Interviews with Donkeys – Joseph

CHARACTERS: 3
PROPS: Microphone optional
COSTUMES: Egyptian headpiece, camera or small suitcase or hat that indicates travel.
SETTING: TV or radio show
SCRIPTURE: Genesis 43 - 45
RUN TIME: 5 minutes, or more depending on audience interaction

VONTRICE: Welcome to Animal World. I'm Vontrice Veterinarian the host of this show. On every show we examine the wonders of God creation in the animal world. Today we'll be interviewing some donkeys from the book of Genesis.

JENNY 1 arrives wearing a touristy hat or a camera around her neck or small suitcase or other item to indicate traveling.

VONTRICE: Welcome to our show. What is your name?

JENNY 1: You can call me Jenny.

VONTRICE: I guess that means you're a female or girl donkey?

JENNY 1: That's right.

VONTRICE: Why do you have a suitcase and camera?

JENNY 1: I took a few trips. Donkeys are excellent travelers. We can find food in desert places and God created us to be able to get water from plants when water is scarce. That meant there was more water for Jacob's sons when they made all their trips to Egypt.

VONTRICE: Were they on vacation?

JENNY 1: No, a terrible famine had come across the world. Food was scarce. But in Egypt there was food because God had sent Joseph there to prepare for the seven year famine.

VONTRICE: Was this the Joseph that had a richly decorated robe with many colors?

JENNY 1: The very same. I was the donkey that his full brother Benjamin rode. We traveled between 100 and 150 miles, depending on which route we took. It was long and dry but I was a great choice because it was dangerous.

VONTRICE: What do you mean?

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JENNY 1: Horses are flight animals, in times of panic or danger they will run away. Donkeys, however, will simply freeze when frightened. We were plenty afraid when Benjamin was arrested. All those Egyptian soldiers milling around, hauling us back to Egypt. Good thing Ben was riding on a donkey.

VONTRICE: What did Benjamin do to get arrested?

JENNY 1: He didn't do anything wrong. It was a set up. He was framed to teach his brothers a lesson. His brothers had sold him as a slave and it haunted them their whole lives. In fact, when they were invited to a banquet, they thought they were going to be attacked and seized as slaves and us donkeys taken from them.

VONTRICE: What was Joseph like?

JENNY 1: He was a good man. He not only fed his mean brothers, he provided fodder, that's food, for us donkeys. To make a long story short, Joseph had his special silver cup hidden in the bag of grain on Benjamin's donkey.

VONTRICE: So the Egyptians acted like Benjamin was a thief and arrested him. Wasn't he sentenced to become a slave?

JENNY 1: Yes. Judah, one of the brothers, offered to stay in his place. Joseph was so touched by that, he broke down crying and told his brothers who he really was.

VONTRICE: I bet they panicked, thinking he was going to get revenge on them for being mean and selling him as a slave.

JENNY 1: They did. But Joseph told them not be distressed and do not be angry with themselves for selling him. I'll never forget his next words: It was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. God sent me ahead of you to save your lives.

VONTRICE: I guess it is very important to get along with your brothers and sisters.

JENNY 1: Absolutely. Even if they have picked on you. I'd like to hear from the audience how they get along with their brothers and sisters. *(Ask audience to share experiences of kindness in their family or examples they know from the Bible.)*

VONTRICE: So what happened next?

JENNY 1: I'll let another donkey who got involved tell you. *(Jenny 2 enters wearing an Egyptian headdress)*

JENNY 2: Joseph gave his brothers some carts, and provisions for their journey. Joseph knew what great travelers donkeys were, what great pack animals we'd be so he picked 20 of us to go pick up Joseph's father and all the nieces and nephews.

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JENNY 1: God created donkeys to need less food than say horses or cattle so in times of famine, donkeys were very handy.

JENNY: Plus we're good with kids. If they lose their balance and fall off, they don't have as far to fall.

VONTRICE: What kind of provisions did Joseph send?

JENNY 2: The 10 male donkeys were loaded with the best things of Egypt. Clothes, and even 300 coins in case they had expenses.

JENNY 1: The ten female donkeys were loaded with grain and bread and other provisions for his journey.

JENNY 2: It was quite a journey. Jacob was stunned and didn't believe at first but when he saw everything we donkeys were carrying, he praised God for it all and moved to Egypt where Joseph took care of his entire family.

VONTRICE: What do you want our listening audience to remember the most?

JENNY 1: Don't get discouraged when times seem rough – God may be getting ready to use you for great things.

JENNY: And by all means, try to get along with your brothers and sisters. Be willing to forgive them if they are mean to you.

VONTRICE: It was great having such world travelers on our show today. Stay tuned for further adventures from God's great animal world!

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Biblical Camels rags to riches
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