

034 MOSES

No. Our life is here in Midian,
with grandfather's people.

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035 MOSES (CONT'D)

(finishing his work)

That's the last sheep sheared.
Let's take them out to pasture.

Beat.

036 CHILD GERSHOM

Yes, Papa.

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TRANSITION WITH MUSIC.

2 EXT. MIDIAN DESERT - EVENING

Moses and Gershom herding the flock.

WALLA: GERSHOM CALLS OUT TO SHEEP

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037 CHILD GERSHOM

Papa, why don't the sheep listen
when I call them?

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WALLA: MOSES GIVES HIS CALL. THE SHEEP
IMMEDIATELY TURN AND FOLLOW HIM AS HE WALKS
SLOWLY ALONG TO BETTER PASTURES.

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CALLBACK
Side 1
START >>>

038 CHILD GERSHOM (CONT'D)

How do you do that?

039 MOSES

The sheep know the voice of their
shepherd.

040 CHILD GERSHOM

Why don't they know my voice?

041 MOSES

They have to get to know you first.

042 CHILD GERSHOM

Oh.

043 MOSES

When I first came here, I was a
terrible shepherd. Your grandfather
taught me a lot.

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044 CHILD GERSHOM

Tell me more about the Hebrews, the
people we come from.

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045 MOSES
(reluctant)
Gershom -

046 CHILD GERSHOM
Please, Papa?!

047 MOSES
Ah, well...the - the Hebrews are...
God's chosen people. They have One
God.

048 CHILD GERSHOM
Just one? Why?

049 MOSES
Because He is greater than any
other god.

054 CHILD GERSHOM
Why are they slaves if they have
such a powerful God?

055 MOSES
I asked the same question. It -
it's a mystery. But the Hebrews
believe that the God who led them
to Egypt will bring them out again
someday, and give them a land of
their own.

056 CHILD GERSHOM
How will he do that?

057 MOSES
God promised to send them a...a
deliverer.

058 CHILD GERSHOM
Will their god keep his promise?

059 MOSES
That's what He's done in the past.

060 CHILD GERSHOM
What do you mean?

061 MOSES
(repeating the story as
Jochebed told it)
Long ago, there was a Hebrew man
named Joseph. His brothers betrayed
him, and sold him into slavery in
Egypt.

062 CHILD GERSHOM

His own brothers **did that?!**

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063 **MOSES**

Yes. But the Hebrew God heard Joseph's prayers, and gave him the **gift of** interpereting dreams. One day, Pharaoh had a dream and Joseph was the only one in Egypt who could tell him what it meant. Pharaoh **rewarded him by making Joseph his chief advisor - his** Grand Vizier. When a great famine came **to their land**, Joseph's brothers **fled to Egypt**. He was able to save his family from starvation.

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064 CHILD GERSHOM

He saved his brothers even though they sold him into slavery?

065 **MOSES**

Yes.

066 CHILD GERSHOM

And the Hebrew God let his brothers get away with selling Joseph as a slave and then they got food at the end? That's not fair.

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067 **MOSES**

The Hebrew god isn't like other gods. He forgives.

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068 CHILD GERSHOM

Is there **someone like** Joseph in Egypt now? **Someone who can** save the Hebrews?

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069 **MOSES**

I - ah - I don't **think so**.

(abruptly)

Go count the sheep, Gershom. It's time to go home. The sun will be setting soon.

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070 CHILD GERSHOM

Yes, **Papa**.

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Gershom bounces away to count the sheep.