Confused turns to look at Susie)* Youz guys?

Susie: *(Explaining)* I think he means us.

Willie: Oh. *(Turns back to face Robert)*

Robert: This is my toif *(turf)*.

Willie: *(Confused again turns to look at Susie)* Toif?

Susie: *(Explains)* Turf.

Willie: Oh...*(starts to turn back toward Robert but again looks at Susie)* Turf?

Susie: *(Explaining)* You know. Territory...property. Turf.

Willie: *(Finally getting it)* Oh! Turf. *(Turns back to face Robert)*

Robert: *(Threatening)* This is my toif! And I want all of you off of my toif
(GROWLING LOUDY AND SLOWLY) NOOOOOOWWWWW!

Willie stands firm, unaware that when **Robert** growled 'Now' **Susie, Sammy and Betsy**, with jaws dropped and mouths wide open and trembling, quietly and quickly scramble in fear...leaving him all alone to face **Robert**.

Robert: *(Surprised to see Willie still there)* Well look at you. Either you're very brave or you're the dumbest kid I've ever known. Aren't you afraid of me?

Willie: *(Boldly)* No. You're just one kid. I've got The Lord at my side and His army at my back. Why should I be afraid of you?

Robert: *(Confused and looking around)* Huh? The Lord's army?

Willie: *(Emboldened)* How come you gotta be such a bully anyhow? Haven't you ever heard about the 'Golden Rule'?

Robert: The Golden Rule?

Willie: Yeah. The Golden Rule. It's from the Bible. That's where it says that we should "do to others what you would have them do to you..."

Robert: Do to others? What's that supposed to mean?

Willie: Well, it just means that we should try to get along with others. That we should treat people the way that we would want them to treat us.

Robert: Why would I wanna to do that?

Willie: You just should. That's why. Besides, nobody likes a bully. You do want people to like you, don't you?

Robert: *(Stuttering and stammering)* Well...uh...I don't know...uh I mean I never...uh.

Willie: *(Interrupting)* And being a bully sure ain't cool. I mean anybody can be a bully. That's not so tough. What's really hard to do is to love your enemies. Now that's tough.

Robert: *(Confused)* Love my enemies?

Willie: That's right. That's what Jesus taught in Luke 6:27-28. He said, "Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who call down curses on you. And pray for those who treat you badly." (NIRV)

Robert: *(Confused)* Call down curses? *(Pause and rubs his head)* You're weird, Willie. But I gotta tells ya, youz got spunk. I like that in a fella. Maybe you're alright after all. Weird, but alright. I've gotta go now. *(Begins to exit)* Maybe I'll see ya in class. That is, unless I decide to skip it. Ha! Anyways, see ya around kid.

Willie: Yeah...see ya around. And remember...do to others...

Robert: *(Confused and a bit rattled speaks to himself as he exits)* Yeah...sure...uh, whatever.

Willie: *(Speaking to himself and becoming a bit weak in the knees)* Whew! Glad that's over. Hey Susie! *(believing he's speaking to **Susie** but still watching **Robert** walk off)* That went pretty well wouldn't you say. *(Slowly turning around)* It's amazing how much easier it is to stand up to a bully when you've got God at your side and God's army at your back. Thanks for being there for me guys. *(Willie turns completely around to thank his friends only to discover that they are no longer there)* Guys? *(Realizing for the first time that he was standing up to the bully without his friends... Willie nearly passes out)* Oooooooo... *(he falls over)*

Susie, Sammy & Betsy rush to **Willie's** side and help to revive him.

All: Willie, are you okay? Get up Willie.!

Willie: *(Getting up and speaking weakly)* Ohhhh. Where were you guys? I thought you had my back.

Susie: Sorry Willie. We got scared.

Sammy: *(Excited)* Yeah. But we watched you standing up to Robert. You were awesome! *(Susie and Betsy nod in agreement praising Willie.)*

Willie: You know what was really cool? I wasn't sure what I was going to say to Robert when I was standing there. I was like a sheep standing before a wolf. But then God gave me the courage that I needed and just the right words to say. He's the One who's truly awesome.

All: Cool.

Willie: Ya know, I don't think Robert is as bad as he pretends to be. I think maybe he's just a little scared himself being in a new school and not knowing anybody. He probably just needs a friend. I think we should pray for him every day and maybe he'll eventually become nicer.

Susie: Good idea Willie. *(All nodding in agreement)* Gosh...we'd better hurry up and get to class. It's almost time to begin.

All begin to exit as Willie tells a joke.

Willie: Hey, speaking of sheep. Who can tell me what you call one sheep that is always picking on the other sheep?

Susie: I don't know Willie. What do you call one sheep that is always picking on the other sheep.

Willie: A 'Wooly Bully'. *(Laughing)* Get it? A wooly bully? *(Laughs)*

Susie: Oh, you silly.

All laugh as they exit. The end.

If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head. Romans 12:20.

But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...Matthew 5:44.

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 finally.....don'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.