

John 3:16 Puppet Show

[Inspired by the work of Louise Ferry]

[Note: Ming Ming is a character from a children's show called "Wonder Pets"]

Wizard	Okay, let's see if you know this one, Ming Ming: John 3:16.
Duck	You mean the gospel of John, chapter three, verse sixteen?
Wizard	Yup. John 3:16.
Duck	John 3:16. John 3:16. Oh yeah! I know that one. That's easy: "For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him might not perish, but would have eternal life."
Wizard	Very good. John 3:16.
Duck	But what does it mean?
Wizard	What does it mean?
Duck	Yes, what does it mean, John 3:16?
Wizard	Well, let me tell you a story.
Duck	Oh, goody. I love stories!
Wizard	There was once a poor boy that lived under a bridge. He had no house or parents or friends, and he was always hungry and cold.
Duck	Wow. That's really sad. I sure hope something nice happens to that boy.
Wizard	Just wait and see. Well, one day he was especially cold and hungry and he suddenly saw an angel standing right beside him. He couldn't believe his eyes. He just figured he was imagining things.
Duck	An angel? A real angel?
Wizard	Yes! Angels are all around us. We don't usually see them, but they are always there.
Duck	Cool. (<i>looks around</i>)
Wizard	Well, he figures even if he's just imagining things he might as well ask the angel for help. It couldn't hurt.
Duck	Good idea.
Wizard	So he says, "Uh, excuse me, Miss Angel, ma'am." And she turns and looks down at him and gives him the sweetest smile, and before he can even ask her for help she says, "Go to the house up the street with the lights on in the window, knock, and when someone answers, say 'John 3:16.'" Then the angel vanishes!

Duck	Woah. That's weird.
Wizard	Yes, it was very strange. But the boy had nothing to lose, so he walked to the house and stood on the doorstep as the snow began to fall all around him. He was afraid to knock because he was dirty and frightened and thought the people inside might be cruel and send him away. But he was so hungry he raised his hand and knocked on the door anyway.
Duck	That was brave.
Wizard	Yes, it was. And when the door opened, a nice lady answered and the boy said, "Um. Well. Ahhh... John 3:16?"
Duck	John 3:16.
Wizard	That's right. So the lady lets him in and leads him to a beautiful table full of delicious food and she feeds him until he is nice and full, and the boy says, "John 3:16. I don't know what it means, but it sure does make a hungry boy full."
Duck	<i>(laughs)</i>
Wizard	And then she leads him upstairs to a nice, warm tub of water, the first bath the boy has ever had, and he gets in and soaks for a while, and he's thinking, "John 3:16. I don't know what it means, but it sure does make a dirty boy clean."
Duck	That's funny!
Wizard	Yes. Then he gets into the nice pajamas the lady has left for him and when he's all dressed she leads him to a cozy room with a nice, soft feather bed and he climbs in and snuggles down and says to himself, "John 3:16. I don't know what it means, but it sure makes a tired boy rested."
Duck	He must have had a really good snooze, huh?
Wizard	He sure did. And in the morning the lady served him a yummy breakfast and opened her Bible and read John 3:16 to him. "For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him might not perish, but have eternal life." Then she asked him if he understood it, and he said, "No, ma'am. I do not." So she sat him down by the fireplace and explained it all to him, and there and then he gave his heart to Jesus, our Savior, who came to earth and died for us all so that we could have eternal life in heaven with him.
Duck	Wow.

Wizard	And the boy stayed on and lived with the woman, and she became his mom, and he would often say, “John 3:16, I don’t understand how anyone could die for another person’s sins and how anyone could love us so much, but it sure does make a lost boy saved.”
Duck	Nice story.
Wizard	True story.
Duck	Really?
Wizard	Yes! Every time we trust Jesus and let Him into our hearts we are saved and loved and comforted just like that poor boy.
Duck	But I have plenty to eat and a mommy and daddy and a soft bed and...
Wizard	Yes, but you have sorrows, too. Jesus wants to come into your heart and give you peace and joy, even when life is hard.
Duck	Wow. John 3:16. I don’t understand it, but it sure makes a little duck feel very, very loved.
Wizard	Amen, little ducky! Amen.

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