

This is a drama/play for JCE

(This play can be performed using very few props, and a varied number of children. The introduction can involve any number between 1 and 10 children)

The Israelites Leave Egypt

Narration:

The Children of Israel had been living in Egypt for over 400 years. Pharaoh was treating them very badly. He made them work as slaves for him.

Would you like to work hard all day and not get paid for it? If they didn't work hard enough, the Egyptians whipped them to make them work harder. But God was ready to help his people. God sent Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

There was only one problem. Pharaoh didn't want to lose his free work force! So God sent some plagues to torment the Egyptians.

The first thing that happened was all the water in Egypt turned to blood. When the people tried to take a drink, all that was in the jars was blood – yuk!

Then God filled the whole country with frogs. The people found frogs in their beds, in their ovens and in their cooking utensils. Pharaoh promised that if God took the frogs away, he would let the people go – but he didn't keep his promise.

So God sent more plagues – gnats, flies, the cattle died, boils, hail, locusts and darkness. Each time Pharaoh promised the people could go, but each time he didn't keep his promise.

Then God sent the last plague – all the first born of the Egyptians died. Pharaoh sent for Moses and his brother Aaron in the middle of the night.

(On stage: Pharaoh and Moses and Aaron. Also 2 Egyptians)

Pharaoh Go! Leave Egypt, you and all the Israelites. Take your flocks and your herds and go!

Egyptian 1 Hurry and leave our country.

Egyptian 2 Yes, hurry before we all die.

(Moses and Aaron exit. Also Pharaoh and Egyptians. Enter a group of Israelites and other Egyptians)

Israelite 1 Give us your gold and silver to take with us.

Egyptian 1 Here – take it and go. Hurry!
(Hands over a bag)

Israelite 2 We will need clothes for the journey.

Egyptian 2 Take what we have, only go quickly!
(Hands over a sack)

(Enter Moses and Aaron)

Moses Are we all ready?

Aaron Have you all your belongings? We will not be coming back.

Moses Let's go. God will lead us. Look, He has sent a pillar of cloud to show us the way.

(All move off the stage and walk slowly around the front of the stage to come back on other side)

Narrator 1 So all the Children of Israel left Egypt, taking all their cattle and sheep and all their belongings with them.

(Enter Pharaoh and Egyptians)

Egyptian 3 The Israelites are all leaving.

Egyptian 4 They are on their way – all of them.

Pharaoh What have we done? We have let them go and have lost all our slaves. Make ready my chariot and gather my army together. We must go after them and bring them back.

Israelite 3 Look! Look! Pharaoh and his army are coming!

Israelite 4 Why did you bring us here to die in the desert?

Israelite 5 We are trapped. The Red sea is in front of us, and Pharaoh's army behind us. We have nowhere to go!

Israelite 6 We cannot escape.

Moses Do not be afraid. The Lord will fight for us. We need only be still and we will see what God can do.

*(Moses raises his hand with his staff over the sea.)
(You could use two blue sheets on the stage and get children to hold them up
and drop them at the appropriate times)*

Israelite 3 Look at the sea!

Israelite 4 The waters are dividing.

Israelite 5 A path is drying up through the Red Sea.

Israelite 6 Look at the walls of water on both sides!

Moses Cross quickly! God has made you a way. Trust Him.

Pharaoh Chase after them! They are getting away.

(Moses lowers his staff)

Egyptian 3 The walls of water are starting to fall down.

Egyptian 4 Turn back! Turn back!

Egyptian 5 We will all be drowned.

(The blue sheets are dropped to cover the Egyptians)

Narrator 2 So God led the Israelites through the sea safely, but all the Egyptian army chasing them were drowned.

Narrator 1 When the Israelites saw the great power the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in Him.

Narrator 2 Have YOU put YOUR trust in the Lord to save you – not from the Egyptians – but from your sin?

(All can sing 'How did Moses Cross the Red Sea. Words and music in Junior Praise)