**TIMOTHY – A SKETCH by Terry Barker**

MAGNIFYING GLASS (Puppet or Image)

Hey!

BOY (sitting down, jumps up startled.)

Who are you? What do you want?

MG: Nothing, you just looked troubled?

BOY: I am a bit perplexed

MG:(Taken aback by the long word) Perplexed eh!

What is the problem?

BOY: There’s this guy Tim…..

MG: (Jokey) Is he bullying you?

BOY (Indignant) No! It’s just that…..

MG: Is he loads cleverer than you and everyone thinks he’s the bees knees?

BOY: Bees knees? Er… no!

MG: What’s the big problem, then?

BOY: It’s hard to explain.

MG: (Pause, thinks) It’s you, isn’t it? Are youTim?

BOY: Well yes, only I tend to be called Timothy by my family.

MG: So what’s up then? Have you not been doing your homework?

BOY: (Indignantly) No! If you would just listen, I’ll explain.

MG: Soreee! What are you so …what was it…’perplexed’ about?

BOY: I’ve been sort of picked…..

MG: To play for United?

BOY: (Just gives him a shut up type look)

MG: (Does the zipping motion over his lips)

BOY: I’ve been picked because I apparently have some sort of special gift.

MG: What like Superman or Iron Man?

BOY: Not that sort of special gift!

MG: Well what then?

BOY: |I am good at speaking and apparently that’s why I was picked, but I’m so young, I don’t know whether people will listen.

MG: Why wouldn’t they? They listen to Greta Thunberg and she is young, isn’t she?

BOY; Now they do, but in the beginning a lot of people just thought she was weird or that she was too big for her boots.

MG: Well, she has a powerful message. Do you have a powerful message?

BOY: I do. I really do.

MG: Well, you can make the people listen then. Isn’t that why you were picked?

BOY: You’re right. Sorry, can’t stop here talking to you all day, I need to go and tell people about God’s love for them. See you!