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Title: The Greatest Disguise in the World

Theme: Jesus is God disguised in human flesh.

Object: Various things to add to my disguise: dark glasses, hat, beard, German accent.

Text: Philippians 2:6-8 (NLT) Though he was God, [Jesus] did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.

Good morning kids! My what a beautiful group of young people we have in our church.

You all look different, but you all look nice.

And that’s the way I like it, because I can tell who you are by the way you look.

Who knows what holiday is coming up next week? (Halloween!)

On Halloween, people like to dress up like someone else.

They like to put on a disguise so no one recognizes them.

Are any of you planning to dress up in a disguise?

Well, today I’d like to talk to you about “the greatest disguise in the world.”

But before I do, I’d like to show you my disguise.

Would you like to see my disguise?

[Put disguise on one piece at a time. Ham it up in full disguise with German accent. Remove disguise in reverse order.]

Did you like my disguise?

How many liked my disguise better than the real me?

That was a pretty good disguise, wasn’t it?

Now I want to tell you about the greatest disguise in the world.

It’s found in the greatest book in the world, the Bible.

In Philippians 2:6-8, here’s what the Bible says: [Read text]

Did you hear it? It’s talking about Jesus taking the disguise of a slave and becoming human.

The greatest disguise the world has ever known is when God put on human flesh and became a man.

God the Son became Jesus of Nazareth.

Now Jesus didn’t look like God; He looked like an ordinary man.

He didn’t come riding on a chariot of fire or sitting on a golden throne.

He was born as a little helpless baby, but He was God in disguise.

As He preached and taught and healed, He said “I and my Father are one. If you have seen me you have seen the Father.”

His character was the same as God’s; His aims and purposes were the same as God’s; His love for others was the same as God’s.

So why did the Son of God put on a disguise and become Jesus of Nazareth?

First, to show us what God is really like; to show us that God loves us and wants to be our Friend.

And second, to die on the cross for our sins, so that we could be forgiven.

When we love Jesus and trust Him as our Savior. we can tell Him we’re sorry for our sins and ask Him to forgive us because He died on the cross for our sins.

Are you glad for the greatest disguise in the world?

How many would like to ask Jesus to forgive their sins and be their Savior today?