

The Farmer, His Dog, & a Shoe



Cast: Dog Puppet, Two People Puppets
Props: Old crumpled up shoe & box of dirt.

Scene 1

Ralph: *[Ralph, the dog, is digging---dirt is flying everywhere]*

Boy: Hey, Ralph, what you burying, a bone or something?

Ralph: A, sort of, a , yep, a, that's it, a, bone, yeah, that's what I'm a doin', I'm burying a bone.

Boy: Have you seen Farmer Brown's shoe? He's looking everywhere for it.

Ralph: A, A, A, a shoe, a, a, not laaatly.

Boy: Well, he's having a terrible day without it. He went out to milk the cows with one shoe on and stepped in a mud puddle. He's not happy.

Ralph: *[Begins to shake and shiver]* Oh, Oh, I bet he's really mad.

Boy: Yeah, I feel sorry for whoever got it. Bye, Ralph.

Ralph: Yeah, bye--oh dear--oh dear--oh dear--*[Dig and Dig and Dig while dirt flies]*

Scene 2

Farmer: *[Limping onto stage area]*
What a Day !!! First I can't find my shoe and now I can't find my dog !!!!
[Whistles for Ralph] Ralph, here Ralph, here Ralph.

Ralph: *[Sheepishly appears]*

Farmer: Ralph, there you are, good boy. Have you seen my shoe ?

Ralph: *[Swallows hard]* Ah, Ah, not laaaaately. *[Runs off stage]*

Farmer: *[Exits as well]* Wonder where my shoe is !!!!

Scene 3

Ralph: *[Peaks over the stage]* Oh dear, Oh dear, Oh dear.

Boy: Boy, the farmer will probably kill whoever has his shoe.
Hey, Ralph, the Farmer is looking for you.

Ralph: Yep, Yep, Yep, I know *[runs around nervously, hiding behind the boy]*

Boy: Ralph, are you OK?

Ralph: Yep, Yep, Yep, I mean Nope Nope Nope.

Boy: Are you sick?

Ralph: Not yet, Yelp, Yelp.

Boy: Are you scared?

Ralph: Nope, I mean Yelp, Yelp, Yelp.

Boy: Calm down, Ralph, you look like someone in trouble for telling a lie or something.

Ralph: *[Howls]*

Boy: What's wrong?

Ralph: *[Howls]* Found the shoe *[Howls]* Found the shoe *[Howls]*

Boy: That's great, that's good news. *[Pause]* Isn't it?

Ralph: *[Howls]* NOPE.

Boy: Yes, that's great news. Let's go tell the Farmer.

Ralph: *[Howls]* NOPE.

Boy: Why not?

Ralph: I chewed it up !

Boy: Where is it now?

Ralph: *[Howls]* I buried it.

Boy: He's gonna bury you !!!!!

Ralph: *[HOWLS]*

Boy: You told me that you hadn't seen it !!!

Ralph: Lately, I said I hadn't seen it lately.

Boy: Oh, Oh, here comes the farmer, I'm outa here. *[runs off stage]*

Farmer: Haven't seen what lately?

Ralph: Ah, Ah, Ah, *[Howl, howl, howl]* I'm sorry. It was me.

[goes to digging and brings up crumpled shoe]

Farmer: Ralph, I am really upset.

Ralph: I know.

Farmer: I am really upset that you lied. The shoe can be replaced, but I am really upset with your lie, Ralph.

Ralph: I feel really sick.

Farmer: Sin will make you feel sick, Ralph, and especially a lie will make you feel sick. The Bible says that lies are sin.

Ralph: I am sorry, please forgive me.

Farmer: *[Directing his comments to the audience]*

Boys and Girls learn a lesson from Ralph:

Sin will make you feel sick to your stomach. Sin will break your fellowship or your closeness with God.

The Bible says in First John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.* IF you are a Christian, you must confess sin to be in fellowship with God.

If you are not a Christian, you must first be saved to get forgiveness of sin.

Ralph, you are forgiven, you are my dog, and I love you. Learn that sin makes you feel sick and don't do it anymore.

[Pats Ralph on head; they hug.]