

Promotion Sunday Skit

CHARACTERS: 4M, 2F, 1 either, see director's note at end for descriptions, props and costumes.

COSTUMES: see director's note at end

PROPS: see director's note at end

SETTING: TV studio; Promotion Sunday when students move to a higher level

RUN TIME: 12 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON:

At rise: TV talk show set up with the TV host and chairs for each of the guests.

HOST: Welcome to the KCC Bible Power Hour here on KCCTV. This is promotion Sunday and to celebrate today we have several guests to talk about their promotions. Let's give a warm welcome to our guests. (*Claps and gets kids to clap*) Would all of you please introduce yourselves to the TV audience?

JOE: I'm Joseph and I was promoted from slave and prisoner to Pharaoh's right hand man.

MIRIAM: I'm Miriam. I was promoted from babysitter to one of the leaders in Israel, and also one of the first song service leaders

RUTH: I'm Ruth. I was promoted from poor foreign widow to barley farmer's wife and the great grandmother of David (*Pats him proudly on the shoulder*), the most famous King in all of Israel.

DAVID: I'm David, as great grandma Ruth just said. I was promoted from shepherd to soldier to army commander and eventually king.

RUTH: The most famous king. My great grandson! (*David looks embarrassed*)

HOST: Thank you all for coming. In our audience we have children being promoted. Let's start with Joseph. Tell us about your promotion.

JOE: When I was 17 I was sold into slavery by my brothers. That was bad enough but then I was accused of a crime I did not commit and was thrown in jail for the next 13 years. But I used the time wisely, learned how to manage and eventually the prison warden put me in charge of the entire operation. God used this experience to train me. When God knew I was ready he got me out of jail and had Pharaoh – the King of Egypt – put me in charge of everything. He gave me this ring and the gold chain around my neck. I had my own private chariot. Pharaoh said that my word no one would lift a hand or foot in all of Egypt.

HOST: Could we pass around the ring and gold chain? (*Joseph nods "yes", takes them off and host has someone pass them around for the audience to look at*) What did you do as the leader of Egypt?

JOE: I saved everyone's life – including my family's when the famine came (Joe can ad lib about the famine and all)

HOST: What advice would you give these kids being promoted?

JOE: Learn all you can, even if you don't like where you're at. You never know when the training you get right here in church will save lives.

HOST: Let's give Joseph around of applause. *(Everyone claps)* Next we have Miriam. Miriam, tell us about yourself.

MIRIAM: I started off as a babysitter for my baby brother Moses. Some people think changing diapers and having babies spit up all over you is gross and disgusting but I loved my baby brother and did the job the best I could. *(Miriam can ad lib some here about Pharaoh's decree about throwing babies in the Nile River from Exodus 1-3)* I was the lookout when we put Moses in a basket and floated it down the Nile River. Pharaoh's daughter rescued him.

HOST: Was this the same Pharaoh as Joseph's pharaoh?

MIRIAM: No

JOE: No, this was 400 years later. A different Pharaoh who didn't know how I had saved his country.

HOST: Go on.

MIRIAM: I talked to Pharaoh's daughter who decided to adopt Moses. I made the arrangements for our mother to get paid to take care of Moses too. But that wasn't my biggest promotion.

HOST: Tell us about that.

MIRIAM: Eighty years later God chose Moses to lead his people, who were slaves, back to the promised land to be free people. Moses asked for help and God had our brother Moses help. However, most people don't know it but I was included as a leader as well.

HOST: I didn't know that. Where is that in the Bible?

MIRIAM: Micah, chapter 6. God says "I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam."

HOST: So you went from babysitter to a leader of over 2 million people! Anything else?

MIRIAM: Yes, I was the first female prophet, song writer and leader in the Bible. In Exodus it tells how I, the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in my hand, and all the women followed me, with tambourines and dancing. We sang

"Sing to the LORD,
for he is highly exalted.
The horse and its rider
he has hurled into the sea

HOST: I'm impressed. Any words of advice to the students promoting today?

MIRIAM: Yes. Sadly I got in trouble with God one time, gripping about my brother Moses. God made me have leprosy, an awful skin disease, for 7 days. So – when you are promoted you have to act according to the promotion. You need to be a good example with your behavior, especially if you’re a leader.

HOST: Thank you Miriam. We’re going to take a little break now and interview a couple of audience members. *(Host interviews a couple about what grade they are promoting to, what might they be learning, how they will act)*

HOST: Our next guest today is Ruth. Ruth, tell us about yourself.

RUTH: I’m Ruth the Moabite.

HOST: Does that mean you bite people?

RUTH: No, it means I lived in Moab. When my husband died I traveled with Naomi to Israel and became a worshipper of the true God of Israel. Life was hard at first. I had to glean in the fields *(ad lib about having to work all day in the hot sun picking up left over grain to support you and Naomi)*

HOST: That sounds like hard work. How did you get promoted. A rich barley farmer noticed I was a hard worker and that I was kind to my mother in law. He asked me to marry him. I did and God blessed us with a son. Obed was his name and he became the grandfather of David here *(Pats David’s shoulder and beams with pride)*

HOST: What advice would you give our audience?

RUTH: Work hard in class and be kind to others. That will help you get promoted to the next level.

HOST: Thank you Ruth. Next we have David. David how did you start out?

DAVID: I was the youngest and therefore the least important in my family. I was sent to herd the sheep. But I learned a lot doing that which helped me as a soldier and king.

HOST: Like what?

DAVID: Sheep are pretty stupid animals that have to be protected. By learning to take care of them I was a much better king than I would have been otherwise. I also spent time looking at, appreciating God’s creation. That was training I needed to make songs to God, praising him.

HOST: Are any of these songs on the radio or in a book?

DAVID: Yes, the book of Psalms in the Bible has many of the songs and poems I wrote. And for centuries other singers have used my words for their songs. In fact, on the radio and in church you can hear songs like “The Lord is my Shepherd”, Hip Hop artist DJ Maj does “Love, so beautiful” based on Psalm 23 too. “Open the eyes of my heart, Lord” by Sonic flood is from Psalm 119.

HOST: Maybe you and Miriam can collaborate on some songs. *(Miriam and David ad lib together about “Yes, lets” “form a new band” etc)* David, what advice would you give the audience?

DAVID: If any of you want to become Christian songwriters or singers, pay attention in Bible class. You will learn so much that you will never run out of things to write or sing about.

HOST: Thank you for coming and sharing David. Let's hear it once again for our Old Testament guests. While they exit I'd like to interview more people in the audience. Anybody out there in the audience want to become a Christian singer or songwriter? *(Ad lib asking them about that and being promoted.)*

HOST: We're back with the second half of our show. Let's have a round of applause for our N.T. guests. *(Everyone clap)* I'd like to have our New Testament guests introduce themselves.

LEGION: I'm legion. I was promoted from graveyard crazy to preacher about Jesus Christ

TIM: I'm Timothy. I was promoted from student of the scriptures to preacher and teacher.

HOST: We are glad to have you here on KCC TV and our Promotion Sunday special. Legion, tell us how you got such an unusual name.

LEGION: I was demon possessed and there were so many they called me Legion. You see there are 500 to 5000 soldiers in a legion just like there were so many demons in me you couldn't count them all.

HOST: You don't look demon possessed now. What happened?

LEGION: I used to live in a graveyard. They were caves in lonely places and very scary. Not like graveyards today *(ad lib about graveyards today)* They used to tie me up with chains to keep me from cutting myself with sharp rocks but I'd just break the chains even though they were made of metal.

HOST: Then what happened?

LEGION: Jesus came and healed me. He cast the demons out. The people in the area asked Jesus to leave their region. I think they believed the bad priests who were lying and said Jesus cast out demons by Satan's power. But I knew he had done it by God's power. I wanted to get in the boat and go with him but he said

"Return home and tell how much God has done for you."

So I stayed behind and told all over town how much Jesus had done for me. I was quite a changed man and they all knew it because everyone knew what I used to be like. After I talked to them, the people changed their minds about Jesus and when he came back, they welcomed him.

HOST: That was quite a promotion – from scary demon possessed guy to preacher of Jesus. If you hadn't stayed behind, those people might never have accepted Jesus. What advice do you have for those being promoted?

LEGION: Tell as many people as you can about Jesus. Invite them to come here to church with you and learn about him for themselves.

HOST: Thank you, Legion. *(Ad libs interviewing a couple of audience members being promoted)* Last but not least we have Timothy visiting today. Tell us about yourself, Timothy.

TIM: I learned the scriptures from my grandmother Lois and my mother, Eunice . She was a Jew but my father was a Greek. I studied hard with them and also with the apostle Paul. He told me, “Timothy, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. (*1 Tim 1:4*)

HOST: Tell us about your promotion.

TIM: I started traveling with Paul on his missionary journeys. I helped him write the letters to the churches at Philippi , Colossi and Thessalonica. They are included in your Bibles today as the books of Philippians, Colossians and I and II Thessalonians. Eventually Paul sent me out on my own to do missionary work.

HOST: What advice did he give you when you were promoted to solo?

TIM: He said “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.”

HOST: And what advice would you give to the kids in the audience who are being promoted today?

TIM: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Devote yourself to reading the scriptures here in Bible class.

HOST: Thank you Timothy. That’s all the time we have folks. Come to church, study God’s word and enjoy your promotions!

DIRECTOR’S NOTES: Costumes and props

Joseph: Dresses in Egyptian clothing, had gold chain around neck and a ring

Miriam: Biblical with tambourine (Can add passing the tambourine around)

Ruth: Biblical (Could have barley to pass around)

David: Biblical (Could have crown, harp, lamb, etc. that are associated with David. These can be ad libbed passed around to help the students learn)

Host: Modern day

Legion: Biblical (Can have a piece of chain if we want to add in passing that around for the kids to see and touch)

Timothy: Biblical (Can have a scroll to pass around)