



Harvest Children's Ministry Presents "Rock The World"

"Exodus #9: The Nemesis Part III"

03/11/07

Character List:	Sunday Morning First Service	Sunday Morning Second Service	Sunday Morning Third Service	Sunday Evening Service
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Worship Leader				
Moses				
Aaron				
Voice of God				
Pharaoh				
Egyptian Guard				
Jannes (puppet)				
Jambres (puppet)				

Prop List:

Pharaoh's scepter	Pharaoh's throne	Laminated illustration / mural of the Hebrew village in Goshen.
Pharaoh's throne	Chocolate covered Grasshoppers/Locusts	Lighting/spot light for village in Goshen
Moses' Staff	Hand held, battery operated candles (4)	

SFX / Music List:

Get Down	BG "Deliver Us" from "Prince of Egypt"	BG soft Jewish flavor, rhythmic
Light of the World	BG Somber / theme music from the "Prince of Egypt"	SFX cold, hollow wind sound
I Walk By Faith	BG sneaky, dark, soft and low	
DVD/Video: clips of plague sequences from "Prince of Egypt" spliced together: Blood, Frogs, Bugs, Cows, Hail/Fire, Locusts/Grasshoppers, Darkness		



HARVEST CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - "ROCK THE WORLD"



Opening Song: Get Down

Cue Background Music: "Deliver Us" from "Prince of Egypt"

WORSHIP LEADER: Good morning, kids! Last week we saw the Egyptians face hundreds of millions of grasshoppers and caterpillars! The bugs were everywhere in Egypt. But there weren't any in one particular spot in Egypt. Why was that?

KIDS: That's where the Hebrews lived. God protected them!

WORSHIP LEADER: The biggest problem was that these bugs ate every living plant. Why is that a problem?

KIDS: The Egyptians will starve if there's no food.

WORSHIP LEADER: Well it's like this, no plants, no food. Even any animals that might still be alive will need food; So without food everyone will die. In those days you grew the food, you ate the food. It was simple. There weren't grocery stores or Jack in the Box. And there was no other country that the Egyptians could or would turn to for help. So the Egyptians were in a bind. But once again, God shows us his mercy, by taking the swarms of locusts away. Does Pharaoh let the people go?

KIDS: No!

WORSHIP LEADER: See how cruel Pharaoh is to Moses and Aaron? These two guys are the ambassadors of almighty God! I wouldn't treat them badly, would you?

KIDS: No!

WORSHIP LEADER: Let's pick up our story with Aaron & Moses. Watch...

The scene opens with Aaron, holding a bag of chocolate covered locusts entering from stage right, Moses enters from center stage.

Cue Background Music: soft Jewish flavor, rhythmic

AARON: Shalom Moses!

MOSES: Shalom, Aaron, how are you, my brother?

AARON: Hungry? I just got these chocolate covered caterpillars, try some... (Offering the bag to Moses)

MOSES: (Taking one, holding it up) Are these O.K. to eat?

AARON: Oh, sure. Once you get past the hairy, gooey parts.

MOSES: I guess you heard that Pharaoh is still not going to let all of us go.



AARON: He thinks that we will compromise, but that will only make God angry. He does not understand that we are going to obey God not a man.

MOSES: All things considered I think we need to pray. Kids, do you think that's a good idea? (Moses and Aaron drop to their knees)

KIDS: Yes!

Fade Background Music

Cue Background Music: somber music from "Prince of Egypt"

VOICE OF GOD: Moses, stretch out your hand toward heaven that there may be darkness in all of the land of Egypt for three days, even darkness that may be felt.

Both Aaron and Moses arise, Moses raises his hand, silently as the worship leader begins to speak both Aaron and Moses will exit center stage.

Fade Background Music

Cue Background SFX: cold, hollow wind sound

WORSHIP LEADER: Kids, Moses did exactly as the Lord said and all of Egypt was covered in a darkness that was so thick you couldn't even see your own hand in front of your face! Have you ever been in the dark and been a little scared of what you can't see in the dark?

KIDS: Yes!

WORSHIP LEADER: Well this was way worse. This was not simply that the lights went out, but the Bible says Egyptians could feel the heaviness, the loneliness of the darkness. I think this was an example of what it'll be like "down there"--to spiritually live away from God- who is light and love. Do you want to live forever in the light with God?

KIDS: Yes!

WORSHIP LEADER: me, too! Kids, it comes down to this, when you live with God in your life, you are in the light, and in his love-forever! When you turn away from God, you are in the dark, spiritual darkness, while you are on earth and afterwards, too. Now Egypt's darkness will last three days and three nights. How long will it last?

KIDS: Three days and three nights!



WORSHIP LEADER: Now I want to also point out that the Hebrews, which are God's children will be in the light, which is very fitting. Remember Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Now we'll return to our story with Pharaoh. Let's watch...

Cue lights down: All lights can be dimmed very low or shut off at this point and a spot light will be shining on the painted, laminated illustration of the Hebrew village in Goshen - a mural.

The scene opens with Pharaoh and the Egyptian Guard to enter from stage left. Pharaoh will be holding a candle and will be stumbling around and will finally find his throne. The Egyptian Guard will wander around as if blind, during this entire scene.

Cue Background Music: sneaky, dark, soft and low

PHARAOH: What is going on here?!?! I have never seen it so dark (No pun intended). Is this daylight savings time already? Even our candles and the wood piles are unable to light - ouch, my toe! (Stubs toe on throne tries to sit, picks up pillow & pets, then sits on throne.) Ahh, my kitty, don't be afraid. Guard, are you there?

EGYPTIAN GUARD: Yes, I think I am, my lord p\Pharaoh, but I can't see where "here or there" is!!! I have heard, my lord, Pharaoh, that the Pebrews have use of fire for their candles and for their warmth.

PHARAOH: I can't believe this, where are my magicians?

JANNES: Ye-ye- yes, my lord Pharaoh? We-we've been hiding.

JAMBRES: Shhh, don't tell him that!

JANNES: No, you shhh, you're not my mother, you know!

PHARAOH: Silence! Magicians, report to me at once!

JANNES: Yes, my lord. (Walks right into Jambres' face; they collide) Ouch-oh!

JAMBRES: Ouch, Jannes, your big nose walked right into my face!

JANNES: I'm, sorry, Jambres, get your big face out of my nose's way...

JAMBRES: Lord, Pharaoh, we are unable to come to you because... We can't see, at all, I mean, nothing, nada, zilch, zip, zero...

JANNES: He asked me! W-w-we can't come to you, my lord, Pharaoh. We are too scared to move. We're afraid of the d-d-dark!

JAMBRES: Speak for yourself, you big mama's boy!





JANNES: At least I don't suck my thumb at night like somebody else I know!

JAMBRES: Shhhh, that's private!

JANNES: No, you shhhhhh!

PHARAOH: Silence! You're both big babies; Now, tell me what is going on here?

JANNES: W-w- well, my lord Pharaoh, it seems to be very, very... dark.

PHARAOH: (Sigh) You think? Hey do you want to try and tell me why it's dark?

JANNES: Y-y-ye-yes, my lord, Pharaoh; It would seem that you have made the God of the Hebrews very angry - again.

PHARAOH: What? This is your expert opinion? What about our gods.

JAMBRES: That's simple, my lord, Pharaoh, it seems that the gods we have been worshipping aren't really gods at all. Just a bunch of useless knick-knacks, if you want my opinion!

JANNES: Shhhh! Ahh, Pharaoh, these forces of nature, that we have been worshipping, are under the control of the God of the Hebrews.

PHARAOH: (Sigh) So how do we stop this control?

JAMBRES: Shhhh, my lord, Pharaoh, you could let the Hebrews go?

PHARAOH: (Sigh) Do you think that I need to hear this from you? Guard!

EGYPTIAN GUARD: Yes, my lord, Pharaoh.

PHARAOH: Take down a memo to the guard: if you can ever find the magicians.punish them!

JANNES AND JAMBRES: (Hug each other and shake) Oh, no! (Exit down)

PHARAOH: But first, find Moses and Aaron! We are out of food; And I have an idea: sheep-cabobs!

EGYPTIAN GUARD: Yes, my lord, Pharaoh. If I ever find my way out of this room, I will do just that! (Exits stage left).

PHARAOH: O.K., dismissed... Hello,... Is any one there? (Awkwardly begins to exit stage left, walking into kids' chairs and the wall) I said, Pharaoh speaks, hello, answer me, I am Pharaoh! Ouch!

Fade Background Music





WORSHIP LEADER: Kids, the darkness that fell upon the Egyptians was so scary that the Bible says they were afraid to move out of their chairs or beds. Pharaoh and all of Egypt was getting a heavy dose of fear, you see fear was something that the Egyptians understood all too well. It was because of fear that the Egyptians turned the Hebrews into slaves and treated them so cruelly. It was out of fear that they began to murder Hebrew baby boys – remember? Why were the Egyptians afraid of baby boys?

KIDS: Because they grow up and become soldiers!

WORSHIP LEADER: When they grow up they can outnumber the Egyptians and try to take over the country! Proverbs 8:1 says “Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” This is the place where God is bringing both Pharaoh and all of the Egyptians. Let’s get back to Pharaoh. It seems this plague of darkness is over. Kids, how long did I say the darkness would last?

KIDS: Three days and three nights.

WORSHIP LEADER: Now we pick up our story with Pharaoh. Let’s watch...

Cue Lights Back Up To Normal: spot light will continue shining on the painted, laminated illustration of the Hebrew village in Goshen.

Scene opens with Pharaoh and the Egyptian Guard entering from stage left. Pharaoh and the Egyptian Guard will be squinting from the light.

PHARAOH: It’s about time we had some light around here, I never want to go through that again in my life.

EGYPTIAN GUARD: Yes, my lord Pharaoh, I am still frightened, it was dark and creepy (Starts to cry) And I couldn’t find my teddy bear and... (Interrupted by Pharaoh)

PHARAOH: Stop it! (Getting a little steamed) Pull yourself together, man - have you sent for Moses and Aaron?

EGYPTIAN GUARD: Yes, my lord Pharaoh, they approach now.

Moses and Aaron will enter center stage.

PHARAOH: Well here we are again, and you know Moses maybe it’s time for all of you Hebrews to go worship, oh yah, even the workers! Oh and one small detail, you will need to leave your flocks here, ok? Great! Goodbye. Who’s next!

MOSES: Woah, woah now just wait an Egyptian minute here! We have to bring all of our animals with us.

AARON: We need the animals to make the sacrifices to the Lord.





MOSES: And since we won't know which animals to sacrifice until we get there, we will need to take them all.

PHARAOH: (In a fit of rage) Are you defying me again?! Get out of here both of you and never come back! Make sure you never face me again, if you ever do, that will be the day you die!

MOSES: You have spoken well, because I will never see your face again.

Moses and Aaron exit center stage.

WORSHIP LEADER: Lets review all of the incredible miracles God has done to show his awesome power to Pharaoh and to the world for all time.

Cue Video: plague scenes from "Prince of Egypt"

JANNES: Oh, no, it's coming back, the darkness is here!

JAMBRES: Calm down, Jannes, they're just watching a movie about the plagues.

JANNES: Oh, I thought...

JAMBRES: I know what you thought. Take a look. This is all that we've been through. No wonder my nerves are shot. The Nile river turned into blood...

JANNES: TThe bugs, euuuu the lice and the flies...

JAMBRES: All the cows tipping over!

JANNES: And the giant snow cones falling from heaven!

JAMBRES: That was hail, Jannes! Oh, and remember the fire from the lightning strikes!

JANNES: How could I forget? And the grasshoppers...

JAMBRES: Oooooeeeu, all those caterpillars!

JANNES: We've been through sooo much—and this is certainly not the Hebrew's fault...

JAMBRES: And it's not even the Hebrew God's fault...

JANNES: Well it's certainly not our fault. We could never do all that... Although we tried!

JANNES AND JAMBRES: (Together) hmmm... Hey, it's Pharaoh's fault!

JANNES: It sure is... I hope everyone sees him for what he is...

JAMBRES: Yeah, a royal pain...

JANNES: Yeah, a royal boil!





WORSHIP LEADER: Jannes and Jambres pretty much reviewed the plagues for us, so join us next week, where we will see an example of the ultimate sacrifice in the very first passover—right here at Rock the World!

Repeat after me:

Jesus said,
"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me
Will never walk in darkness,
But will have the light of life."
John 8:12

Let's pray:

Father in heaven
You light my path;
Please keep me walking
In Your light.
In Jesus' name I pray,
And everyone said, "So be it!"

Cue Closing Songs: Light of the World / I Walk By Faith

