

Script for Girls to Read  
(note: Tzipporah is pronounced with silent T, as zip-or-ah)

SHEPHERD 1

Get away! This well belongs to us!

LEAH

No, it doesn't! It's everyone's!

KETURAH

Our sheep need water!

SHEPHERD 2

Too bad. They're not getting water here.

LEAH

Our father's the High Priest of Midian.

SHEPHERD 1

Oh, the High Priest of Midian! That's even worse.

Your people caused all the trouble with the Pharaoh- just because you're too proud and stubborn to bend your knee.

KETURAH

That's right-

SHEPHERD 1

I lost my brother in the war your people started!

*(The SHEPHERD shoves KETURAH so that she falls on the sand.)*

LEAH

You hit my sister!

MOSES

Stop! Let the girls use the well!

SHEPHERD 1

Who are you to give us orders?

M O S E S

I am . . . *(pauses)* ... nobody.

SHEPHERD 2

So nobody's going to get in our way!

*(SHEPHERDS, MOSES and girls tussle...MOSES ends up with advantage)*

Let's get out of here!  
*(SHEPHERDS run off.)*

KETURAH  
Thank you... Nobody.

MOSES  
That's all right. Now if you'll excuse me, I just need a small drink of -  
*(He loses his last shred of energy and falls in with a splash.)*

LEAH  
He fell in! Why did he do that?

KETURAH  
He seemed very tired.

LEAH  
Don't worry, we'll get you out.  
Let's pull the bucket up.

T Z I P P O R A H  
Leah! Keturah! Father's been looking for you!

LEAH  
Tzipporah! Help us!

TZIPPORAH  
What are you girls doing?

LEAH  
We're trying to get the funny man out of the well.

TZIPPORAH  
Well, that's one I've never heard before!  
*(A groan echoes from within the well. TZIPPORAH gasps and looks down the well.)*  
There's a man in the well!

LEAH  
I just said that!

TZIPPORAH  
*(calling down the well)*

Hold onto the bucket!

*(TZIPPORAH and the GIRLS turn the winch, though LEAH is barely touching it, since she's too busy looking down the well.)*

LEAH

He's coming up! He's getting higher! He's almost here! We got him!

*(MOSES' sodden head appears above the rim of the well. TZIPPORAH turns and finds herself face to face with MOSES. Her eyes open wide with recognition.)*

TZIPPORAH

It's you!!!

*(She lets go of the winch and Moses falls back to the bottom with a splash.*

*TZIPPORAH walks off, as the two little GIRLS look after her.)*

LEAH

That's why Papa says she'll never get married.