







SHHHHH THE SERVICE SECRET SHHHHH

- PUPPET 1 *(enters singing loudly & off key)* ...  O LORD IT'S HARD TO BE HUMBLE WHEN YOUR PERFECT IN EVERY WAY.. 
- PUPPET 2 *(enters immediately after puppet 1 starts singing)* YIKES! WHAT IS THAT?
- PUPPET 3 *(enters after puppet 2 has asked his question and before puppet 1 answers)* WHERE'S THE DYING DOG? I HOPE WE CAN SAVE IT!
- PUPPET 2 UH, *(looking down and speaking slowly)* I THINK YOUR TALKING ABOUT \_\_\_\_\_'S SINGING
- PUPPET 3 NO WAY, THIS WAS THE SOUND ONLY A DYING ANIMAL MAKES... WE HAVE TO HELP IT!
- PUPPET 1 O VERY FUNNY! I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE JUST JEALOUS. YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER HEARD A VOICE LIKE MINE
- PUPPET 3 *(mumbles)* YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!
- PUPPET 3 UH... \_\_\_\_\_, *( touches puppet 1 on the arm)* I DON'T KNOW HOW TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT UH, MAYBE YOUR TRUE GIFTS LIE IN ANOTHER AREA.
- PUPPET 1 YOU MAY BE RIGHT... I'M GIFTED IN JUST ABOUT EVERY WAY... GOOD LOOKS, MUSIAL, FUNNY, SMART, ENGAGING, YOU NAME IT! BUT I THINK I MAKE PEOPLE HAPPIEST BY SINGING! *(puppet 1 exits the stage singing loudly)* MI MI MI MI  O LORD IT'S HARD TO BE HUMBLE WHEN YOUR PERFECT IN EVERY WAY.. 
- PUPPET 3 WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? POOR KID'S GONNA BE SO EMBARRASED WHEN PEOPLE START LAUGHING OR WORSE... PLUGGING THEIR EARS?
- PUPPET 2 I KNOW, I DON'T THINK HE'LL LISTEN TO US, MAYBE IF WE GET A TEACHER INVOLVED, MAYBE THEY COULD GET THROUGH TO HIM...

***BOTH EXIT AND RETURN CALLING "TEACHER, TEACHER WHERE ARE YOU?"***

- TEACHER *(enters a moment later)* HI! HOW ARE Y'ALL? DID I HEAR SOMEONE CALLING ME?
- PUPPET 3 YES, WE REALLY NEED SOME ADVICE ON HOW TO HELP A FRIEND
- TEACHER WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM?
- PUPPET 2 WELL, YOU SEE OUR FRIEND DOESN'T SING WELL AND HE THINKS HE CAN AND HE SINGS REAL LOUD SO EVERYONE CAN HEAR HIM AND HE THINKS HE'S MAKING PEOPLE HAPPY
- TEACHER THAT'S HARD. YOU DON'T WANT TO HURT HIS FEELINGS, BUT YOU DON'T WANT HIM TO BE EMBARRASED EITHER. DIFFERENT PEOPLE LIKE DIFFERENT TYPES OF MUSIC, COULD IT REALLY BE THAT BAD?

PUPPET 1 *(enters singing loudly & off key) ...*  O LORD IT'S HARD TO BE HUMBLE WHEN YOUR PERFECT IN EVERY WAY.. 

TEACHER GOODNESS! ARE YOU OK? *(to puppet 1)*

PUPPET 1 OF COURSE, HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED, I'M AWESOME! *(Looking at other puppets)* YOU GUYS WERE SO WRONG, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE I'VE MADE HAPPY WITH MY MUSIC! WHY THEY WERE SMILING SO HARD, THEY WERE PRACTICALLY LAUGHING!

TEACHER WHAT YOUR FRIENDS ARE TRYING TO SAY IS, WELL... MAYBE YOU'RE TRYING TOO HARD. MAYBE MAKING PEOPLE HAPPY HAS MORE TO DO WITH MEETING A NEED IN THEM RATHER THAN IMPRESSING THEM BY SINGING LOUD.

PUPPET 1 WELL... WHAT DO PEOPLE NEED?

PUPPET 3 PERSONALLY, I COULD USE SOME PEACE AND QUIET AND... MAYBE SOME HELP WITH MY MATH HOMEWORK?

PUPPET 1 MATH?! UH SURE, I AM A GENIUS AFTER ALL SO..

PUPPET 3 O GREAT! WHAT DID YOU MAKE ON YOUR MATH QUIZ?



PUPPET 1 WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO JUDGE WHAT I KNOW BY A STUPID GRADE? I'M TOLD YOU, I'M A GENIUS!

PUPPET 3 UH... THAT'S OK, I'LL FIGURE IT OUT. MAYBE I'LL LOOK AT THE TEXTBOOK... SOME PEOPLE SAY IT WORKS FOR THEM...

PUPPET 1 SUIT YOURSELF... IF YOU'D RATHER TRUST A TEXTBOOK THAN A GENIUS, IT'S UP TO YOU. *(turns to look at puppet 2)* HOW ABOUT YOU?

PUPPET 2 UH... I'D REALLY LIKE A FRIEND. NO ONE AT SCHOOL WANTS TO EAT LUNCH WITH ME OR EVEN TALKS TO ME

PUPPET 1 A FRIEND HUH... OH.... OF COURSE... ANOTHER FAN OF MINE... NO MATTER WHERE I GO, I CAN'T GET AWAY FROM 'EM

*(sings loudly & off key) ...*  O LORD IT'S HARD TO BE HUMBLE WHEN YOUR PERFECT IN EVERY WAY.. 

PUPPET 2 I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING I GOTTA DO. BYE *(leaves in a hurray)*

PUPPET 1 WHERE DID EVERYONE GO? TEACHER, I GET THE STRANGEST REACTIONS FROM PEOPLE. ABOUT THE TIME I THINK WE'RE GETTING ALONG, THEY LEAVE... IT'S WEIRD!

TEACHER NOT AS WEIRD AS YOU THINK.

PUPPET 1 WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

TEACHER I MEAN... WHEN YOU TELL OTHERS BY WHAT YOU SAY OR BY WHAT YOU DO THAT YOU ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THEY ARE, THEY LEAVE, RIGHT?

PUPPET 1 WOW... HOW DID YOU KNOW?

TEACHER THAT'S BECAUSE PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW THEY MATTER. REMEMBER THE GOLDEN RULE? AND THEN REMEMBER THE LESSON ON KINDNESS? LETS SEE IF SOMEONE AT AWANAS CAN HELP US REMEMBER THOSE...

PUPPET 1 WOW, THEY WERE PAYING ATTENTINO

TEACHER YES, A GOOD IDEA AND KNOW WANT TO KNOW THE SERVICE SECRET THAT MAKES IT ALL WORK?

PUPPET 1 A SECRET? I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT KEEPING SECRETS

TEACHER THAT'S OK, IT'S NOT THAT KIND OF SECRET. IT'S A SECRET ONLY BECAUSE PEOPLE REALLY DON'T TALK ABOUT IT

PUPPET 1 BUT WE'RE ALLOWED TO TALK ABOUT IT?

TEACHER YES, BUT THERE ARE RULES

PUPPET 1 WELL OK... I CAN'T STAND IT, WHAT IS THE SECRET?

TEACHER TREATING OTHERS THE WAY WE WANT TO BE TREATED AND SHOWING KINDNESS REQUIRES A CERTAIN THING

PUPPET 1 OK, OK, WHAT IS IT?

TEACHER HUMILITY

PUPPET 1 BUT... WE'RE IN THE AIR CONDITIONING! HOW CAN YOU BE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE WEATHER AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

TEACHER NO, NOT HUMIDITY... HUMILITY *(says the word very slowly)*  
HUMILIY MEANS PUTTING GOD AND OTHER PEOPLE FIRST... BEFORE YOURSELF

PUPPET 1 WAIT... HUMILITY... OH, LIKE...HUMBLE?! LIKE MY SONG ...?  
*(starts singing loudly & off key) ... O LORD IT'S HARD...*

TEACHER *(puts her hand up and stops him)* PLEASE DON'T SING. JUST LISTEN, OK?

PUPPET 1 Oh, ok... I MEAN, YES MA'AM

TEACHER IT'S THE KEY TO BEING A SERVANT. REMEMBER THE VERSE ABOUT JESUS COMING NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE

PUPPET 1 I KIND A FORGOT ABOUT IT I THINK...MAYBE... I WAS.. SINGING?

TEACHER YES SOMEHOW, THAT SOUNDS RIGHT. LET'S SAY IT TOGEHER AS A REMINDER...

**MATTHEW 20:28 <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."**

TEACHER AND REMEMBER THE KEY TO SERVING IS ...

**PHILLIPIANS 2:3 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves"**

TEACHER THE BIBLE ALSO SAYS..

**JAMES 4:10 <sup>10</sup> "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."**

PUPPET 1 I KNOW JUST WHAT I'M GOING TO DO

TEACHER WHAT'S THAT?

PUPPET 1 I'M GOING TO TRY TO BE A REAL FRIEND AND LET OTHERS KNOW THEY MATTER

TEACHER I THINK THAT IS WONDERFUL AND WILL SHOW GOD'S LOVE TO OTHERS AT YOUR SCHOOL.

PUPPET 1 THANKS... FOR SHARING THE SECRET OF SERVICE WITH ME... AND ALL THOSE KIDS OUT THERE.

TEACHER YOU'RE WELCOME, I HOPE WE WILL ALL SHARE IT BY SHOWING IT THIS WEEK. BYE KIDS