

01 Walking in Darkness

PUPPETS: Arpee and Smukey
PROPS: Blindfold or towel
GOAL: John 3:19-21 - To show that walking in darkness can be dangerous!

Arpee: Good morning Smukey!
Smukey Oh, is that you Arpee? I don't think it's a very good
(with towel morning!
(over head):

Arpee: Yes, of course it's me!
What's wrong with you?
Why isn't it a good morning?
The sun is shining, the birds are singing...
Anyway, what's the towel all about?
You just showered or something?
You won't be able to see where you are going...!

Smukey: I can see a little bit - besides I don't like the light. It's too bright!

(Smukey walks along and stumbles into something)

Smukey: Ouch! I have bumped my knee five times so far today!

Arpee: Smukey, why don't you just take that towel off – then you could see!

Smukey: No, I don't like the light! I hate daylight!

Arpee: Why? It's great - you can see where to go, you can have fun and work and enjoy being with your friends... not with a towel on your head, mind you!

Smukey: I prefer night-time, 'cos then I can do what I like and people can't see me.

Arpee: Uh, well, I dunno.. I reckon if I had a flashlight I would still see you in the dark!

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(Arpee walks around Smukey and tries to get a good look at him from different angles shaking his head while Smukey speaks and keeps looking in the same direction not knowing that Arpee has moved away)

Smukey: Oh, but that's no good, then it would be light and I don't like the light! I think it is cool to walk around in the dark... hey, where did you go?

Arpee: I'm right here. Well.. I think walking around with a towel over your head in daylight is pretty ridiculous and quite dangerous too! (Leans over to lift the towel)

Smukey: Now stop that! Stay still! You make me nervous when you do that!

(Smukey moves away from him and bumps into something again)

Smukey: Ouch! Now THAT really hurt!

Arpee: Smukey, I got to tell you - this walking in darkness bit is dangerous! And anyway, what don't you want people seeing?

Smukey: Well.. you can do all kinds of things in the dark!

Arpee: Like what? Give me daylight any day compared to your stumbling about and hurting yourself...

Smukey: Well... I think it's cool to do some things.. like drinking, or smoking pot. You can even make a bit of money at night – 'cos people can't see what you do?

Arpee: You've got to be kidding! That's worse than walking around with a towel over your head and stumbling into things... And you think that is cool? I call it plain evil... and stealing! Give me light anytime compared to that darkness!!

Smukey: But.., but.., it's cool in the dark!

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Arpee: Smukey, “cool” rhymes with “fool”! Those things of the dark will ruin you if you remain foolish and stay there. Step into the light and see them for what they really are – paths to destruction.

Smukey: Ow, yeow, that hurts!
(trips over
again)

Arpee: See, even now you are hurting yourself by keeping yourself in the dark when you could enjoy the light. You remind me of a text in the Bible:
John 3:19-21 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. [20] Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. [21] But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.
Why don't you take off the towel and walk in the light and let people see what God can do in your life!