

“Don’t Pull My Strings”

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A Christian Puppet Play

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Summary: Woody has a best friend and wants to tell him a story from the bible. Every time he starts it poor Charlie gets the shakes. What will it take to cure him? What about faith, love and hope? Can Woody convince Charlie that Jesus loves him?

Puppets--Charlie and Woody

CHARLIE

Hey, you old woodpecker.

WOODY

Don't call me a woodpecker. Why I am a very, very nice person. I come here today to tell you a story.

CHARLIE

Oh, no, not another one. I get tired of your stories.

(Charlie starts shaking his body and moving it up and down and around.).

WOODY

Why are you shaking your body? Are you crazy?

CHARLIE

Well, every time you mention to me that you want to tell me a story, well, I get the shakes. Just like this.

(He starts shaking his body again.)

WOODY

Calm down, calm down, my buddy.

CHARLIE

Did I say that I am your buddy?

WOODY

No, but far as I am concerned we are. Now let me begin my story.

CHARLIE

(Starts shaking again, over and over)

Seeeee- I cannot stop this.

WOODY

I have a great idea. We will tie strings around you so you cannot shake anymore. Then I will tell the story.

CHARLIE

(starts shaking again.)

Don't pull my strings or you will be sorry.

WOODY

Let me put this another way. It is my job to tell you a story for in the bible it is written. In Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all

the world and preach the good news to all creation.”

CHARLIE

But I am not all creation, why I am just an old foggy, dressed up in this clown suit and trying to keep you away from me in telling me a story.

(He starts shaking his body again.)

See I cannot even mention story.

(He is still shaking when he mentions stories.)

WOODY

Now I have an idea.

CHARLIE

Yea, and what is it?

WOODY

Okay, do as I say. Look up, now look down, and now look all around.

(Charlie is doing what he says)

CHARLIE

Now what? And why did you have me look up, look down, look all around

(As he is speaking Woody, is acting it out and doing the motions of what he says.)

WOODY

See how you got me doing it also? Well, it's like this. I just wanted to keep you from shaking and get your mind off of the word story. Now my friend, if you "Continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant." This is from Colossian 1:23

CHARLIE

Then what are you saying? Your name is Paul?

WOODY

No, Paul is God's servant. It is like this so listen up while I tell you a story.

(Charlie, starts shaking when he mentions story.)

Oh, look what I have done by saying story.

(Charlie starts shaking more.)

Let me think for a minute, Charlie.

CHARLIE

Well, hurry up and think. I cannot stop shaking.

Woody—

Quick, get closer to me.

(They wrap their arms around each other and hold

each other tight)
Now don't let go while I tell you the rest of the story.

(Charlie shakes but cannot move while he is still in
the hold with their arms around each other.)

CHARLIE

You're choking me, Woody, not so tight.

WOODY

Okay, sorry buddy. Now listen carefully. John 3:16 says
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting
life.

CHARLIE

Oh I get it. We must first believe.

WOODY

Yes. We must believe that all have sin.

CHARLIE

Not me, I never sin.

WOODY—

Maybe you don't know this but we were born into sin. Like the
bible says in Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the
glory of God;

CHARLIE

That is great news, Woody, and I believe it. I believe it but could you please, please, release this hold you have around my neck? You are choking me. I heard about the 10 commandments and one of them said “Thou shall not kill.”

WOODY

Yea that is so right. Sorry, I held you so tight.
(He releases his hold on Charlie.)

CHARLIE

Good thing that you did not break the 6th commandment. Just think I would have been dead and you would have sinned.

WOODY

That’s my buddy, always thinking positive.

CHARLIE

Hey, just release the hold that you have on me. I want to tell the world that I believe in Jesus. I want to confess my sins and ask him to come into my heart.

WOODY

Gee, Charlie, I never thought that I would ever hear those words come out of your mouth.

CHARLIE

Well, do you think for one moment that I would let you go without me? I don't want to miss this opportunity to be with Jesus and with you the rest of eternity.

WOODY

Here, let me tell you a story about that...

CHARLIE

Hey, wait a minute, you mentioned story and I didn't get the shakes. What's up with that?

WOODY

Well, we are supposed to confess our sins to one another. Like the bible says in James 5:16 - Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

CHARLIE

Wow! That was so powerful and effective your prayer took away my shakes.

WOODY

Praise be to the Lord. Now let's go and find more people so they will know that Jesus loves them.

CHARLIE

A-MEN to that.

(Kids can sing "Yes, Jesus loves me...")

THE END