

MOSES

&

His Journey To The PROMISED LAND

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CAST

Storytellers x 5

Pharaoh

Hebrew Slaves

Pharaohs Workers

Moses

Moses' Mum

Moses' sister

Princess (Pharaohs Daughter)

Princess' maidservants

Servants in the Palace

God's voice

The Egyptian army

Scene One **Prologue**

Storyteller 1: Fasten your seat belts and hold on tight.

Storyteller 2: Come with us to Ancient Egypt and dare to believe what unfolds before you!

Storyteller 3: ... A story of an ordinary man; a man like you and I, who God used to fulfil a very great purpose for His people.

SONG ONE - ANCIENT EGYPT

Slave Master 1: Get into line! No talking or your get this! (***Sound of whip, on stage***).

Slave Master 2: Keep your heads down!

(A slave collapses to the ground)

Slave master 1: Get up! Come on you heard me. Get up! Now!

(The slave struggles up)

Hebrew slave: Are you alright?

(Slave just nods)

Slave Master: NO TALKING!

SONG TWO - SLAVES SONG

Scene Two At Moses' house

(Mother is rocking her newborn baby to sleep when her daughter rushes in.)

Daughter: Mum! Mum! Did you hear the news? Pharaoh is going to destroy all the baby boys. What are we going to do?

Mother: It will be alright. We can hide your little brother here, no one will notice.

Daughter: They say the soldiers are going to search all the houses. It's not safe here.

Mother: That Pharaoh is just a coward!

Daughter: You can't say that!

Mother: I can and I just did. He's only scared.

Daughter: What of? He is the most powerful man alive.

Mother: The Hebrew men are a powerful force and there are a lot of them. Pharaoh is feeling threatened.

Daughter: That they could overthrow him?

Mother: Something like that.

Daughter: Well I wish they would

Mother: Come, talking like this is not going to help your brother.

SONG THREE - HUSH NOW MOSES

(The mother and daughter take their baby down to the river and hide him in the reeds. Further down the river the Pharaohs daughter discovers the baby.)

[In the instrumental music we see the Princess playing with her maidservants. You could ad-lib with lines such as:

Princess *I'll race you down to the river!*

Maidservant *Wait for me!]*

Storyteller 1: Moses' sister waited at the river bank and saw who had found her brother. She ran over to the Princess.

Moses' sister: Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?

Princess: Yes, go!

(And the girl went and got the baby's mother. She brings back her mother to the Princess.)

Sister: Here is someone who could help.

Princess: Take this baby and nurse him for me and I will pay you. I drew him out of the water and his name is 'Moses'.

Storyteller 1 And so the Princess hired Moses' mum to be her nurse and bring Moses up until he was old enough to live in the palace.

Scene Three **At Moses' Mums house**

Mother: Moses, come here!

Moses: In a minute!

Mother: Please come here now! I have something important to tell you.

Moses: Alright, I'm coming!

Mother: The time has come for you to leave here.

Moses: What do you mean?

Mother: I can't give you everything you need and the Pharaoh has agreed for you to live with him.

Moses: In the Palace?

Mother: That's right. The Princess will be like your very own sister. You're already good friends aren't you?

Moses: But Mum, I want to stay here with you.

Mother: I'm sorry Moses but that won't be possible. I will come and visit though. It's going to be a wonderful adventure.

Moses: But what about you?

Mother: I'll be fine. Your sister will look after me. Now I need you to be strong and brave.

Moses: Alright, Mum.

Mother: And Moses, never forget where you came from . You are born a Hebrew, not an Egyptian. Remember that.

Moses: I'll never forget.

Mother: God be with you. *(They hug)*

SONG FOUR - LOOK WHERE HE'S LIVING!

Scene Four **The Palace**

- Storyteller 1:** But life was not always straightforward for young Moses.
- Storyteller 2:** There was a lot of suffering in Egypt at this time and Moses felt the pain of it.
- Storyteller 3:** He could never forget his mother's parting words, "never forget where you are from."
- Storyteller 4:** How could he stand back and allow His people to be bullied and treated as they were.
- Storyteller 5:** But he was also thought of as the Pharaoh's son and his loyalties were split.
- Moses:** Guards, come here!
- Guard 1:** Yes your majesty.
- Moses:** What is the situation like with the slaves now?
- Guard:** There has been terrible trouble. The Hebrews are rebelling against everything the Pharaoh stands for. There was another fight again today.
- Moses:** This can't go on.
- Guard:** Pharaoh just calls for stricter discipline to keep them in their place: whippings, beatings, no food; whatever punishment he can think of, but they are a powerful force.
- Moses:** I will go down and see for myself.

SONG FIVE -THE BUILDING SONG

Scene Five

Moses intervenes

- Storyteller 1** Moses went to where his own people were and watched their hard labour.
- Storyteller 2** He was very angry at the injustice of it all.
- Storyteller 3** When he arrived, he saw an Egyptian beating one of his Hebrew brothers. His blood boiled as he realised he could so easily be that man had the Princess not have found him all those years ago.
- Storyteller 4** Moses lost control of his senses and turned on the Egyptian.
- Storyteller 5** There was much fighting and chaos and then everything went quiet.
- Moses:** What have I done? Oh Lord why have you forsaken me?
- Storyteller 1:** There was nothing for it but to run to get far away.
- Storyteller 2:** If Pharaoh found out Moses had killed an Egyptian, Moses would surely be killed too.
- Storyteller 3:** He ran and ran until he was way out in the desert: Alone, afraid and deserted.

SONG SIX - A DESERTED LIFE

- Storyteller 4:** Moses spent many years in the desert. He settled in a village and married there.
- Storyteller 5:** His Egyptian life of Pharaohs and palaces was long gone.
- Storyteller 1:** He spent his time looking after his sheep, a humble shepherd.
- Storyteller 2:** One day however something extraordinary happened which was to turn the course of history forever.

SONG SEVEN - THE BURNING BUSH