



Puppet Script

Forgiven, But Not Forgiving



Based on the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant | By Patty Brown

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Overview/Theme: Based on the parable of the unforgiving servant found in Matthew 18. A person is forgiven much and yet refuses to forgive someone else for something relatively trivial.

Cast—3 Boy Puppets, 1 Girl Puppet

Susie: Hi Joey. What's wrong? You look like you swallowed a bowl full of lemons!

Joey: (Enters with a bandage on his nose) Thanks for the compliment. I really need a friend like you right now.

Susie: Sorry Joey. I didn't mean to be rude—but you sure don't look happy.

Joey: Right now I don't have any reason to be happy. I borrowed Sam's bike this afternoon and thought I'd try a wheelie in front of Mr. Jones' store.

Susie: So? ... You did a wheelie. What's that got to do with being unhappy?

Joey: Well, I was concentrating so hard on doing the wheelie that I didn't see the hole in the sidewalk. I did a wheelie on the front of my face instead.

Susie: Hee, hee. Boy, that's too bad Joey, but you could have gotten seriously hurt.

Joey: Yea, but I still may end up with a broken arm.

Susie: What do you mean?

Joey: The worst part wasn't banging up my nose; you should see the front of Sam's bike.

Susie: Oh no! That's terrible! You haven't told Sam yet?

Joey: No, I was... (Sam enters.)

Sam: Hi guys.

Susie: I'm not a guy.

Sam: Oh. Sorry, I forgot.

Susie: Thanks.

Sam: What happened to your nose Joey? Get it stuck in a soda bottle? (Laughs.)

Joey: I... I... I had a *slight* accident.

Susie: I think I'm going to leave before you tell him about your *slight* accident. See ya later.
(Exits.)

Sam: What's she talking about?

Joey: I tried a wheelie with your bike, but...

Sam: (Interrupts.) Oh no! You tried a wheelie with *my* bike? What happened? What'd you do to it?

Joey: It just scraped the fender a little. I'm really sorry.

Sam: (Trying to keep calm.) Okay—let's go see what you did to it.

(Both leave and then come back up.)

Sam: Well, I guess my bike's not in too bad a shape. It shouldn't take a lot to fix it.

Joey: Then you forgive me Sam? My dad said he'd fix it right away.

Sam: At least you didn't get hurt badly. Sure I forgive you. Anyway, I should get home. Let me know when it's fixed, okay? (Exits.)

Joey: Sure thing. Thanks Sam! (Exits while humming.)

(Susie enters.)

Susie: Wow—that was nice of Sam to forgive Joey like that. He's a nice guy. (Exits.)

(Later, Sam and Bill enter.)

Bill: Oh Joey, I'm so sorry. I didn't mean to make you lose your dollar. I just accidentally bumped your arm.

Joey: Sure...Sure! I saved that dollar to buy my favorite candy bar and you made me lose it. I can't believe it. Some friend you are.

(Sam enters at the tail end of the conversation.)

Sam: Hey guys, what's the problem?

Joey: This guy's the problem. He bumped my arm and made me drop my dollar down the grate in the sidewalk. Now I can't buy my candy bar.

Sam: I'm sure he didn't mean it Joey. After all, y...

Joey: Oh, there's no excuse! My dollar is gone for good and I'm still hungry.

Sam: Well—if you feel that way about your dollar, Sam, maybe I shouldn't be so quick to forgive you for messing up my bike.

Bill: (Looks at Sam.) You forgave Joey for wrecking your bike? How much is that going to cost to fix?

Joey: (Head lowered.) Yea, he did. Boy I guess I'm the jerk, not you Bill. I owe you an apology. How could I get so upset over a dumb dollar?

Bill: That's all right Joey. Let's just forget it.

Joey: Well, now that that's settled, shall we all go down to the beach? I hear the water's great.

All: That sounds great.

(They all exit, laughing and talking.)