Pete Script
The Wise Men and Alpha

Chris: Well it's that time again when we say hello to our resident 'rather annoying' Puppet. He was asleep when I last looked into his house so let's wake him up. We'll count down from 10 getting louder as we go, then we'll shout 'Wake up Pete'. Are you ready10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 WAKE UP PETE

Pete pops up bleary eyed

Pete: Corr Chris, I was well away then… dreaming I was in a rocket waiting for an extreme take off!

Chris: You don't look your usual chirpy cheerful self this morning Pete… what's up? Still suffering after the New Year celebrations?

Pete: Nope not me Chris… not been getting to bed till the early hours on a couple of days this week… been trying out a nocturnal extreme sport.

Chris: Oh what might that be Pete

Pete: Extreme Barbibelling

Chris: OK here we go again…barbibelling ….I'm all ears Pete

Pete: Well you know at the Christingle service John said I needed to share the story of our King, the baby Jesus, and also share the chocolate orange with people? …

Chris: I'm still listening Pete

Pete: Well I looked in the church puppets almanac and, you won't believe this…

Chris: No I don't think I will Pete!

Pete: Well…..there's an ancient extreme New Years Eve sport called barbibelling where you have to see how many bars you can sit on in an hour with a bible in one hand and a chocolate orange in the other! So I visited every bar in Lincoln on New Years Eve with my bible and chocolate oranges. I sat on the bar and shouted 'Jesus loves you'. People were a bit shocked but they really loved all the chocolate oranges. I think I'm now the world extreme barbibbeling champion now you know…want to see a picture

 (show picture of Pete on bar with chocolate orange and bible)

Chris: Well if nothing else Pete….. I think you are a very brave puppet.

Pete: Also Chris I was up all last night writing this script!

Chris: Oh Pete I didn't realize that you wrote the scripts – no wonder they don't make any sense.

Pete: Now now, no need for that Chris. I've been thinking about Sue's talk today.. She said the service this morning was all about reflecting back on things and about the wise men looking to the future and finding out NEW

things. Well whilst spending hours researching the material for this script, I've found out what the reward is for following Jesus.

Chris: Oh well done Pete. Just remind me what that reward might be.

Pete: Well, we'll all go to heaven of course Chris. Is that why the wise men searched for Jesus, Chris - because they wanted to go to heaven?

Chris: Well Pete…. they were called WISE MEN!! So maybe you're right.
Did you know that lots of people searched for Jesus. King Herod sought to kill him. Crowds who were miraculously fed sought to crown him. Religious leaders sought to trap him. Roman soldiers sought to arrest him, but I think the wise men came to worship and learn more about him. Look Pete - go back into your house and sit comfortably because Sue's going to tell everyone just what the wise men were all about!

Pete: Ohhhh….. sounds exciting Chris.

Pete disappears
Sue does her talk
Pete pops up again.

Pete: Hi Sue – So the wise men:

Wanted to learn about who Jesus really was.
No doubt made lots of friends and had lots of discussions on their way to Bethlehem
Took the opportunity to gaze at the stars and learn more about that special star in the sky
And if they were Kings, I bet they ate a banquet every evening when they got off their camels.
So that's like…. learning, discussions, finding new friends, and eating lots of yummy food…Sounds like a 2000 year old Alpha Course to me Sue

Sue: Not sure if they had Alpha Courses 2000 years ago Pete but in a way you're right – and thanks for reminding me about that Pete. We'll hear a little bit more about the Alpha Course in our news slot a bit later in the service and then again during a play at 'Alpha Sunday' which is our family service in February…..s o see you then Pete.

Pete: OK Sue …looking forward to that – altogether now …10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 …bye everybody