

THE CREATION CHRONICLES

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Scenes: Desert Songs and Golden Calf

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Character: Glee Club President

Scripture texts: Genesis 21:1-5; Genesis 25: 19-34; Exodus 6 – 12:42

Props: none

Length: 3 minutes

(Raucous music blares, as GLEE CLUB PRESIDENT dances around in the crowd, symbolically gathering people up.)

GLEE CLUB PRESIDENT:

Okay Israel! Let's find our seats! C'mon everyone! Let's gather the tribe. *(Gets up onstage to address everyone)* All right ISRAEL! Is this a great party or WHAT?! Whew! Is it hot out here? It is so hot. *(Pause for audience to, hopefully, respond with: "How hot is it?")* It's so hot that I saw one camel siphoning water off another camel. Yeah! It's so hot that people are going over to the tower of fire just to cool off. It is so hot the manna is coming down toasted! Well, listen, people I know some of you are feeling a little down in the dumps. Tired of the desert, wondering where the heck is the promised land. What we need to do is a little tribal singing to summon up our unity. So, as president of the Glee Club, I've come to lead you in a few songs to bring us all together.

This is our history, all the way back to father Abraham. Just join in. *(Make up a tune or put words to a familiar song of your choice)*

Abram thought Sarah was closed like a turtle
But God kept his promise and made Sarah fertile
They had two sons, Isaac and Ishmael
Isaac's son, Jacob, became Israel.

Jacob tricked Isaac right out of the blessing
By posing as Esau with goatskins for dressing
Then there was Joseph with his festive coat

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But his brothers sold him like he was a goat

Then came Egypt
And the slavery
And the labor hard
But Moses he led us right out of that place
And into our own backyard!

Not many of you singing there. Well, this is the Israel fight song.
Join me on the chorus. (*The chorus is "we are the chosen of God"; actor can encourage the audience to join in by giving it special emphasis the first time it is sung.*)

(*To the tune of "The Caissons Go Rolling Along"*)

It was not long ago
we were slaves of old Pharaoh
but we are the chosen of God.

Moses said, "Let us go!"
and the frogs came down like snow
'cause we are the chosen of God

And it's no, heck no, we won't work for old Pharaoh
We will not live under his rod.
It's the god of ABRAHAM and Ike
Who we serve whenever we like
'cause we are the chosen of God!

Thank you! Oh, well look who it is ... ladies and gentleman the big
guy, the brother of Moses, the man who GAVE us this great party,
Mr. Golden Calf himself ... how bout a warm Israelite welcome for
... AARON!

(*Raucous music resumes, GLEE CLUB PRESIDENT exits; AARON boogies onstage, carrying a drink and wearing a conical party hat.*)

Scene: The Golden Calf

Characters: Aaron, Moses

Scripture text: Exodus 32

Props: Aaron wears party hat; Moses carries walking stick

Length: 8 minutes

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AARON: *(Talking to the Israelites, imagining them at the back of the audience.)*
Careful, there. I'm not sure that's a good idea. Okay, okay. I guess we were lucky there. Maybe we should all get down from there. Okay. Okay. I wonder if we could just tone down the music a little. Eleazar! Tell those people to ease up on the wine. It's not like we can whack a rock and get some more.

MOSES: *(Enters, looks around, puzzled)* Aaron?

AARON: Moses! ... You're back! Of course you are. Back from the mountain. That special mountain. Okay.

MOSES: Aaron, what's going on?

AARON: Well, it's ... a ... it's a ... kind of a party. A big party. You know how we are; don't need much of an excuse for a party. *(A weak chuckle, pulls the party hat up on its elastic string)*

MOSES: What is that?

AARON: That? that's a ... well, okay ... it's a golden calf. Efraim's boy, you know, he's done some work in metal, gave me a few pointers.

MOSES: You made a golden calf!?...

AARON: Well okay, Moses, you weren't here. You know how these people get when you're not here. "Where's Moses? God has abandoned us. Where's Moses?" That old saw, you remember.

MOSES: Yes.

AARON: Okay see. I'll tell you, these people. A couple of months out of Egypt, and they start with the complaining. We're starving; we're dying of thirst. A tough group to please, you know.

MOSES: Yea, I know.

AARON: Okaaay. You know. A tough crowd.

MOSES: Tough.

AARON: Tough. Okay ... you know what I've heard them say? "Moses? It seems like he's making this stuff up as he goes along. "

MOSES: Really?

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AARON: Yea, so it was again with the whining. It's like you have to keep hitting 'em over the head, the fact that they're a chosen people.

MOSES: Aaron, what happened?

AARON: Okay. So they said, "We don't know where Moses is." I told them you were expected back any time. It's only been...

MOSES: Forty days.

AARON: Forty days. Okay. Right. Forty days? Whoa. That's why you look... Oh, but that wasn't good enough for this group I'll tell ya. "Where's Moses? Can't do nothin' without Moses" ... (*MOSES just looks at him*) They said, "Make us a god, that we may go before it."

MOSES: A god?

AARON: Yea ... So I said bring a little gold...

MOSES: You made a god!?

AARON ... And then I threw it in the fire ... and out came this ... calf...

MOSES: Just like that?

AARON: Yea. Just like that. It was a miracle.

MOSES: A miracle?

AARON: Not so much a miracle ... But it ... ah ... gives them a ... I don't know ... sense of being ... of belonging ... You're upset, I can see you're upset.

MOSES: Well, why wouldn't I be?! (*Under his breath*) Holy cow! Well, that's it. I'm done. You are on your own. You want a golden calf that's fine. That's great. In fact you can take your golden calf, and ... (*He's at a loss for words*)

AARON ... stick it where the pillar of fire don't shine?
(*MOSES just looks at him*) Maybe not.

MOSES: I'm leaving.

AARON: Where are you going?

MOSES: I don't know ... out.

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AARON: Out? Where's that? We are out in case you haven't noticed. This is about as out as you can get.

MOSES: I know where we are! I got us here!

AARON: Okay! You know this has not been a picnic. For anybody. The food? When you're starving anything sounds good. After the first couple of weeks though, all you got is manna surprise. Know what that is? Surprise! It's manna. Whatever happened to a balanced diet? Vitamin C, Moses! Fiber! Regularity'd be a good thing out here! And this wandering around? My God, what I wouldn't do for somebody who knows where we're going. And you step out for a month and a half. And I'm in charge. I never professed to being a leader ... the only reason I am here is because I happen to be ... because I happen to be ... to be...

MOSES: Articulate.

AARON: ... articulate. You go out and there's old Aaron in charge, howdy, howdy, howdy...

MOSES: Enough!! You think I've got an easy job? On one hand I've got these people who are never happy. It doesn't matter what I do. On the other hand I've got ... You know what I was doing up there while you were down here...

AARON: ... fashioning golden Bovines?

MOSES: (*A look*) Fashioning gold ... what?

AARON: Making cows.

MOSES: Making cows.

AARON: No, Moses. I imagine that it was...

MOSES: I was getting my eyebrows singed off again. Forty days of law. Forty days of what to do with the fat from the lower intestines and how to build altars of acacia wood 18 inches square, and each day you must sacrifice two lambs and what I'm supposed to wear and what you're supposed to wear, and what your sons are supposed to wear and what color the curtains are supposed to be. Meanwhile you're down here conducting the Festival of the Grand Moo. Yes, I know where we are!

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AARON: I didn't mean to imply that you didn't actually know...

MOSES: You know what really drives me crazy? On one hand I've got the whining from down here and then up there it's "look at your people", "see what those people of yours are doing down there." Like he didn't give them to me in the first place! *(Pause)* Look, I did not ask for this either, and I don't get all the information. You know what it feels like? It feels like He's making this stuff up as he goes along. *(AARON doesn't have anything to say. They begin to have a brother moment)*

AARON: *(Pulls his hat off)* Moses, I'm sorry. Are you really going to go?

MOSES: I should.

AARON: True. Okay. Absolutely. You should ... wouldn't really blame you ... I think if it were me ... oh boy ... I'll shut up.

MOSES: Thank you. *(Pause)* That is some nice work with the cow.

AARON: Thanks.

MOSES: It's gonna have to go.

AARON: Yea.

MOSES: I miss my sheep. They were smarter ... they were easier to lead and they didn't party. All right! Get this stuff cleaned up. I want that thing...

AARON: Melted down.

MOSES: Melted down. And turn that music off!!! *(Turns to go)*

AARON: Okay! You heard the man, let's get this place cleaned up. I don't care if they're passed out ... drag 'em. Come on son, we're in deep ... well we're in trouble's what we are.

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