

# *Trek To Wildcat Mountain*

*Behold I come Quickly...*



## ***Puppet Scripts***

*What's in it for Me?*

*Dressed up & No place to Go!*

*Just a Few More Days!*

*It's SO Beautiful!*

## What's in it for Me?

*Written as a stand-alone Puppet Script or to coordinate with VBS 2017 Trek to Wildcat Mountain.*

**Setup:** We usually use a third person as a props person. Two People Puppets are needed. Names can change to have different gendered puppets if desired.

**Puppet Wyatt** is first on the scene. He is throwing around a lariat/rope and getting tangled up in various contortions.

After he tries to throw a loop the 3<sup>rd</sup> time [back to his right] **Puppet Clay** quietly enters and comes up close behind him. **Puppet Wyatt** has managed to loop/snare **Puppet Clay** unknowingly & turns around to find him in a messed up rope.

**Puppet Wyatt:** *[Now face to face with Clay]:* Hi There! What you doing all tied up in that rope?

**Puppet Clay:** *[Obviously snared in a rope.]* Really?! You have to ask that?!

You and your **PROFICIENT** roping skills caused this mess!!

**Puppet Wyatt:** ME? I wasn't aiming for you!

**Puppet Clay:** Exactly! You weren't aiming for me, but you snared me anyway! Help me get out of this mess, please. *[They manage to untangle Clay.]*

**Puppet Wyatt:** Wow, I am sorry Clay! I was just practicing up for the big dummy roping this weekend.

**Puppet Clay:** Well, it looks to me like you have some **MORE** practicing to do yet.

**Puppet Wyatt:** Yep, but all this hard work will be worth it all. Big prizes you know.

*[Wyatt continues to occasionally throw a loop and have near miss moments with Clay during the conversation.]*

**Puppet Clay:** **BIG Prizes?**

**Puppet Wyatt:** Yep, they are giving away a NICE big buckle for this roping.

**Puppet Clay:** I **ALREADY** have a BIG BUCKLE!

**Puppet Wyatt:** And then there are the other prizes besides the Buckle, too.

**Puppet Clay:** EX-ACT-LY, what OTHER prizes?

**Puppet Wyatt:** Oh you know the usual from a Ranch Rodeo Event. Ribbons, buckles, maybe a new rope, and **MAYBE SOME CASH!**

**Puppet Clay:** **I thought you entered ropings because you LIKED roping.**

**Puppet Wyatt:** WELLLLLLLL, I am not entering unless there's **SOMETHING IN IT FOR ME!!!!**

**Puppet Clay:** *[Takes a step backwards as if startled.]* Well, just **WHAT** do you mean by that?!

**Puppet Wyatt:** MY time is valuable! I do **NOT** see why I should do anything that does not bring me some kind of **COMPENSATION!**

**Puppet Clay:** Wyatt, when is the last time you did anything for anybody for **NOTHING, for FREE, because it was the RIGHT thing to do?**

**Puppet Wyatt:** *[Brief pause while Wyatt seems to be thinking]* Hummmm, Let's see; I **VOLUNTEER!** I cleaned up after the last church ranch rodeo event.

**Puppet Clay:** Wyatt, it does **NOT** count as volunteer when you are getting **PAID!**

**Puppet Wyatt:** Yes, it does! I could be doing something else, but I **CHOSE** to volunteer at "clean-up" day!

**Puppet Clay:** Yeah, but you made **SURE** your picture was posted to Facebook for "volunteering" and made **SURE** your name was listed in the church bulletin for "volunteering!"

**Puppet Wyatt:** Clay, what is wrong with being a volunteer and expecting someone to show their gratitude and offer you some **recognition** for your services?

**Puppet Clay:** Matthew 6:5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

**Puppet Wyatt:** What you talking about, man? Don't you go getting all **CHURCHY** on me! I ain't praying and especially I ain't gonna get caught praying in public! That verse doesn't even apply to **ME!**

**Puppet Clay:** **I REST MY CASE!!!!!!**

**Puppet Wyatt:** I don't get it, Clay! What are you getting at?

**Puppet Clay:** Your motives are messed up Wyatt. You need to think about **WHY** you are doing what you are doing?

**Puppet Wyatt:** Like I said, I need to know what's in it for me?

**Puppet Clay:** Do you even do anything because you LIKE to do it? Or LOVE to do it?

**Puppet Wyatt:** Well, I don't know; can you give me some examples?

**Puppet Clay:** Wow, Wyatt, maybe you need to spend some time and THINK about this.  
**After all, WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?**

*[All exit the stage; as they do the Narrator speaks unseen, only heard]:*

**Narrator [voice heard]:** Philippians 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**ONLY ONE PRIZE will matter forever; that is, the PRIZE of Jesus Christ. Buckles, wins, fame, or fortune will all fade away one day; they are temporary.**

*SUGGEST that music plays in the background for smooth transition.*

## **Dressed up and No place to Go.**

*Written as a stand-alone Puppet Script or to coordinate with VBS 2017 Trek to Wildcat Mountain.*

**Setup:** Two People Puppets enter stage.

**Beth:** Marsha! *[Very excited, almost in a panic.]* Marsha, come quick!

**Marsha:** What's wrong!?

**Beth:** Nothing is wrong! I got my ticket to the National Finals Rodeo today!

**Marsha:** *[Spoken with a "so-what" attitude.]* Yeah, yeah, I am going, too!

**Beth:** You are?! You didn't tell me! Wow, maybe we can sit together?

**Marsha:** Yeah, maybe.

**Beth:** Wow, I have to start planning what I am going to take and what I am going to wear? And I am going to need some new boots!

**Marsha:** What's the big rush? You can do all that later.

**Beth:** But I may not be READY to go!

**Marsha:** I don't even have my TICKET yet, Beth.

**Beth:** Wow, Marsha, you'd best be getting prepared!

**Marsha:** *[short pause]* Oh, I think I have PLENTY of time, yet.

**Beth:** Come on; want to go shopping with me to get new boots?

*[Both Puppets appear to be walking along headed to the store.]*

**Marsha:** Sure, let's do that; I could at least get the boots bought. Gotta look GOOD!

**Beth:** Well, I don't know about "looking good" I just need boots that are not worn clean through. I wore out mine.

**OH, look, here are some.** *[Holds up a pair of work type boots.]*

**Marsha:** Oh those won't do for me! Boots for me are more of a **FASHION** statement, Beth.

**Beth:** You mean you're more the Rodeo Queen type that never enters a Rodeo!

**Marsha:** *[laughs]* YEP, that'd be more like me. Lots of **BLING** and no horse stall cleanup!

**Beth:** But you go to all of the **EVENTS!** I thought you liked to participate.

**Marsha:** I like **looking like a cowgirl**, but not necessarily getting in the barn and cleaning up after a horse.

**Beth:** You mean you are more of an observer. You like to **WATCH** and hang out around the rodeo crowd, but you aren't there for the rodeo.

**Marsha:** Welllllll, let's just say I like to **LOOK** like a cowgirl, be around the cowboys and cowgirls, attend the events, but don't ask me to join in and actually be part of **THAT** crowd!

**Beth:** *[Getting ready to leave the stage]* I gotta go Marsha, it's time for me to get in the truck and head to the National Finals now.

**Marsha:** This is GREAT, Beth; I will be along a little later after I get my ticket, that is.

**Beth:** Marsha, they sell out early, you may find that you are **ALL DRESSED UP with NO PLACE TO GO!!**

**Marsha:** *[Is left standing alone on the stage; all is quiet for a minute or so. Then Marsha all alone quietly exits the stage.]*

**Narrator:** *[The Narrator speaks unseen, only heard]:*

**The Bible, God's Word, says in Matthew 24:40 *Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.***

**You can dress like a Christian, you can go to all the church events; you can even be friends with Christians, but the Bible says that one day when Jesus comes for His Bride that not everyone is going. Are you ready? Have you gotten your ticket yet? Or will you be too late?**

## Just a Few More Days Until!

*Written as a stand-alone Puppet Script or to coordinate with VBS 2017 Trek to Wildcat Mountain.*

**Setup:** Two people puppets. Two young boys enter already engaged in a discussion.

**Cast:** Two People Puppets [names are easily changed]

**Trey:** Just a few more days!!!!

**Justin:** Until What?

**Trey:** Just a little while longer now!!!

**Justin:** Until your birthday?

**Trey:** No, not my birthday.  
Just a little more time to get ready.

**Justin:** Ready for what? Until what? Until Christmas?

**Trey:** NO ....just a short time now.

**Justin:** Until WHAT??? UNTIL WHEN???

**Trey:** No.....short time until WHO.

**Justin:** Until who? Until what? When, where, why ?

**Trey:** Until it is all over.

**Justin:** Man, you are freaking me out.  
What you talking about?

**Trey:** The Bible, God's Word, says that the time we have on earth is temporary.

**Justin:** Oh I KNEW THAT.

**Trey:** Really?

**Justin:** Sure, everybody knows that.  
No one lives forever on this planet.

**Trey:** Just a few more days now.

**Justin:** What?! You know something I don't know?!

**Trey:** I know that the Bible does not lie.

I know that Jesus is coming back again soon.

**Justin:** Well, I'm not so sure I'm ready for that!

**Trey:** Ready or not, we are one day closer today than yesterday to His return.

**Justin:** I think it's time I got ready.

**Trey:** *[Turns to the audience]*

Jesus is coming back soon.

Boys and girls, Are you ready?

## It's so Beautiful

*Written as a stand-alone Puppet Script or to coordinate with VBS 2017 Trek to Wildcat Mountain.*

**Setup:** Two People Puppets standing on top of a mountain overlook. **One of the puppets has a pair of binoculars. Place a sign on the stage that says: Mountain View Overlook.**

**Chuck:** *[Facing the right side of the stage as he speaks appears to be looking through binoculars.] It's just so Be-a-u-ti-ful!*

**Jacob:** *[Approaches Chuck from his back side and observes quietly at first; he curiously looks OVER Chuck's shoulder for a moment as well.]*

**Chuck:** *[Still does not see Jacob, but continues to look facing the right side of the stage and repeats just as before.] It's just so Be-a-u-ti-ful!*

**Jacob:** *[Startles Chuck.]* Hi Chuck! What ja looking at anyway?

**Chuck:** Oh, hey, Jacob. I was just looking at the view from up here on top of the Mountain.

**Jacob:** O-Kay, exactly what do you see? All I see is a bunch of other mountains.

**Chuck:** Through the binoculars I can see a lot more than just other mountains, Jacob.

**Jacob:** Can I look through them? Cause I don't see much just looking out that way, myself.

**Chuck:** *[Chuck has still not turned to look at Jacob; he rather is staring out still to the right as though he sees something.] It's just so Be-a-u-ti-ful!*

**Jacob:** *[Moves around to be in Chuck's line of sight.][He looks right at Chuck; He turns to look to the right of the stage as though trying to see what it is that Chuck is seeing.]*

**Chuck:** WHOA! **It's just so Be-a-u-ti-ful!**

**Jacob:** OKAY! You have to tell me man, what is **"It's just so Be-a-u-ti-ful!"**

**Chuck:** *[Turns away from his trance like state and looks right at Jacob]* Guess I'd better just explain it the way the Bible does:

### **1 Corinthians 2:9**

**But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.**

*[They both wait and it is totally SILENT for just a few seconds.]*

**Jacob:** Here, let me try looking through those things! You must be seeing more than I can see!

**Chuck:** I was just looking at all of this beautiful scenery and thinking how Jesus said that He was going away to fix up my permanent dwelling place.

**John 14:2**

**In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**

**Jacob:** You believe that Chuck?

**Chuck:** God said it, then I believe it.

*[SILENCE for a brief moment as Jacob contemplates what he has just heard.]*

**Chuck:** HELLO! IS ANYBODY in there, Jacob?

**Jacob:** I was just thinking on what you said, Chuck. I haven't thought too much about what awaits me after I leave Earth.

**Chuck:** Maybe you do need the binoculars after all Jacob, so you can see things from a different PERSPECTIVE or view! *[He hands off the binoculars to Jacob so he can look through them.]*

**Jacob:** **It's just so Be-a-u-ti-ful!**

**Narrator:** Just as Chuck had trouble communicating to Jacob how beautiful the scenery is at Mountain View when Jacob did not have the same VIEW or PERSPECTIVE; it is sometimes the same with us. Jesus was trying to convey to us from HIS perspective or view what Heaven is like when He gave us His Word:

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*SUGGEST that the Puppets Exit the Stage at this time with music playing in the background for smooth transition.*