

Mageed - The Telling, Act 1

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To tell the story, we first need some volunteers to play the characters in this story. There are 5 parts: Narrator, Pharaoh, Yochaved, Moses, God.

Narrator: This is the Passover story, as told in the Torah, in the book of Exodus. This is the story of Jewish enslavement in the land of Egypt long ago. There came a time when a new ruler arose over Egypt, one who oppressed the Hebrew people and enslaved them. But the children of Israel continued to multiply.

Pharaoh: The Hebrews are too many and too strong! From this day, I order that every Hebrew son be drowned in the river.

Yochaved: Oh, no! I have just given birth to a baby boy, but I can not bear to drown him. Let me put him in a basket and let him float down the river. Maybe he will be rescued.

Narrator: A little while later...

Yochaved: Oh! My daughter, Miriam, who followed the basket tells me that my baby boy was rescued by the Pharaoh's daughter. She is raising him and has named him Moses! Narrator: One day, when Moses was a grown man, he walked out among his people.

Moses: I have seen such unbearable sights! Today I saw an Egyptian taskmaster beat a Hebrew slave, so I killed the taskmaster. But now I must flee otherwise the Egyptians will surely kill me! But what is that? A burning bush which is not consumed?!

God: I am the God of Abraham and Sara, of Isaac and Rebecca, of Jacob, Leah and Rachel. Moses, go back to Egypt and demand of Pharaoh that the Hebrew people be set free.

Narrator: Moses and his brother Aaron spoke to the elders of the children of Israel. Moses (to Pharaoh): Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Let My People Go."

Pharaoh: Who is this Lord that I should heed him and let your people go? From now on the Hebrews will continue to make bricks but will also have to go and gather the straw for themselves.

God: Who is this Pharaoh who does not heed me and will not let my people go? I will send nine plagues of death and destruction over the Land of Egypt! But still he does not let my people free! Moses, tell Pharaoh that I will send the Angel of Death to kill all the Egyptian first born sons.

Moses: Children of Israel! God will send the Angel of Death to smite all the first-born of Egypt, from the first born of Pharaoh to the first-born of cattle. But you will be saved, if you put the blood of lambs on your doorposts. The Angel of Death will pass over the houses of Israel.

Narrator: And it was so.