

Earth Swallows up Korah and his Fellow Rebels

About 3 minutes, from Numbers 16

Participants: *(No need to memorize lines. The aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform)*

- Moses
Korah
Prompter Shout a brief line, and Echoes repeat it.
Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.
- Moses I am Moses. Korah has rebelled against me along with 250 leaders.
Hear Korah's defiant complaint.
- Korah Moses, why do you and your brother Aaron exalt yourselves above us?
I can lead these people better than you can. You go too far.
- Prompter & Echoes Rebellion!
- Moses Korah, the Lord will show whom he chooses to lead his people.
Take censers, and put fire and incense in them before the Lord.
Aaron and his loyal priests shall do the same.
Both groups will stand before the tent of meeting.
We will see to which group the Lord makes his presence known.
- Korah Very well. We will do so.
- Moses The next day both groups bring incense before the Tent of Meeting.
All Israel is watching. Many shout agreement with the rebel Korah.
God tells me to move away from the congregation.
On no! He is going to destroy them!
- Prompter & Echoes Plead for the people, Moses!
- Moses O God of all flesh, when one man sins,
will you be angry with everyone?
- Prompter & Echoes Spare them!
- Moses God has me warn everyone to stand back,
far from Korah and his rebels.
- Prompter & Echoes Get back!
- Moses Hear me, all Israel, if the Lord does an entirely new thing,
and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up,
then you'll know that these men defied the Lord our God.
- Korah The earth is shaking!
Oh no! The ground is splitting open beneath us!
- Prompter & Echoes Look out!
- Moses The earth opens its mouth and swallows Korah and his rebels!
It closes over them and they perish. People flee in terror.
Listen to God's command:
"Only a descendant of Aaron shall burn incense before me,
or he will become like Korah and his company."
- Prompter & Echoes Fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.