

## PUPPET SCRIPT FOR SHORT FUSE

### SHORT FUSE BLOWS HIS TOP

This script is written to help children come to terms with the problem of un-controlled temper and to realize that friendships can often suffer.

#### Puppets

Lisa Jane            A girl puppet

J J Mellieha        A boy puppet

Short Fuse         A puppet constructed like a firework

I have constructed Short Fuse to link to a fog machine. This way he really smokes.

Lisa Jane    J. J. have you seen Short Fuse lately?

J.J.            He seems to be here, there and everywhere Lisa, but he never makes any real, good friends. You know, the kind of friends that really stick with you, just like you and me. We have been friends for ages.

Lisa Jane    Do you know what's wrong J.J.? I really worry about Short Fuse, he always seems to be getting real mad and upsetting people.

J.J.            That's just it Lisa Jane, Short fuse knows how to get mad, but he really has no idea as to how he can control his emotions. You only have to ask him to do something, and if he doesn't want to, then... WOW! BAM! CRASH! he blows his top.

Lisa Jane    Do you think there is any way we can help Short Fuse to become a nicer puppet?

J.J.            I really don't know Lisa, he just wont try to change, he would be so much happier if he would just control his temper.....quiet! I can here him coming.

*Short Fuse arrives on stage*

Lisa Jane    Hi! Short Fuse, how are you today?

Short Fuse I'm fine Lisa; it's just that everybody gets me going. I just can't do what I want to do. Someone always interferes. Anyway, I want something to eat, I'm hungry.

Lisa Jane J.J. and I are going to the snack bar in about half an hour, do you want to come with us?

J.J. That's cool; we could have some chocolate and strawberry ice cream.

Lisa Jane yeah, and we could.....

### Short Fuse Interrupts

HEY! I want my food *now* not in half an hour. *SHOUTING*  
When I say I want something, then I mean I want something NOW!

J.J. But Short Fuse, we were getting ready to go.

Short Fuse NO! go away and leave me alone. You're just being bossy and ordering me around.

### Short Fuse starts to smoke

Short Fuse You are making me angry, I'm going to find some other friends, good friends, not like you lot, all bossy.

### Short Fuse leaves the stage

Lisa Jane I don't know J.J. what can we do to help Short Fuse?

J.J. Well, you know Lisa Jane, we are puppets and we only act like we do because there is someone inside working us, but I have heard that real children are sometimes just the same as Short Fuse.

Lisa Jane You're right J.J. I've seen boys and girls get so mad that they lose their friends. Then they try to blame their friends because they got mad.

J.J. Hey, Lisa, I just had a thought!

Lisa Jane What is it?

J.J. I've heard that some children DO have someone else inside helping them know what to do.

Lisa Jane Just like us?

J.J. No, quite different than us. I've heard that children and adult humans have the opportunity to invite Jesus into their hearts and that He, being the Son of God, gives them wisdom to know what they should or should not do.

Lisa Jane I sure would like to meet one of them who know Jesus.

J.J. Maybe we can ask a teacher here at Awana

Lisa Jane great idea!

J.J. *Could a teacher tell us how knowing Jesus as your Savior and having Him live inside you can help you with controlling your temper?*

*Adult: God can help us with our anger when we ask Him to take over our will and our emotions. Time alone talking to God and sometimes talking to someone who can help you understand God's Word can help. For example, this verse...*

*Proverbs 15:1 "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."*

*Ephesians 4:31-32 "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.*

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*