This is the story our show will tell......

• The narrators (there are 3 of them in our show) introduce us to Joseph, who lives in Canaan with his eleven brothers, one sister and their Father, Jacob

• Joseph has strange dreams that suggest that he will one day be successful and rich and his family will all bow down before him

• this doesn’t make him very popular with his brothers

• Jacob likes Joseph best out of all his children and proves it by buying him a beautiful multi coloured coat

• The other brothers are jealous and decide to get rid of Joseph once and for all

• They sell him to the Ishmaelites, a race of men who will sell him in Egypt as a slave

• The brothers tell their Father that Joseph was attacked by a wild animal and has died, poor Jacob is heartbroken
- In Egypt, Joseph is bought by Potiphar, a very rich man who has a very naughty wife

- Potiphar catches Joseph being a little too friendly with his wife and, thinking they are having an affair, throws Joseph in jail and leaves him to die

- Joseph is desperately sad and lonely but he takes comfort in knowing that he is not alone really as he has faith in God and his dreams

- A butler and a baker are both flung in jail with Joseph, they have had dreams that trouble them and Joseph offers to interpret them. The dreams mean that one of them will soon be set free while the other, sadly will be executed

- The Narrators remind Joseph that he's not beaten yet and must keep his spirits up

- The Narrators introduce us to Pharaoh, the King of Egypt and the most important man in the land

- Pharaoh has been having very distressing dreams and is desperate for someone to tell him what they mean

- The butler, who was in jail with Joseph and was released just as Joseph predicted, tells Pharaoh that Joseph could help him

- Joseph explains that the dream means that Egypt will have seven years of good harvest and unending food but they will be followed by seven years of famine and he recommends that Pharaoh uses the good years to store food to see them through the hard times ahead

- Pharaoh immediately frees Joseph and declares him to be the man to orchestrate this and lead Egypt through the famine.
- The dreams come true as Joseph predicted and because of his forward planning, Egypt thrives through the seven years of drought and crop failure.

- Joseph is named as Pharaoh's right hand man and everyone is a little bit in love with him

- The Narrators remind us that everyone in the lands close by are starving, including Joseph's family who decide to travel to Egypt and throw themselves on the mercy of Pharaoh's right hand man

- The brothers bow before Joseph and beg for food but they don't recognise him
  - Joseph decides to test them…

- Joseph hides a precious golden cup in the youngest brother Benjamin's sack, accuses him of stealing it and insists that Benjamin be thrown in jail forever

- The brothers declare that there is no way Benjamin would have done such a thing and even offer to be sent to jail in his place

- This shows Joseph that his brothers are now decent men and so he reveals his true identity

- Jacob travels to Egypt with Joseph's sister and the family are reunited
The story shown in the pictures is the one we shall be telling on stage. But in our show the story is told in songs, and some of the costumes are colourful and bright.

For example, this is what Joseph’s coat looks like!

![Joseph's coat](image)

All the characters you see on stage will be acting, and nothing you see on stage will be real. So there is nothing to be afraid of, even if the actors pretend to fight or argue. The main actors will introduce themselves before the show starts so that you know who is playing which character.

There will be lots of people singing together some of the time, and there will be a band of musicians accompanying the singing as well, so it might get quite noisy. Do bring headphones if you think this might be too loud for you.

There will be an interval half way through the show when some people will leave their seat to go and buy a drink or an ice cream.

We usually clap the actors when the interval starts, and we also clap the actors right at the end of the show. They will all come out on stage and take a bow and that is when everybody will clap them to say ‘well done’.

**WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE SHOW!**