PETE'S PATTER

Sue: So it's puppet time, and as there are now two of them they thought they'd have a new type of beginning

Jenni pops up

Jenni...Hi everyone....Some say, that that the leaning tower of Pisa used to be straight until he accidently tripped and bumped into it And some say...that the missing piece in the Apple logo was actually eaten by him... We know him as the one and only Pete the Puppet. Let's give him a big welcome...

[Pete emerges and crowd surfs]

Jenni: How did you like the new intro Pete?

Pete: Brill - loved it Jenni - really good, but I can't do this anymore... aaahhh... I simply can't do it anymore.

Jenni Whatever's going on with you Pete - what's all the fuss about?

Pete: I can't Jenni I just can't - you've got to help me; that new beginning you gave me was great but $\underline{\mathbf{I}}$ need a new beginning.

Jenni: But Pete - what is it you can't you do

Pete: (shouting) Nope it's all wrong. Ive got to change and you've got to help me

Jenni; (very calmly) Yes Pete, I've heard... I'm not deaf. What can't you do

Pete: It Jenni. YOU know

Jenni: No Pete... I don't know. Do tell me

Pete: I can't keep coming out like this in front of all these lovely people and spouting on about all my extreme sports achievements, when really they all go wrong...terribly wrong Jenni, and by that introduction even you're starting to believe me Jenni

Jenni: Hold on, hold on Pete. I know you can exaggerate a bit Pete but we all do that sometimes

Pete: You don't know half of it Jenni:

A few months ago I told everyone here that Id' climbed Everest and got injured falling into a cravas (show picture)

but really I got knocked over by a tourist on a bobsleigh before I even set off to base camp

Another time I told everyone I had won a powerlifting competition by lifting a car one handed (show photo) when really there was a jack under the chassis.

And remember the time me and you met in the puppet shop (show photo) and I had to say something stupid like 'There's something wrong on my phone...It doesn't have your number on it' - lines like that just come out of my mouth and I have to stop it. I need a new beginning in my life but I'm scared that everyone will laugh at me and I'll lose all my followers.

Jenni: Well even though you have many many followers Pete...you don't have as many as the person we are all here for... the Lord Jesus. He's had followers for over 2000 years and at the moment alone, about one third of the world's population say they are followers of his. And even the great Pete the Puppet can't match that.

Pete: No, Jenni ,but I'm scared of having a new beginning because if I change .. my Facebook page will crash and my Twitter feed will be full of 'unfollow' messages!

Jenni: Remember - Jesus had a new beginning in his life. He had been a carpenter for the first 31 years of his life and it wasn't until he was baptised by John the Baptist that he really began his work and performed all His miracles. He was pretty quiet and unknown until he was filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism. Then it was like a new beginning for him, and his followers grew and grew. He was laughed at and mocked too but his followers still grew and grew. Remember Pete, that's why we are all here today, to follow his example. So we can all have new beginnings in our life, even you Pete.

Pete: Oh wow Jenni that's really encouraging I think Ill have to go and speak to Sue about that. Will you come with me?

Jenni: OK Pete, Bye everyone