

ZwPI8cfk@biblestoryskits.com Jethro Advises Son-in-law Moses to Name Shepherding Elders

About 2 minutes, from Exodus 18

Participants (*No need to read lines. The aim is not to perform but to relive sacred events*)

- Jethro                    (*Has a walking stick; any sort of bar or staff will do*)  
Moses  
Bride  
Griper  
Goat Herder  
Prompter                Shout a brief line and Echoes repeat it.  
Echoes                  Children and all who want to take part. Echoes need no script.
- Moses                    (*Sit where all can see*)  
The people of Israel have escaped from slavery in Egypt;,  
we are now wandering in a desert.  
I cannot keep order; too many people clamor for justice.
- Goat Herder            They're running around stealing and fighting, Moses.  
Do something about it!
- Prompter & Echoes    Moses! Help me, Moses!
- Bride                    (*Shout at Moses*) My father-in-law promised five camels  
for me to marry his son, but one of the camels was lame, Moses!
- Griper                    (*Point at Bride*) Yeah, I gave your dad a lame camel for the girl,  
because he didn't tell me his daughter was lame in the head!
- Bride                    I am not! You're too stupid to understand plain Hebrew!
- Griper                    (*Shout angrily*) Moses, my neighbor's goat ate all my lettuce!
- Goat Herder            Yeah, but you didn't have to eat my goat! It was a good Jewish goat!
- Prompter & Echoes    They keep crying for justice!
- Moses                    Oh, here comes my wise old father-in-law Jethro.
- Jethro                    (*Approach bent, using a walking stick. Shout angrily*)  
Let Moses alone!  
(*Wave your stick at Griper.*)
- Prompter & Echoes    Look out!
- Jethro                    Moses, you are an idiot!  
You let them drive you crazy, yelling at you all at once.
- Moses                    So what can I do, Jethro?
- Jethro                    Delegate your authority to leaders of 10s, 50s, 100s and 1000s.  
Let them handle the easy stuff and bring you the hard stuff.
- Moses                    (*Stand*) Jethro's advice solves my problem.  
It lets all of God's people receive attention and good shepherding.  
God then gives the Ten Commandments to guide these new elders.  
Now they are all mentoring new leaders.
- Prompter & Echoes    Praise the God of Abraham!

[pexcerpt]What led to Moses' exhaustion out in the desert? Join the Israelites as elderly Jethro comes and solves the crisis. This leads to naming shepherding elders who watch over tiny groups of God's people, and to his Ten Commandments to guide them. [/pexcerpt]