

# Moses And The Great Escape.

Drama 2: What A Job!

## *Characters*

Moses: As an adult.

God: (voice over mic.

Sheep 1

Sheep 2

Sheep 3

Sheep 4

Scene: The wilderness, just one scrubby bush stage right. Needs to be able to produce flames on command. Can be done using some sort of fan and red strips of tissue paper)

(Moses enters from stage left with sheep following)

Moses: Come on you lot, keep up. There's a long way to go yet.

Sheep: (All bleat)

Moses: Yes I know. I know, its hot and you're tired and thirsty and hungry.

Sheep: (All bleat loudly)

Moses: Oh all right then we'll have a rest, just for a few minutes mind you. We really should keep going. You lot sit down here. I'll just go and lie down over there.

(Sheep sit at front, Moses goes to lie down at back of stage)

Sheep 1: He's not a bad shepherd really is he?

Sheep 2: No, he's all right, I quite like him really.

Sheep 3: Well you obviously haven't heard the latest goss from the fold then have you.

Sheep 4: Latest Goss, what do you mean?

Sheep 3: I mean, all the things that old Ramases has been saying about him.

Sheep 1: What do you mean?

Sheep 3: Oh.. err... things.

Sheep 2: Well tell us then!

Sheep 3: Well I'm not sure that I should. I mean, I'm not really a gossip you know.

Sheep 1,2,4: Tell us!

Sheep 3: Well, it seems that he has had a colourful past, a very colourful past. It seems that he was found in a basket in the river when he was a baby!

Sheep 1: A basket?

Sheep 2: In the river?

Sheep 4: Found by who?

Sheep 3: Well that's the strangest thing. Ramases says that he was found by a royal princess who took a real fancy to him and made him her own son.

Sheep 1: Huh, And you believe that? What a load of rubbish.

Sheep 2: Poppycock, if he was the son of a princess, even if he was found in a river as you say, why is he now a dirty shepherd wandering around this hot and sticky wilderness with us?

Sheep 3: Well that's the thing you see. It seems that he did something...., something very bad.

Sheep 4: What, what?

Sheep 3: Well Ramases didn't know. But it was so bad that he had to run away as far as he could, and he can never ever go back to Egypt again.

Sheep 1: Never?

Sheep 3: No never, ever again.

Sheep 2: Well whatever it was it couldn't have been that bad. I mean, he's a kind shepherd. isn't he.

Sheep 3: Well don't ask me. It's just what they say, not that I usually listen to gossip you understand.

(Moses gets up and heads toward them)

Sheep 4: Sssshhhh, he's coming.

Moses: Well dearie me, look at you lot! You look like a right load of old gossips bleating away at each other there.

Sheep: (general bleating)

Moses: Never mind, are you ready to go.

(Suddenly flames appear from the bush but Moses doesn't notice. The Sheep see it and back away, bleating and huddling together in a panic)

Moses: Goodness me, I'll never understand sheep you know. What's wrong with you now? (sniffs) What a strange smell. It smells like something is burning, what could it be?

(Moses turns around but as he does the flames disappear)

Moses: How strange? I can't see anything, but it's such a strong smell. Oh well come on you lot, we really need to get going.

(Moves toward sheep. Flames appear. Sheep are frightened)

Sheep: (general bleating)

Moses: Come on then lets .... hang on there, there's that smell again. What could it be?

(Moses looks round, flames disappear)

Moses: (to audience) did you see anything?

Audience: Reply: Fire, flames on bush etc.

Moses: Well if you see anything again shout err... well shout FIRE!!

(Moses goes to sheep)

Moses: (to sheep) Did you see anything?

(Flames appear, audience shout, Moses turns round as flames disappear)

Moses: Oh no, now come on, that's not fair. It's hard enough coping with these stubborn old sheep without you playing tricks on me as well. (Goes back to sheep) Now come on you lot it's time to....

(Flames appear, Audience shout, Moses turns round as flames disappear)

Moses: Oh yes, Ha Ha, you think that's really funny don't you, really funny ...

(Flames appear, Audience shout)

Moses: What? Where? (etc) (Turns round to see bush burning) Ahhhh! FIRE ... F... F... F... FIRE!!!!

God: Oh Moses, will you stop making such a fuss.

Moses: Wha... wha ... what's going on?

God: Nothing's going on as you put it. I just want a little chat with you, that's all.

Moses: But ... who are you?

God: You mean you don't know?

Moses: Errr.... no.

God: Oh dear, it's worse than I thought. Moses, this is God speaking, and I want a chat with you.

Moses: G.. G.. God! Did you say ... G... G.. God?

God: I sure did, because that's who I am. Now do me a favour. Come near the bush. I don't want to shout, but before you do could you just take off your shoes, if you don't mind.

(Moses removes shoes and goes closer to bush)

God: Ah ... that's better. Now Moses I've got something very important to say so listen carefully. Now I know that the Hebrews back in Egypt are having a very rough time. Pharaoh is making them work as slaves and they are all very miserable, and I want to do something about it. I want to rescue them from Egypt and I want you to do it for me, OK!

Moses: Me? Me? But how?

God: Oh simple, Moses. All you have to do is to go to Pharaoh and say: Let my people go.

Moses: What God? Do you know this Pharaoh? Do you really think he will let the Hebrew's go just because I ask him?

God: Well no Moses no. It won't be that easy. But I will help you. All you have to do is trust me.

Moses: But God, I've never been good at speaking. People just won't believe me! Why not send someone else instead of me. Honestly I'll only mess things up for you. Leave me to look after the sheep. At least I'm good at that. Send someone else instead!

God: Oh Moses, Moses. If I thought you couldn't do it I wouldn't ask you would I!  
Moses: But God, I'll need help. I just couldn't do it on my own.  
God: Yes I knew you'd say that so I've had a little word with Aaron, your brother, remember him. He's on his way now to meet you so you can go to Egypt together.  
Moses: But ...  
God: But nothing Moses, nothing. You get a move on and I'll see you in Egypt, OK?

(Flames die down,)  
(enter Aaron)

Aaron: Moses.  
Moses: Aaron?  
Aaron: I thought I'd find you here. Have you heard. We've got a job to do. Come on there's no time to lose.  
Moses: But ....  
Aaron: (dragging him off stage) Just come on will you.

(They exit)

Sheep 1: Well I never.  
Sheep 2: Well blow me down.  
Sheep 3: I don't believe it.  
Sheep 4: That was amazing.  
Sheep 1: That was ... God!  
Sheep 2: Here in the wilderness,  
Sheep 3: And.. and we heard his voice.  
Sheep 4: God's voice!

Moses: (off stage) (Whistles) Come on you lot we need to get a move on!  
Sheep 1: Oh well, looks like we're off to Egypt.

(Sheep exit after Moses and Aaron with general bleating).

Moses:

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