

Here's a wonderful example of how God can speak to us through a movie!

Today I heard the Lord say, "Geppetto". It was just **one** word but I got to thinking that **every** word from God is important and maybe there is some spiritual truth in the Disney movie, Pinocchio that the Lord wanted to highlight to me.

My daughter and I decided to watch it together and write down the exact phrases and song lyrics in the movie. Almost every word in the movie was symbolic! We have not altered or added any words.

Here it is, from beginning to end the creation and fall of man, and the provision and redemption provided by God our father!... It's Just Beautiful!

### **Lessons From Pinocchio**

Geppetto was a wood carver. He had a shop full of his creations. *Each one was a work of art. He named each one.*

He created Pinocchio and held him up with strings while he taught him to walk.

A blue fairy/angel talked to Pinocchio about the gift of life, but it was up to Pinocchio to choose between right and wrong. He was to listen to this inner voice called Jiminy cricket Cricket or *J.C. - Jesus Christ.*

*She gave J.C. three names, Lord high keeper of knowledge of right and wrong, Guide along the straight and narrow, and counselor in moments of temptation.*

She sang, "let him be your guide. When you get in trouble and don't know right from wrong give a little whistle. When you meet temptation and the urge is very strong, ... not just a little squeak, pucker up and blow! and if your whistles weak yell J.C.! If you begin to slide *always let J.C. be your guide.*"

Geppetto/ Father God celebrates Pinocchio's life by throwing him a party! He *calls him "son"*.

*A fox sees the innocent children rushing to the fountain of knowledge, and said, "My name is Honest John. I know an*

*easy road to success* with bright lights, music, applause , Fame! Come with me!" and he offers him a high silk hat, silver cane, and a golden watch with a diamond chain. While sitting on the foxes head J.C. tries to warn Pinocchio. The foxes friend, a *lion* , *swings a mallet to try to kill J.C. but crushes the foxes head instead.*

J.C. reminds Pinocchio that the *foxes' real name is temptation.* But Pinocchio *decides to follow the fox anyhow.* J.C. said, " *I'll go out of his life quietly.* He lets Pinocchio go his own way seeking the fame he desires... and Pinocchio sings, " *I got no strings on me -now I'm free!*

Meanwhile Geppetto/God begins to search for Pinocchio.

A bad man locked Pinocchio in a cage. Pinocchio yells, "J.C.!" and he comes to him and *together they cry.* J. C. starts to pick the lock and said, "*It needs oil, It's going to take a miracle to get you out of this!*" Geppetto/God continues to search through the storm for Pinocchio.

The angel comes again to Pinocchio but Pinocchio tells her lie after lie. His nose grows into a long branch, *the leaves fall off and the branch begins to die.* The angel says, " A boy who won't be good might as well be made of wood. The angel broke open the cage and released him.

Meanwhile at a bar called the Red Lobster Inn, The fox and his friends are making fun of Pinocchio and telling of their *plans to destroy him.* "We *collect stupid little boys* and take them to *Pleasure Island!*"

While Pinocchio is running home the fox once again stops him. He said, "Oh, your allergic, you are a nervous wreck, all you need is a vacation". So Pinocchio decides to go to *Pleasure Island* with the fox.

J.C. thinks, " Here we go again!"

Pinocchio rides on a ship in the dark of night while white seagulls fly overhead.

They arrive on *Pleasure Island* there is lots of excitement and bright lights. there is a *Scrap House* for hitting one another, *Tobacco row* for smoking your head off and a *Model Home* that says, "*open for destruction!*" Pinocchio said, "*being bad is a lot of fun!*"

*Little black demons close the gate and say, "shut the doors and lock them tight! Give a bad boy enough rope and he'll soon make a jackass of himself!"* J.C. said, *"this place is like a grave yard !"* J.C. tries to tell Pinocchio he is doing the wrong things, but Pinocchio *announces he has a new best friend.* J.C. said, *" Okay, you buttered your bread, now sleep in it!"*

The boys begin to turn into donkeys and are being *sold to the salt mines.*

Pinocchio screams, *" Ahh, I've been double crossed! Call J.C.!"*

*J.C. comes to his aid and said, "Come this way, it's the only way out!"*

They stand at the top of a cliff over the ocean. J.C. said, *"You got to jump!"* and *together they jump.*

Pinocchio arrives at home but it is empty. *A white dove delivers a message. "Your dad went looking for you and is inside a whale at the bottom of the sea".* Pinocchio said, *"well I'm gonna to find him!"*

He and J.C. jump off the cliff into the ocean again. All the creatures in the ocean were fearful of the great Monstro whale.

Geppetto/God is sitting in the whale. He said, *"I miss Pinocchio, he was such a good boy! Pinocchio gets eaten buy the whale and Geppetto/God pulls him to safety using a fishing pole and line. "Father here I am", said Pinocchio. Geppetto/God hugs him and kisses him. "I'm so glad to see you, now that I have you nothing else matters!!!"*

They make a fire that causes the whale to sneeze. Pinocchio loses his life to save his father. He proved himself brave, truthful and unselfish.

After he died he woke up alive. Pinocchio said, *"I'm alive and I'm real! A real live boy!"* Geppetto/God celebrates with music and dancing! and J.C. is given a 18 K official badge of honor.

**... And I thought God gave me just one word!...**

**Geppetto**

**May you hang on every word from the Lord and never  
cut your strings.**

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