



# Harvest Children's Ministry Presents "Rock The World"

## "24-7 Intro: Here Today - Gone To Marah"

04/22/07

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  
 Lighting Person  
 Stage Hands  
 Hebrew people (3)  
 Audition Puppets (3)  
 Snowy Lamb (puppet)

### Prop List:

Starbucks coffee cup	Large carrot with greens	Clipboard for Worship Leader
Sign "Casting Call" on puppet stage	Blue blanket for 'pond'	Small tree to throw into 'pond'
TV Show 'World' logo backdrop	Moses costume & staff	Aaron costume & staff
3 Hebrew biblical costumes	Old Testament travel 'bags' / cases	Desert backdrop
Palm trees	Bugs Bunny ears on a headband	

### SFX / Music List:

Open The Eyes of My Heart Lord (short)	BG Music: soft and reflective	BG Music: excited piano music
Rock The Flock (short)	BG Music: dark, dramatic soft	BG Music: soft
God Is Number One	BG Music: dark, intense	
The Attitude	BG Music: pensive	
DVD/Video: opening sequence for TV show with world / globe theme		



HARVEST CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - "ROCK THE WORLD"



Opening Song: Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord (short version)

People in costumes are walking back and forth from one side of the room to the other... Conversing in a soft tone but not lingering for long because they know we have a show to do.

3 Puppets pop up and are in a line, facing the worship leader.

There is a sign on the puppet wall that reads "casting call."

**WORSHIP LEADER:** (On floor stage center with hand-held wireless mic) **Welcome to our brand new series called "24 / 7." I wanted you to come behind the scenes with us as we get ready for a casting call to find people to host our news program. (Call to light man) Lights, please; We can't see to set up the stage...**

**LIGHTMAN:** (Sound man yells from back) **We're working on it, W.L.!**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** **Thank you, okay, let's get to work! These are the audition people?**

Video / Audio Cue: 24/7 World and Copy

**WORSHIP LEADER:** (Looking at puppets) **That's our 24/7 theme song! Nice, huh? Okay, are all of you here for the auditions?**

**ALL PUPPETS:** **Yes, yeah, uh-huh!**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** **Great! Welcome to "Rock the World." We have a new production that will tell the story of Moses and the Hebrew people as they make their way out of Egypt to the land that God promised them. We'll be focusing on "Gods Top Ten" - the Ten Commandments! Those of you that get chosen will play a big part with the introduction and with helping to tell the story.**

Stagehands arrange the stage props while discussing quietly what they are doing they bring in large world backdrop.

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**WORSHIP LEADER:** **Ok, (Looking at the clipboard) Before we begin, are there any questions?**

**AUDITION PUPPET #1:** (Snooty woman w/short red hair) **Do we really need to audition? I am a professional, you know!**

**AUDITION PUPPETS #2 & #3:** (Both chime in together) **Yeah, us, too!**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** **Well,... Since "all" of you are professionals, then you must know that an audition is really a test. This test shows us that you can handle hosting the program by performing with excellence.**

**AUDITION PUPPET #2:** **Ok, ok, I don't want to sound uncooperative, but why do we need to know this Bible stuff, anyway?**





**AUDITION PUPPET #3:** Yeah, it's ancient history - can we hurry up, I've got another audition with Bugs Bunny and Tom Cruise. (Goes down and comes back up with bugs ears on and does a bugs bunny impersonation) Heh, what's up doc, 'dis here Bible stuff happened a long time ago - heh, heh, heh, heh!

**AUDITION PUPPET #1:** (Looking at puppet #3) Very, very scary! Madam producer, I bet those Hebrew people didn't have to go through any tests.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** (Floor stage center moving to stage right) As a matter of fact, the Christian life is a series of tests. And concerning the Hebrew people, even way back then, God tested his people. And not just any old test like a pop quiz, God wanted to test their hearts.

**AUDITION PUPPET #3:** (Puppet next to him is holding up his leg and pulling on it) Are you pulling my leg? How did he test their hearts?

Cue Background Music: soft and reflective

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Now, that's the right question. Kids, ask yourself this - do I read the Bible because I want to or because I feel I have to? In my heart, do I obey God because I love Him?

I've found that I really get to know someone's heart by how they react when things go badly - when things don't go their way.

And in order to answer the question, "How did god test the Hebrew people's hearts?" We need to start at the beginning of their journey from Egypt...

The Hebrew people had just been delivered out of Egypt by God - kids, did God wipe out the Egyptian army?

**KIDS:** Yes! Drowned them!

**WORSHIP LEADER:** That's right, they were drowned! So, now the Hebrew people could peacefully walk through the desert. First, there was a great deal of singing, dancing, praising and celebrating! At the end of all that, they had to start walking... And they kept walking... And they kept walking...

Fade Background Music

**AUDITION PUPPET #2:** Wait a minute, how long ago did this happen? Couldn't they have just taken a bus?

**WORSHIP LEADER:** It was over 3,000 years ago; and there was no public transportation then, - only the occasional donkey... And even if you had busses, there was almost 2 million people... No one makes a bus that big!

**AUDITION PUPPET #3:** Oh, please continue - and hurry, I don't like to keep the bunny waiting!





Cue Back Music: dark, dramatic, soft

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Well, as I was saying they started walking, and after three days they were getting more than a little short on water, and this is serious desert with rocks and sand dunes. Let's take a look back in time at what was going on when the Hebrew people reached the town called Marah...

**AUDITION PUPPET #3:** Did he say we won't be done 'til to marah!? I can't wait that long... My ears might wilt! I've got to look good for my audition. I could be the body-double for Bugs Bunny!

**AUDITION PUPPET #1:** Yeah, and I'm the double for Lindsey Lohan. Put a sock in it, you're beginning to really bug me, Bugs! Get it? Bug me, bugs?

**AUDITION PUPPET #3:** Bugs Bunny gets no respect! (Very dramatic, arm over forehead) Ahh, the pain of it all!

**AUDITION PUPPET #2:** Yeah, you're killin' me... Now will you let the story continue? Stop being such a - drama bunny!

**AUDITION PUPPET #3:** Huh? Well, I never! Now, as I remember, you said that the Hebrew people entered the town of Marah - very thirsty!

Cue Background Music: dark and intense

The three Hebrews enter from stage left.

**HEBREW 1:** (Turns around and shouts) **Water! Water!** (Runs over and dives in)

**HEBREW 2:** (Turns around and shouts) **An oasis! Oasis!** (Runs over and dives in)

**HEBREW 3:** (Turns around and shouts) **Really thirsty!** (Runs over and dives in)

**HEBREW 1:** (Turns around and shouts) **This water is awful!** (Jumping out)

**HEBREW 2:** (Turns around and shouts) **This oasis is disgusting!** (Jumping out)

**HEBREW 3:** (Turns around and shouts) **Still thirsty!** (Jumping out)

**HEBREW 1:** Ok, this water has to be replaced - now!

**HEBREW 2:** Right, I am going to file a complaint!

**HEBREW 3:** Right, let's complain to... Uh... Who are we going to complain to?

**HEBREW 1:** Well... not God! Kids, should we complain to God?

**KIDS:** No!



HEBREW 2: Right, we all saw what happened to Pharaoh!

HEBREW 3: Right, let's complain to... Uh... How about Moses?

HEBREW 1: Yeah and here he comes now!

Moses and Aaron enter from stage left.

HEBREW 1: Hey, Moses, did you bring us out here to die??!

HEBREW 2: Yeah, at least I had a good place to die back in Egypt! With good food and good water!

HEBREW 3: Moses, this water is too bitter to drink, and we're dying of thirst! What are you gonna do about it?

Immediately Cut Background Music

WORSHIP LEADER: Everybody freeze... Well, kids, it looks like this first test didn't go so well, did it?

KIDS: No!

AUDITION PUPPET #1: (Frozen and barely moving mouth when you talk) What do you mean test? Can't you see that they were thirsty? They had a right to complain.

Cue Background Music: pensive

WORSHIP LEADER: You have to see the big picture here. There is no point in God marching all his people out into the desert just so they can die of dehydration... God is smarter than that! He's got a plan, right, kids?

KIDS: Right!

WORSHIP LEADER: The Hebrew people are His people, He created them, He loves them and He is shepherding them.

AUDITION PUPPET #2: (Talking but not moving even their lips so it sounds funny) Do you mean like a shepherd training a flock of sheep?

WORSHIP LEADER: Exactly.

Cue Background Music: excited piano music

SNOWY LAMB: (Pops up, all excited) I'm here, I'm ready for my big audition! I heard you call me. I'm a sheep and when I'm needed I'm right here, never to worry, I'm always... (Looks at bugs bunny ears) Bugs bunny??? (Shocked!)

AUDITION PUPPET #3: (Ecstatic) You recognized me!

**AUDITION PUPPET #1 and #2:** (Shake their heads “no” and look down in unison) Oh, no!

**SNOWY:** I’m honored to meet you Mr. Bugs, I mean, Mr. Bunny. Can I have your autograph? Hey, why are you all frozen in time?

**AUDITION PUPPET #1:** (Angry, but still frozen) He is not Bugs Bunny - he’s a - a “stunt bunny!”

**SNOWY:** (Shocked) Huh? A stunt bunny... You mean... A bunny double? How could you? I must be on the wrong set, I’m looking for Tom Cruise and the real Bugs Bunny. Good day, you, you, phony ears! (Exits down)

**AUDITION PUPPET #3:** (Sad reality) Wow, that was a real downer!

Cue Song: Rock The Flock (short version)

**AUDITION PUPPET #2:** Could we get back to the story? Hey, wasn’t Moses a shepherd?

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Yes, and our Lord made him a shepherd of men. At this point Moses cried to the Lord and God showed him a tree which when cast into the waters, it would make the waters sweet. Lets watch - everybody unfreeze!

Moses casts a tree into the water and kneels to pray.

**VOICE OF GOD:** If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give heed to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon you which I put upon the Egyptians; For I am the Lord, your Healer.

Moses and Aaron exit from stage left.

**HEBREW 1:** (Drinks from ladle spoon) Slillurp, hey, the water isn’t bitter anymore! This water is sweeeet! (And dives in)

**HEBREW 2:** (Tastes the water and shouts) This oasis is delicious! (And dives in)

**HEBREW 3:** (Tastes the water and shouts) Thirsty no more! (And dives in)

Three Hebrews exit from stage left.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Well, kids, from there the Hebrew people went to camp at Elim, where there just happened to be plenty of shady palm trees and 12 wells, one for each tribe, pretty nice, huh?

Ok. (Looking at the clipboard and the puppets) Before we begin auditions are there any more questions?

**AUDITION PUPPET #1:** Alright, let me get this straight, sheep are pretty much totally dependent on their shepherd to lead them to grazing areas to eat and for protection right?



**WORSHIP LEADER:** Right.

**AUDITION PUPPET #2:** Ok, ok, so the Lord is the Great Shepherd and he even put a shepherd in charge of His people which he considers His flock, right so far?

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Right.

**AUDITION PUPPET #3:** Sooo, the Lord wanted his flock, the Hebrew people, to be dependent on Him.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Right, and God also wanted them never to forget what happened there that day.

**AUDITION PUPPET #1:** Alright, alright, wait a minute, I understand everything, so far but one thing still "bugs" me.

**AUDITION PUPPET #3:** Hey, watch it!

Cue Background Music: soft

**AUDITION PUPPET #1:** (To the Audition Puppet #3 with ears on) Nothing personal... But why did God tell Moses to throw a tree in the water?

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Now that's a great question. Kids, can any of you imagine why?

**KIDS:** (Express different ideas)

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Well, here it is, the tree is a symbol of the cross. In other words, it's our Lord's sacrifice that took our sins away. Think of the waters at Marah as life: bitter water is full of sin. Christ's sacrifice on the cross, symbolized by the tree, took the bitterness or sin out of our life, the bitterness of our Lord's sacrifice makes sweet our life.

**AUDITION PUPPET #1:** Ok I am ready to audition, I am a professional, you know.

**AUDITION PUPPET #2 & #3:** (Both chime in together) Yeah, us, too!





**WORSHIP LEADER:** Sorry! We just ran out of time. Kids, we are going to close for this week, see you next week when we find out about manna and quail on the Hebrew people's trip to the promise land.

Repeat after me:

Taste and see  
The Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man  
Who takes refuge in him.  
Psalm 34:8

Let's pray:  
Father in heaven,  
May you always be  
Number one in our hearts.  
In Jesus' name I pray,  
And everyone said, "So be it!"

Cue Closing Songs: God Is Number One / The Attitude

