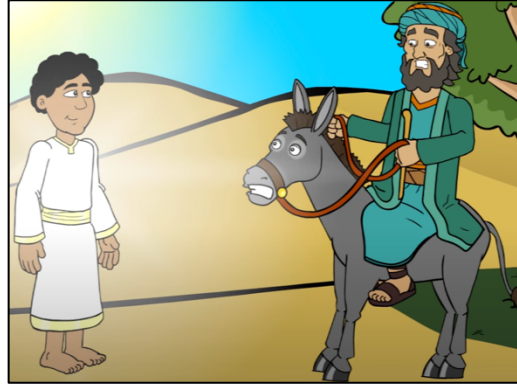


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Balaam and the Talking
Donkey by Gracelink (5:55)



Lesson# 14: BALAAM AND HIS DONKEY (Numbers 22-24:25)



The Bible says that the children of Israel were a mighty nation. As they wandered through the wilderness, they fought many battles. God was on their side and always helped them win. The King of Moab was afraid of the Israelites. His name was Balak.

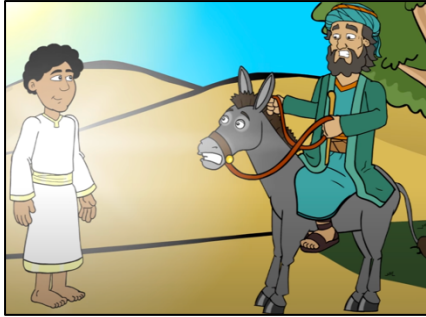
King Balak had heard about a prophet named Balaam. Some said that whatever Balaam blessed was truly blessed, and whatever he cursed was truly cursed. King Balak thought that if Balaam would curse the Israelites, he would be able to defeat them.



So, he sent messengers to ask Balaam to curse God's people. They took gold money to give to Balaam. Balaam had once been a prophet, but he had become greedy and no longer served God. Yet, when the messengers came, he asked God for instructions. God told Balaam not to take the money and to never curse the Israelites. So, Balaam sent the messengers home.



Balak sent the men back with more gold. This time, God said, "Go, but only do what I tell you." So, Balaam rode his donkey and went with the messengers.



As Balaam and his donkey were travelling along, an angel stood in the road to block the way. Balaam could not see the angel, but the donkey could. The donkey walked off into a field. Balaam didn't know why the donkey did that. He was angry, so he hit his donkey with a stick.



The angel appeared a second time. The donkey moved against a wall smashing Balaam's foot. Balaam beat her again.



This happened 3 times. Finally, the donkey just sat down in the middle of the road. Then the donkey spoke! "What have I done to make you hit me?"

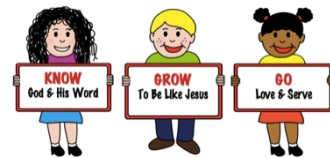
Now Balaam could see the angel too! The angel said, "If the donkey hadn't turned away from me, I would've killed you by now." Balaam said, "I was wrong. I didn't know you were coming to stop me." The angel said, "You can go to see King Balak, but only say what God tells you to say."



When Balaam met King Balak, he told him, "I can only say what God wants me to say." 3 times that day, when Balaam spoke, only blessings for the Israelites came out.

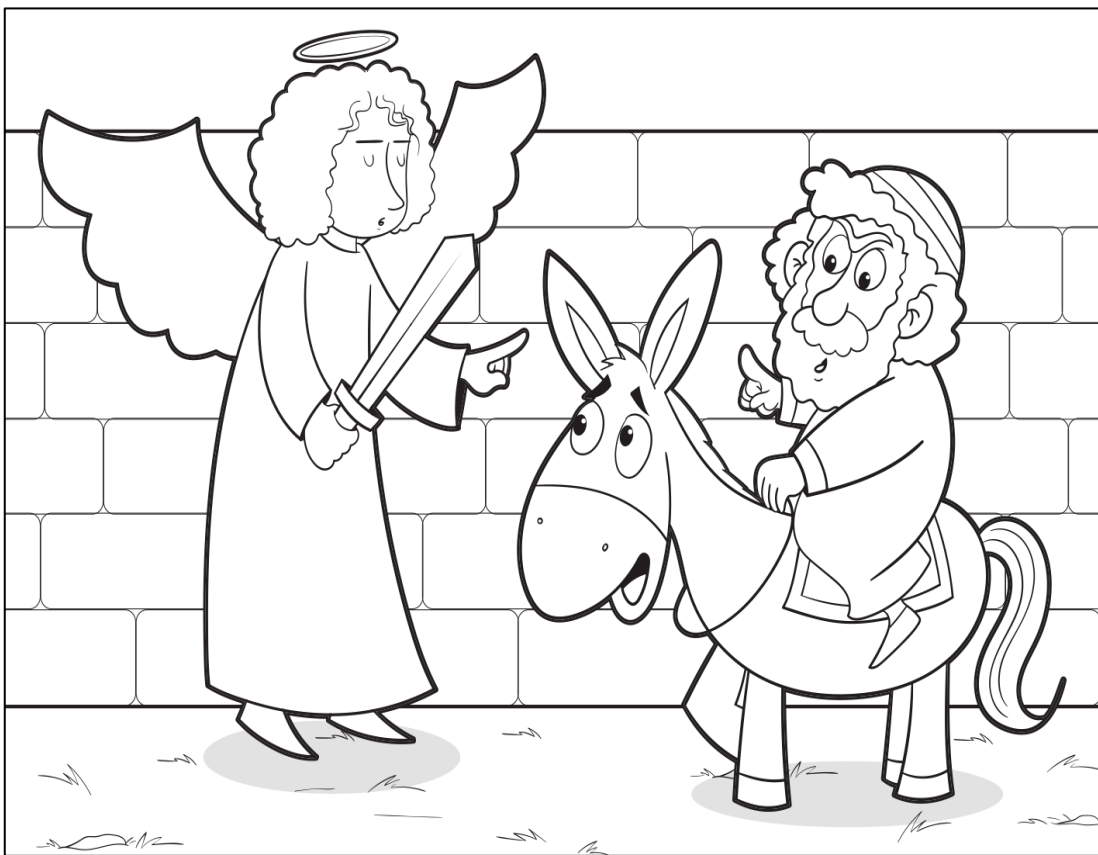
King Balak was angry. He shouted, "Go home!" Then Balaam prophesied truly. He said, "Someday the Forever King will come from the Israelite nation. He will be the strongest King! He will bless the whole world."

God can do anything... He can even make a donkey talk if He wants to! God didn't want King Balak or anyone to hurt His people. No one can stop God's great plan!



**Many years later, God sent His Son Jesus to the Forever King!
King Jesus blessed the whole world!**

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**WORDSEARCH
(NUMBERS 22-24)**

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ANGEL OF THE LORD
 BALAK
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Think About This:



- What did King Balak offer Balaam? _____
- If someone offered you something special (like money, a new bike, etc.) would it ever be right to sin? _____

• What do you learn about God in this lesson? _____

• What do you think Balaam learned about God? _____