



## A Faith Proclaimin' Story About **MIRIAM**

### Story Content and Presentation:

This story is designed to recognize Miriam as a participant in the proclamation of God's story. It is based on Exodus 15:20, highlighting Exodus 7:1-5 and scanning Exodus 7:6-15:14 and it identifies her as called and empowered to be a voice of and for God to the people of Israel as they journey to the Promised Land. She writes and sings a song that expresses her prophetic gifts through music.

The presentation is set within the creative context of a "live" TV program entitled "The Proclamation Station." A bumbling, dramatic, well-intending MC named O-me-o-miah sets the stage for the story and introduces the tambourine as the primary storyteller who goes on to engage the audience in the story.

Scan the script and recruit a youth or adult to play the role of O-me-o-miah ("O") and the voice of the tambourine ("MT"). You will also need someone positioned behind Miriam's travel pack (See Props and Accessories) to initially draw attention to the tambourine while it is "speaking" by moving or shaking it.



**Download the script for this story presentation.**

### Setting the Stage:

Design a closet or entryway door to represent a large Bible. Completely cover one side of a door with a roll of black construction paper. Print a cross just above the center of the door and place the word "BIBLE" underneath it. The door will set the stage for the presentation of the story. You will most likely need the following supplies:

- A roll of black cloth or construction paper
- Gold or white wrapping paper, contact paper or poster board
- Scissors
- Masking tape
- White poster board

If you're choosing to share these Bible story presentations on a regular basis, you may wish to also create a "Table of Contents" with a listing of all the books in the Old and New Testament to mark the place of the proclaimers as you feature them. A skit entitled 'Jeremiah and O-me-o-miah' provides a great introduction to this program offering as you plan ongoing occasions for presentation.

You might also wish to set up a timeline of faith proclaimers to recognize their placement throughout history. See Guidelines for [FPBN Timeline](#) in the Proclamation Station program outline.

The thematic art for the [Grand Central Proclamation Station](#) is also available to display. Download the 4-color file and print it out on a transparency. Then, use an overhead projector to enlarge it on a wall. You might also have the design printed on a cloth or plastic banner for long-term use.

**Props and Accessories:**

- A big old blanket wrapped around a large pack of household items to represent a travel pack. Place it just behind the door of the Bible backdrop so it can be easily seen when the door is opened.
- Position a large tambourine on top of the pack to give it high visibility. A tambourine maybe purchased at almost any music or toy store. Many discount department stores also carry them.
- A costume for O-me-o-miah that is intended to be his trademark in each story presentation – A suit and tie, covered with an open bathrobe (to honor the Biblical and modern worlds within which he relates). A flat top Styrofoam hat might also top off his or her personality.
- A stool for O-me-a-miah

**Discussion Questions:**

Following the story presentation, you may wish to engage your audience or participants in a discussion using the following questions as a guide.

**Questions for Clarification:**

1. Use the Proclaimin' Roles to Play sheet as an easy reference for identifying the role of a prophet. How does her song express the realities of life through God's eyes.
2. Both Miriam and Aaron were known to be prophets. What did they say to the people about Moses?

**Questions for Interpretation:**

1. Do you ever make comments about what's happening? Do you ever include some thoughts about what God might be thinking about it?
2. Would you ever say it in a song? How do you proclaim your faith in your daily life?

**Activity Suggestion:**

Invite everyone to make a tambourine. Then, encourage them to make up songs about life and God's Word for these days and times.