

Grace Happens: Puppet Script  
September 13, 2009

Lin: Hi Donna, what's happening?  
Donna: Well...  
Grace: (Grace interrupting Donna) What's happening? A lot's happening...  
Donna: (Donna surprised...) Who are you?  
Grace: I'm Grace, Grace Happens!  
Donna: Grace Happens? That's an unusual name...  
Grace: Yeah, I know. It is unique and special and has something to do with church and God.  
Donna: That is true. What can you tell us about grace, Grace?  
Grace: Well, Grace is a name...and it is a prayer that is said before meals...and...and...Donna, that's all I got...what can **you** tell **me** about grace.  
Donna: The first thing is, "Grace is unearned favors from God..."  
Grace: What does that mean...unearned favors from God? Is God going to clean my room, and set the table for me, and do my homework?  
Donna: No, not those kinds of favors. Let's ask Pastor Lin if she can help us.  
Lin: Sure, I can help. The Bible tells us a lot about grace. One of my favorite Bible stories is about a father and a son. The son leaves home and does things he shouldn't do. After awhile he realizes he made mistakes and returns home to say he's sorry. His dad is so glad to see him that he runs out and hugs him and then gives him a huge party to say welcome home! See, **Grace Happens!**  
Grace: That's amazing!  
**Praise Puppet Team pops up and sings the first verse of Amazing Grace. (Puppet Grace rests her arms).**  
Grace: Cool song! What else can you tell me about grace, Donna?  
Donna: Let me see, . . .Grace is also an underserved and free gift that God gives us. . .  
Grace: Free gift...I like presents! Is grace like Christmas and my birthday?  
Donna: Not exactly, Grace. Pastor Lin, do you have a story that can help us here too?  
Lin: Sure! This is a really fun story, a true story from someone in our congregation. A story about a cat...a cat named...[Grace interrupts...with excitement]  
Grace: I know, a cat named Grace!  
Lin: Very close, a cat named Gracie!  
Grace: My parents call me Gracie sometimes but I don't think it goes very well with Happens!  
Donna: What's the story about Gracie the cat, Pastor Lin?  
Lin: There was this tiny little gray tabby kitten found all alone in a shop. The men who worked in the shop fed her and cared for her. But pretty soon she grew too big and was getting in the way of the work in the shop. The men were afraid the little kitten was going to get hurt. So one of the men, remembered his mother-in-law who lived alone, loved cats, he asked his mother-in-law if she would like a cat and his mother said yes! Then the kitten and the mother-in-law weren't alone anymore. **Grace Happens!**

Grace: That's amazing!  
**Praise Puppet Team pops up and sings the first verse of Amazing Grace.**

**(Puppet Grace rests her arms).**

Grace: Cool song! So grace is about loving others even when they make mistakes and grace can happen through little things like kittens, right Donna?

Donna: That's right, Grace.

Grace: Donna! I just thought of something, something about grace!

Donna: Sounds like you had a grace moment...

Grace: I don't know about that, but I had a cool thought!

Donna: Okay, what's your thought?

Grace: You know that cool song, Walk like a Christian...

Donna: Yes,

Grace: We walk like Christians in grace.

Donna: Yes, through grace we learn about unearned favors from God.

Lin: Yes, like the story about the father and the son.

Donna: Through grace we love others and receive the free gifts that God gives us.

Lin: Yes, like Gracie the cat.

Grace: Oh, I get it! I get it! Grace **surprises** us! (pauses and looks around) I'm waiting for those puppets [that choir] to surprise us with that cool song again! When we walk like Christians **Grace Happens!**

Donna & Lin looking at each other: That's amazing!

Praise Puppet Team/choir pops up and Lin invites the congregation to join them in singing Hymn #280 Amazing Grace. Puppets sing first verse, and then puppeteers quietly exit the puppet stage to the front pews during the other verses.