

George of the Jungle Puppet Script - Forgive

'George of the Jungle' idea adapted from a Jeff Robson script www.puppetresources.com. This script by Simone Richardson. April 2005.

Materials required: rope hanging from ceiling, George of the Jungle theme music (Download from: <http://www.calpoly.edu/%7Esrutland/sounds.html> and as the music played, George "crashed" into the side of the stage several times). A tree (a branch in corner of puppet box), A stick.

Characters: **George** (We used 'Levi' – one of our regular puppets – and dressed him up with some fur-like fabric) **Teacher** (A real person)

T: I'm looking for my friend George ... he said he'd swing by and pick me up from here sometime around now (looking at watch).

G: (jungle sounds tape starts playing to set the scene. Then all of a sudden we hear George doing a Tarzan call of the wild from behind the stage. The rope swings across and then a loud bang as George "crashes" into a "tree". George appears from behind the stage). Ohhh, George's head hurts. Ohhh George's arms hurt. Ohhh, George's legs hurt. But most of all ... ohh George's nose really hurts. George wish he had smaller nose. Ohhh (groaning).

T: George ... is the tree OK?

G: (indignantly) Yes ... tree still growing – just got big dent now. And George got big headache now. (groaning & moaning)

T: You don't sound too good! Will you be OK?

G: (recovering and shaking his head) Ahh ... George think he'll be OK ... But George feeling angry. Bad tree. Tree hit George. Ahh.

George hits tree. Take that bad tree. And that. And that.
(George hits tree with stick, some hits get close to teacher)

T: Hey George...Careful there!

G: Tree must not hit George. George king of Jungle. George teach tree a lesson. (keeps hitting)

T: Oh.

G: Yesterday, ant bite George on bottom. George feel angry. George say "George King of the Jungle. Ant not bite George on bottom." George squash ant. [continues to wave stick around. Getting closer to teacher]

T: Careful!

G: [continues to hit tree with stick] Tree soon learn. Take that, tree! [Getting very close to hitting teacher]

T: Watch out, George! You might... [get's hit with George's stick]
Ow! George!

G: On no! George hit friend with stick. Friend hit George now. George must get away. Run George, Run! (George pops down)

T: (rubbing spot where hit with stick) George! George! (Looking around for George. Speaks to children) Where's he gone? Does he think I'm going to hit him with the stick? Do you think I'd do that? [Kids say "No."] Let's all call him and see if he'll come back. 1-2-3 "George!"

G: George not coming up. George not want to be hit.

T: Come on, George. I'm not going to hit you.

G: You not? [peeps out] You sure?

T: Of course. [George comes out] It was only an accident. And you're sorry you did it, aren't you.

G: George feeling very sorry.

T: Then I forgive you.

G: Friend forgive George? What forgive?

T: Forgive – it’s what we do when some one hurts us. They say they’re sorry and we say ‘that’s okay’. And we forget about what they did wrong and stay friends.

G: Oh. That not how George do it. Tree hit George, George hit tree. Ant bite George, George squash ant. That fair.

T: Well that’s not how God wants us to act. God wants us to forgive eachother. Not to stay angry and keep on hurting one another. God has forgiven us for all the things we’ve done wrong, and he wants us to forgive eachother.

G: So George should not hit tree?

T: No. I think you should forgive the tree?

G: Tree sorry?

T: I think the tree’s sorry.

G: Then George forgive tree. George and tree friends. [hugs tree]

T: That’s great George. Now next time someone (or something) hurts you, try to not stay angry, but forgive – just like God does.

G: Okay friend. George try. George got the call of the wild now. George gotta go. Bye.

T: OK ... bye! George! Watch out for that tree! (George swings off and hits another tree trunk – we hear a muffled “ow!”). Too late.