

Sunday School Play
The Faith of Moses

Cast:

Dad	Israelite 1
Mum	Israelite 2
Charlie	Israelite 3
Suzie	Extra Israelites
Moses Mother	Aaron
Miriam	Pharaoh
Moses	Pharaoh's Queen
Child 1	Palace servants
Child 2	Soldiers
Child 3	

Scene 1 – Moses in the Bulrushes

Act 1 – Introduction

Props: Little Bibles, table décor

Around table doing the daily readings (puppets could also be used)

Charlie ...*By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.*

By faith Moses ...Oh! This is my favourite part! Moses!

Dad Yes. The story of Moses is a great one isn't it. Keep reading.

Charlie *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.* Dad. What does it mean that he was a "proper child?"

Dad "Proper" can mean lots of things, but in this case I think it means he was a good looking child. There was nothing wrong with him.

Suzie And Dad, it says they were not afraid of the king's commandment. Is that because Pharaoh wanted to kill all the boy babies?

Dad Yes. Pharaoh had seen that the children of Israel, who were slaves in the land of Egypt, were multiplying, and he was afraid that they might get so many, that his kingdom was at risk. So, he commanded that all the Hebrew boys were to be thrown into the River Nile.

Mum And Moses parents obviously didn't want this to happen to their baby, so they hid him. And when he got too big to hide, they had to think of something else. So they make a little ark, and the book of Exodus says that his mother took him down to the river and put him in it, and hid him among the bulrushes.

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Act 2 – At the Nile

Moses' Mother and Miriam at the River.

Basket/ark, baby, blankets

Moses Mother This looks like it will be okay here. It's quiet, and he will be well hidden.

Miriam Will he be okay?

Moses Mother Of course he will. God will take care of him.

Song – Baby Moses

Moses Mother Don't worry Miriam. He will be okay.

Scene 2 – I'd Rather be with the People of God

Act 1 – Family

Dad Keep reading Charlie – verse 24

Charlie *By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach*

Suzie Hey! It's my turn! (*pause*) *Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.*

Dad Kids, what do you think that is trying to say?

Suzie I think it means that Moses didn't want to be a ruler. He just wanted God.

Dad Exactly.

Mum So he went from being a wealthy man in Egypt, to a poor shepherd, looking after his father-in-law's sheep. And it tells us here in Hebrews that he thought that he was richer for it.

Act 2 – In the Midian Priest's Household

Brown sheets for tent, Donkey, food buckets, sacks of grain, firewood, hay, whole Sunday School as extras outside tent.

Child 1 So Uncle Moses, before you came here to Midian, were you really a ruler in Egypt?

Moses Yes. That's right.

Child 2 And you left because you had to?

Moses Yes. I had to leave because Pharaoh wanted to arrest me.

Child 1 But why?

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Moses Let's just say that I made it obvious to Pharaoh that I wasn't really an Egyptian, like he was trying to make me.

Child 3 So you left behind all that money and power and people looking up to you? And all the good food, and huge palace, and lots of friends. Don't you ever regret it?

Moses No. Not at all. Because, sometimes you must choose between right and wrong.

Child 2 What do you mean?

Moses Because I would rather be with the people of God than enjoy the pleasures of sin.

Song – I'd Rather be with the People of God

Moses Does that make sense now? (Children nod).

Scene 3 – Let My People Go

Act 1 – Family

Dad Keep reading Suzie – verse 27

Suzie *By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Through faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.*

Is that talking about what Moses did when he came back to Egypt?

Dad Yes, that's right. When Moses got back to Egypt, he found the children of Israel in a poor state. They were under severe bondage; the Egyptians were whipping them to work harder. They didn't care about Joseph who had hundreds of years earlier saved the whole land of Egypt from famine. They just saw the children of Israel as slaves, and that is how they treated them. They were pressed so hard that they could not stand.

Charlie So when Moses came back, were the people glad to see him?

Dad Not at first, but he had come back to Egypt with a purpose, directed by God, to bring them out and take them to the Promised Land. But Pharaoh would not listen.

Act 2 – In Egypt

Rope, pallet, bricks, black slave clothes, rest of Sunday School as extras,

Moses and Aaron speaking to some children of Israel

Moses ...And the God of your Fathers has sent me here to bring His people out of Egypt and lead them to a land flowing with milk and honey.

Israelite 1 And how will you do that? We can't just get up and leave?

Moses No. God has told me that Pharaoh won't let you go.

(look of despair on children of Israel)

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Aaron But He has also told Moses that Pharaoh will change his mind because God will smite Egypt with all His wonders. And then he will let you go. And God's people will forever remember that God took them out of Egypt.

Israelite 2 That is something that we all want.

Israelite 3 Moses. Please go to Pharaoh and tell him, "Let my people go."

Israelite 2 Yes. Tell him to let my people go.

Song – Go Down Moses (Let My People Go)

In Palace, Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh

Pharaoh No. I will not let you go. *(filmed as part of Scene 4, Act 2)*

Scene 4 – We will go with our Young and our Old

Act 1 – Family

Suzie But he did let them go eventually didn't he?

Dad Yes Suzie. But it took a lot of convincing. Moses and Aaron had to appear before Pharaoh many times and it wasn't until the last plague, the Passover, where the angel of God passed over the houses of the Children of Israel, but killed the firstborn in all the Egyptian houses, that Pharaoh finally said that they could go.

Charlie But why wouldn't he let them go?

Mum Because they were too valuable to him as slaves.

Charlie But with all the plagues, the frogs and the lice and the hail and everything, didn't he realise that God was working against him?

Mum No. But some of the others in Egypt did. They could see that Egypt was pretty much destroyed and were telling Pharaoh to let the people go, but still he questioned.

Act 2 – In Pharaoh's Palace

In Pharaoh's Palace. Soldiers and slaves in palace with Pharaoh and the Queen. Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh's throne. End of Scene 3 Act 2 filmed on this set as well.

Pharaoh *(to Moses and Aaron) Go! Serve your God! But tell me, who are they that will go into the wilderness with you?*

Moses We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD.

Song – We Will Go (filmed in mud of Scene 3 Act 2)

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Scene 5 – The Red Sea Crossing

Act 1 – Family

- Dad Pharaoh at first said that only the men could go into the wilderness, but eventually after 10 plagues, including the death of the firstborn in Egypt, Pharaoh did let the children of Israel go. But even then, he changed his mind again and chased them to the edge of the Red Sea.
- Suzie And the children of Israel were rescued by God in the nick of time, so that they could walk across the Red Sea on dry land.

Video of walking across on dry land...

- Charlie No, no, no. It wasn't like that! It says that it was like a wall of water on the left and on the right. It was more like this...

Video of God parting the sea...

- Dad It was truly a miracle, and a great deliverance by God for all the people of Israel and all the Egyptian army were drowned when the water returned.
- But back to Hebrews 11, the main reason Paul wrote about this here was the faith of Moses. He recognised that it was Moses' faith in God that saved the children of Israel and because of that faith, he will be resurrected when Jesus Christ comes back to the earth.
- Mum Faith is believing in something just because we believe what God has said, even though there is no other evidence for it.

Song – By Faith.

The End.