

Passover Skit 2016

Narrator: There once was a man named Jacob. He was married to a woman named Leah. He was also married to another woman named Rachel. In total, Jacob had 12 sons. The last two children were with Rachel. The first of Jacob and Rachel's children was named Joseph. Now, Jacob favored Joseph over all of his other children, and the other children knew that. They were pretty jealous.

Scene 1

(All sons sitting and standing together and talking when Jacob walks in)

Jacob: Joseph, my dear son?

Joseph: Yes father? What is it?

Jacob: I got you a present.

Joseph: Really? What is it?

Jacob: It's a coat. It's made out of the finest cloth and it's just for you!

Joseph: What? It's not a iPhone 6! Uhg! I mean... Thank you so much!

Reuben: This is getting out of hand!

Simeon: I agree. We know he loves Joseph the most but getting him this valuable gift and getting us nothing!

Judah: We have to do something about it.

Naphtali: Joseph must go away.

Levi: For a long time...

Asher: A very, very long time.

Benjamin: I don't think this is a very good idea...

Zebulun: I know! How about tomorrow we bring him out into the field. Then we will sell him to the Ishmaelites and have him sent to slavery in Egypt.

Gad: Yeah! Then he will be gone and we will get some money.

Dan: But wait! What makes you think father will believe us! He doesn't believe us when we tell him we're not watching TV after lanterns-out!

Reuben: It's simple. We just need to get a hold of that precious coat. Then we dip it in goat blood and bring it to father. We will say that Joseph has been killed.

Simeon: Great plan. Let's meet out in the field tomorrow afternoon to get rid of the pesky little brother once and for all.

(all walk out except Benjamin who stands there looking nervous)

Gad: Benjamin! Come on!

(Benjamin runs off still looking nervous)

Scene 2

(Joseph picking corn in the field when his brothers jump out and scare him)

Joseph: (falls on the ground) Guys! What are you doing here? You scared me to death!

Simeon: (muttering) That was kind of the plan... (Reuben elbows him in the side)... I mean nice corn! (clearly in pain)

Reuben: What he means to say is... GET HIM! (to the other brothers)

(All the brothers grab him and his coat. Joseph is tied up and thrown on the ground.)

Joseph: Why are you doing this?

Judah: Do you think it's fun always being the second best? Never being loved by your own father?

Joseph: I didn't mean to make him love me more than you guys! Really! I didn't!

Dan: Well that doesn't matter!

Brothers: It's a Hard Knock Life - It's a Hard Knock Life

It's the hard knock life for us

It's the hard knock life for us

Father loves him

More than us

Punishment we must discuss

It's the hard knock life

Got no gifts from dad at all

Wanna throw him through a wall

Joseph gets things

We do not

Rings and bracelets

He has got

It's the hard knock life

Don't it feel like he has a favorite son

Don't it feel that we all are left to rot

Being left out every day is no fun

Throw him out of the family we 'ought

Walk him far out into the big wide desert

Then we won't worry about him again

He will stay there out in all of the dirt

For many years 1, 2, 3, 4, or 10

(The Ishmaelites take Joseph and the brothers dip the coat in goat's blood)

Narrator: Joseph lived in Egypt for a while until the Pharaoh's wife tried to seduce him. When he refused, Pharaoh's wife told her husband that Joseph had come on to her! Joseph was thrown in jail where he met a baker and winemaker. It was here that he discovered his talent. He can decipher dreams. Joseph predicted the outcomes for both the baker and the winemaker. The baker was executed and the winemaker got out of jail.

God: After the winemaker got out, the Pharaoh told him that he had been having weird dreams. The winemaker told the Pharaoh about Joseph's ability. Joseph was brought out of jail to

decipher the Pharaoh's dreams. He determined that there would be seven years of great and prosperous crops and livestock. Then seven years of famine.

Jacob: This helped the city greatly prepare for the famine and it saved many lives. Joseph was then made a very important person for the Pharaoh. He was given riches and was always busy with important jobs. During the famine, Joseph's brothers and father came to Egypt in search of food. When they got there they found Joseph. He forgave them for their past actions and helped them get food.

Ishmaelite: After centuries of living in harmony, Joseph, and his brothers' descendants grew into a large population. The current Pharaoh, afraid of them taking over the land and revolting against the Egyptians, enslaved them. Even in slavery the Hebrews continued to have many children. In order to stop the population from growing, the Pharaoh declared to kill all the firstborn of the Hebrews. One mother, didn't like this rule. Only one.

Scene 3

Authors note: Shiffra and Puah have "valley girl" accents

Narrator: 200 years later...

Pharaoh: Shiffra! Puah! Come here! I have a job for you.

Shiffra: Yes Pharaoh? What do you request of us?

Pharaoh: As Jewish midwives, I need you to go kill all the Jewish male children for me.

Puah: Excuse me? You want us to do all the dirty work for you?

Shiffra: Yeah! And no! We can't do that! Come on, I just had my nails done.

Pharaoh: (like a child) Why not? I want you to.

Puah: Whatever. Come on Shiffra! I have an idea of how we can make the Pharaoh think we're going to do what he wants.

Shiffra: Let's get out of here. Are you up for some Starbucks?

(both walk out confidently)

Narrator: Shiffra and Puah were brave midwives who worked to foil the Pharaoh's plan. They made the Pharaoh believe they agreed to his plan, but instead they did not kill the newborns and when asked by Pharaoh why they had defied him, they replied that the Jewish women were "lively" and gave birth quickly, resulting in Shiffra and Puah missing the births. I still can't believe he fell for that one.

Scene 3.5

Yocheved: Miriam! The Pharaoh has now decreed to drown all the Hebrew boy babies at birth. We've hidden my baby, Moses, for three months now but we can't hide him any longer! We need to decide what we are going to do.

Miriam: I know, but, how can we get him out of this mess? There is no way he will be safe as long as he is with us!

Yocheved: I have an idea. We could send him down this river here. Hopefully someone, maybe the Pharaoh's daughter, will find him soon and he will be safe, at last.

Miriam: That's a good idea

Narrator: It wasn't a very bright idea

Miriam: I'll stand guard and you can float him down the river. Here, put him in this basket.

Narrator: But, it worked out well.

Yocheved: Ok, go now. I must get this over with and say goodbye.

(Yocheved with Moses in the basket)

Maybe

Yocheved:

Maybe far away

Or maybe real nearby

You'll end up with a real family

Loves you just as much as I

Maybe now my prayers

Have finally been heard

Someone will care for my baby

Maybe

Yocheved : (spoken) Goodbye, Moses.

(Moses floats down the river and the Pharaoh's daughter picks him up - Miriam follows the basket)

Pharaoh's daughter: Hi. Are you all alone? I'll take good care of you.

Miriam: Excuse me, but I know a terrific Jewish woman who can help you take care of the infant. Pharaoh's daughter: What a great idea. Call her to come here. What's her name?

Miriam: Her name is Yocheved

Narrator: The Pharaoh's daughter brings Moses back to her father's palace where Moses is then raised, with the help of his mother, as the prince of Egypt. One day, Moses witnesses a guard beating a Hebrew. He is very mad and then kills the guard. Fearing for his life he runs away into a forest. Because, forests are where all the super safe hiding places are... right?

Moses: (sees the burning bush) Hmm. I wonder why this bush is not burning up. It's on fire.

Let me go take a closer look.

Narrator: Fire safety! Fire safety!

The voice of God: Moses! Moses!

Moses: Here I am.

The voice of God: Moses, I need you! I need you to go to pharaoh, and tell him to free the Hebrews! They are my people. Your people! Help set your people free!

Scene 4

(Pharaoh is sitting putting a collar on a human and Moses walks into the room)

Moses: Pharaoh!

Pharaoh: What is it prince? Why are you distressed?

Moses: Pharaoh, I was walking in the desert when I heard the voice of God. He told me I needed to save all the Hebrews from you and stop them from being enslaved anymore! I believe him! Pharaoh, these are MY people. What you are doing to my people is not fair. Let my people go!

Pharaoh: I refuse! These people are my property! They live in my land! I can treat whoever like whatever I please! Your God is not MY god. Leave. Servant! Come paint my nails, the under coat's dry.

Pharaoh: Rule of All the Land - Never Fully Dressed without a smile.

Hey Moses, boy hey all my slaves
You'll be here a while
Just know that you can't escape my rule of all the land

I know that my methods may be
A little extreme but
Just know that you can't escape me you never can

Don't care what you're wearing
A rag or long silk robes
I'll be above you all
Across ev-er-y globe
(slower) Forever

But don't lose hope!
I hope you won't
'Cause it's way more fun
When you think that you and all your people stand a chance

Now go away
You cannot stay
Here in my chambers
Just know that you can't escape my rule of all the land

(spoken) Stay here be my servants!

Narrator: Oh brother. Neither Moses nor God liked that. God let the Pharaoh, his family, his neighbors, his enemies, and everyone in between have it! He sprung onto them, the 10 plagues.

Moses: Blood
Reuben: Frogs
Simeon: Bugs
Judah: Wild animals
Naphtali: Pestilence
Levi: Boils
Asher: Hail
Zebulun: Locust
Gad: Darkness
Dan: Death of the first born

Narrator: Anticipating the last plague, God commanded the Hebrews to mark their doorposts with lamb's blood so the Angel of Death would pass over their houses and save the Hebrew children. I mean, if a door knob had blood on it, would you touch it?

Scene 5

(Moses is playing on a cell phone when Pharaoh walks in clearly plague stricken)

Pharaoh: Moses!

Moses: What is it Pharaoh? Uhg! You made me die on flappy bird! Um... I think you have something in your hair! (amused)

Pharaoh: (Takes out a frog from his hair) I have had enough of these plagues! I give up. I hereby set all the Hebrews free from slavery. You must leave now, before I change my mind!

(Moses goes to a group of people)

Moses: Fellow friends, I just had a conversation with the Pharaoh. He set us all free! We must leave at once.

Jew: Uh, Moses?

Moses: What is it? Can it wait? We must get out of here!

Jew: I, um, kind of have to use the bathroom.

Narrator: Me too.

Moses: No! Leave everything, yell for your families and let's leave!

Baker: We have no time to finish baking our bread! What can we do? Can we stay for just a little while longer?

Moses: Of course not! Just take it. A little raw egg never hurt anyone! Now move, move, move!

Narrator: The Hebrews traveled until they got to the Red Sea. There they sat down to eat the unleavened bread.

Jew: (takes out matzah) What should we call this odd, unleavened bread? I know! Matzah!

Moses: (Turns around) Gesundheit. Hey, do you guys hear that? It's the guards from the Pharaoh! He warned me he might change his mind! We must get past this sea!

(Moses raises his staff in the air and calls to God in despair) God help us!

Narrator: Then the unthinkable happened, the waters of the Red Sea parted! Moses and the other Hebrews walked right through the sea, without getting a single drop of water on them. Then once they were across the water the Sea went back to normal and, let's just say, the Egyptian guards had the least fun pool party of their lives! That left Moses and his people to find the promised land, and to begin their forty year journey to freedom.

Jew: Can we eat now?

The Sun Will Come Out Tomorrow

The sun will come out tomorrow

And the Jews will not be slaves tomorrow

Not again...

Tomorrow

Tomorrow

After we cross the sea

Our freedom's a day away

Tomorrow

Tomorrow

And one day, you will see

Our freedom's a day away!