**What’s Your Story?**

Characters:

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| Grandpa: | Grandma: | Janey: |
| Johnny: | Jimmy: | Dream Jimmy: |
| Dream Jimmy’s Friend: | Bullies: | Bullied kids: |
| Moses: | Israelites: | Egyptians: |
| Dream Janey: | Bully 1: | Bully 2: |
| Noah: | Noah Crowd: | Jesus: |

**Scene 1**

*Grandpa sitting with Jimmy, Janey & Johnny – all on chairs, centre of stage.*

Jimmy, Janey, Johnny: Hi Grandpa! How was your day?

Grandpa: Well Jimmy, Janey and Johnny, it was quite good. I pruned the hedge, did a crossword, e-mailed your mother after ringing her to find out how, polished my bowls, went to play 500 with Edgar and…

Janey: Hey Grandpa, that’s enough about your day!

Johnny: Yeah!

Grandpa: … and then I took Grandma to the optometrist, followed by an afternoon nap and…

Jimmy, Janey & Johnny: Grandpa!

Grandpa: Ah yes, sorry children, how was your day?

Jimmy: My day started off well – I got 10/10 in my spelling test and I got a sticker that smelled like watermelon when you scratch it! Then it came to lunch time and I came across some of my friends who were being picked on by some bigger students…

*(dream music plays, 1st group of actors come to the stage)*

**Dream Scene 1**

*(Dream Jimmy, Dream Jimmy’s Friend, group of bullies, group of kids being bullied)*

Dream Jimmy: *(walking around yard with friends).* Hey what’s going on over there?

Dream Jimmy’s Friend: I don’t know, it looks like they are being picked on!

Dream Jimmy: What should we do?

Dream Jimmy’s Friend: I dunno, they look pretty big, but I am worried about those little kids.

*(dream music plays)*

Grandpa: Oh Jimmy, that’s really sad. I remember a story of someone who experienced something similar. It happened to a group of Egyptians who were slaves to the Israelites…

*(Grandma walks in)*

Grandma: That’s not how it goes!

Grandpa: Yes it was!

Grandma: No, it was the Israelites being enslaved by the Egyptians!

Grandpa: Well you tell the story then!

**Bible Scene 1**

*(acted out as Grandma narrates)*

Grandma: Alright I will! One day there was a group of Israelites who were forced by the Egyptians to work for them. They did not like it because they were often teased and whipped. A man named Moses who was their friend and leader did not like what he saw and wanted to stand up for their rights. He couldn’t do it on his own though. With God’s help, including a few frogs and locusts, Moses was able to help the Israelites reach safety.

Jimmy: Oh, so God was pretty important in that story wasn’t he?

Grandpa: He sure was Jimmy, he sure was.

Grandma: So how was your day Janey?

Janey: Well, I solved lots of problems in Maths and I beat Mr Geer in the Times Tables Challenge. During writing, I wrote an exposition supporting why we should have homework…

*(dream music)*

**Dream Scene 2**

Dream Janey: I strongly believe all students should have homework. My first reason is that we need to practise reading more often to help our comprehension.

Bully 1 *(whispering to Bully 2)*: Well, I don’t comprehend what she is saying! Hehe.

Dream Janey: I also think that homework helps us to become more organised.

Bully 2: *(whispering to Bully 1):* I am already organised, hmmm, where is my pencil?

*(Janey hears this comment and looks disappointed, dream music plays)*

Grandpa: Well Janey, it can be hard to stand up for what you believe in. Not everyone is always going to agree with everything. Your story reminds me of a man named Noah who was asked to stand up for what he believed in…

**Bible Scene 2**

Grandpa: Noah was going about his normal business when suddenly a voice spoke to him from the heavens. It was God! God asked Noah to do something a little different – build a large boat, an ark, on dry land, with no water in sight! This was because God was going to flood the earth because he was unhappy with man’s sinful ways. Noah did not argue, he trusted what God said and started building. As he built the ark, people mocked him and could not believe why he was doing such a strange thing. But Noah persevered and continued to listen to God and finish the ark to protect his family and the animals.

Janey: Ah, so Noah trusted God and stood up for he believed in, no matter what people said, didn’t he pops?

Grandpa: That’s right Janey, God was certainly a big part of Noah’s story.

Grandma: Well I think it’s time to have dinner, I think the roast is almost done.

Johnny: But I haven’t told you about my day yet!

Grandma: Oh, sorry Johnny, tell us about your day.

Grandpa: But I’m hungry!

Grandma: Stop thinking about your stomach and let your grandchild speak. Honestly sometimes...

Johnny: Well, firstly I kicked a goal in footy, then I had show and tell, then I did 10 somersaults, then…

Jimmy *(whispering to Janey)*: He’s starting to sound like Grandpa…*(Janey and Jimmy start giggling)*

Grandpa: *(standing up)* I heard that!

Grandma: Sit down Joe! Or you won’t get any tea!

Grandpa: Yes ma’am.

Grandma: Ok Johnny, you better finish up. Tell us two more things.

Johnny: Then I swallowed a fly but didn’t get sick, then I pushed someone over in fitness and I felt really bad about what I did.

Grandpa: Well, I am sure you did feel bad about what you did. There are many times I have done wrong things but I know that there is someone who loves us unconditionally…

Jimmy: Who is this person Grandpa?

Johnny: I know, it’s Superman!

Janey: What?? Don’t be silly!

Grandpa: Well, Superman does have his caring qualities, apart from the fact he is made up! *(whispers to Grandma)* But this man was named Jesus. He loved all of us so much that he even gave his life to forgive all of our sins. How amazing is that!

Jimmy, Janey and Johnny: Wow!

Grandpa: That’s right, his story gives me comfort that he is always there watching over me and all of us, and there for me when I feel sad, happy, angry and when I feel guilty for what I’ve done, just like what he did for Moses and Noah. Jesus’ story is not just for me, it’s for you and for everyone in the world.

Jimmy: Thanks Grandpa, we certainly feel much better knowing that Jesus is part of our story.

Johnny: So Jesus is a part of my story and he will forgive me, even though I like the Adelaide Crows?

Grandpa: Well that’s a tough one…

Grandma: Joe!

Grandpa: Ah yep, I mean yes he is part of your story, and he forgives you too. Sniff. What’s that smokey smell?

Grandma: Ahh! It’s the roast!!

Grandpa: Quick let’s get that flaming thing out of there!

Janey: Ah, another chapter to our grandparent’s story!