

This is the Oasis

Enter singing and dancing to "Walk Like an Egyptian"

MARY: This is the place, or is it a mirage – jumping and shimmering in a hot desert land?

JACOB: This is the place, the green heart of the desert, surrounded by mountains of shape-shifting sand.

MARINA: This is the place where an old desert monitor moves through short shadows with a cool watchful eye.

TATIANA: This is the place where a side-winding viper shakes scales as a warning, then slips under the hot sand.

KAMIL: This is the place where dust devils, like whirlwinds, dance spirals of sand dust high into the air.

CHLOE: This is the place where wind whips up a sandstorm, which swallows buildings and blots out the sun.

ESINAM: This is the place surrounded by date palms where pools of bright water spring up from the ground.

MYLES: This is the place where rivers run silver into green leafy gardens of hot pepper and lime.

ALEX: This is the place where herdsman lead camels printing pancake-sized footprints in long lines in the sand.

JAIYA: This is the place where dry-throated camels drink gallons of water in the soft shade of palms.

LUCA: This is the place where the tall courtly Tuareg, trade salts, mined in basins, as precious as gold.

MAJA: This is the place where people pound millet, bear children, tend animals and draw water from wells.

ELSIE: This is the place where ravens caw rudely, and pigeons coo gently in feathery fronds.

TIA: This is the place where visiting swallows fly feasting insects in the cool of the day.

MALACHI: This is the place where millipedes trundle and bright shiny beetles roll dark balls of dung.

TOLA: This is the place where hedgehogs hunt nightly for frogs, fleas and scorpions and the nest eggs of birds.

OLIVIA: This is the place where sand cat and caracal come creeping and leaping, both stalking their prey!

FRIEDA: This is the place steeping in moonlight and mystery where the sky streams with bats under billions of stars.

AGA: This is the place where the soft desert daybreak steals away stars and melts morning mists.

KUBA M: This is the place that rare rain refreshes turning dry patches into meadow flowers.

AOBA: This is the place, a green jewel in the desert, surrounded by mountains of shapeshifting sand.

PHILO: This is the Oasis.

Perform Dance

RE Portion: Pentecost

SOFIA P: After Jesus's death and resurrection he appeared to his disciples and many others. The time drew near for Jesus to go back to his Father in heaven.

LIAM: Go there for and make disciples of all nations, Jesus told them. I am with you always to the end of the age.

AMELIA R: Then after teaching them one final lesson the heavens opened up and Jesus rose up into the sky until they could see him no more.

CATARINA: The disciples stood there just gazing up into the sky. They were sad at first but then two angels came and spoke to them and said.

AMELIA P: Don't worry, Jesus will come again someday. The disciples then knew what they had to do. Their job was to spread this Good News to all the people around the world.

Shadow play of disciples spreading the Good News. While below poem is said.

The Greatest Gift

ANTONINA: The greatest gift the world has ever known is the gift of God's dear son. Whom he sent down from Heaven to earth and the work of his great salvation was done.

PRZEMK: God loved us poor undeserving sinners so much that his only son Jesus he gave so that whoever repents and believes on his name he promised he would save.

HAINER: This wonderful gift of salvation is available to one and all to receive it just trust Jesus as your saviour and for mercy on his name call.

ISABELLA: This gift is the only way to have eternal life and not perish forever in hell someday. To be born again by putting your faith in Jesus for on the cross your sins he did pay

AOBA: It was the celebration of Pentecost when the Jews remembered the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinaed. The city was bustling with people and the disciples needed to get away to find a quiet place to pray.

ROAN: Jesus said the comforter is the holy spirit of God, it would give them boldness. The holy spirit would be God's power and presence in their lives. But the disciples did not understand all of this yet. All they knew to do was pray.

Go to centre and kneel while saying the below prayer.

MARY: Breathe in me O Holy Spirit that my thought may all be holy; Act in me O Holy Spirit that my works, too may, be holy.

SINNIT: Draw my heart O Holy Spirit that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me O Holy Spirt to defend that is holy.

AGA: Guard to me then O Holy Spirit that I always may be holy. AMEN

LAURA: As they were praying they heard a sound. Faint at first but it started to grow louder and louder, it sounded like a huge rushing wind.

SAM: Then suddenly as they looked around in wonder, small flames of fire appeared on their heads. The holy spirit had arrived.

MIA: The disciples could speak in languages that they had never learned. The time had come for them to break out of their room and tell the world the glorious message.

LEXI: They rushed out into the streets where thousands of people thronged the busy city. Peter stood tall and began to speak.

LEVI: Listen to me, he shouted. Then he preached to the people about Jesus. Thousands of people listened as Peter told them why Jesus had died.

GENEVIEVE: People from all nations heard Peter's words in their own languages. What should we do, they shouted. Repent and be baptized the disciples replied.

SOFIA M: What good news the people realized. That day three thousand people were brought into God's family and were baptized.

KAMIL: It was a beautiful beginning to a marvellous life for many. Everyone was in shock at the wonders and miracles. All they could do day after day, was talk to God and praise him saying...

LYDIA: Father God, I love you so. You care for me even when I don't know. I often question your intent. Despite those promises you've already kept.

LUCA: I try to make sense of all around. Yet my eyes focus narrowly on my own. You forgive my impatience, and self-righteous thoughts and secured my salvation through your son's death on the cross.

MARY: He redeemed all my sins and gave me new life. An act that cost a most precious price. With your help, dear Lord I will trust in the perfect plan that is a gift from your great hand.

ADAM: Thank you for each day's new mercies, and the grace that wipes away all my inequities. To you, Adonai, are my praise for always, may my last breath be a whisper giving you all the glory.

Sing "Joy in the Holy Ghost"