



Balaam's Donkey!

God can speak through anyone — or anything!

Story #22 | Ages 4–10 | Numbers 22–24

1 Balak's Bad Plan!

Scripture: Numbers 22:1-7 | Theme: Greed blinds

👑 The Scared King



The people of Israel were camped near Moab. King **Balak** was TERRIFIED!

He had heard what God did to Egypt.

So he sent messengers to **Balaam**, a prophet.

🗣️ THE PEOPLE SAY:

"Come now, curse this people for me. They are too mighty for me!"

Balaam should have said **NO** right away.

But he loved **MONEY** and honor.

He asked God... then kept on asking.

Sometimes a hard NO is really God's protection!

"Come now, curse this people for me, since they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them out." — Numbers 22:6

🐴 The Dusty Road



Balaam got up in the morning and saddled his **DONKEY**.

Two servants went with him.

He was riding straight toward **DISASTER**!

God was very **ANGRY** because Balaam's heart was greedy.

He wanted to curse the very people **GOD HAD BLESSED**!

But Balaam didn't care. He saw only **GOLD**.

💡 Tiny Truth

When God says **NO**, don't keep asking with a sneaky heart. It leads straight to trouble!

❤️ God Protects His People

No money, no plan, and no curse can stop God's promises to those He loves — that means **YOU**!

2 The Angel on the Road!

Scripture: Numbers 22:22-27 | Theme: God protects

The Invisible Wall



The **Angel of the LORD** stood in the road with a **DRAWN SWORD!**

He was ready to **STOP** Balaam.

But guess who saw the Angel?

Not the powerful prophet. The **DONKEY!**

She turned off the road into a field.

Balaam beat her to turn back.

God often uses humble things to correct proud hearts.

Donkey Ears!

Cup your hands behind your ears like donkey ears.
Have a parent whisper a kind message. God
whispers wisdom to those who listen!

Donkey Down!



At a narrow place between **VINEYARD WALLS**,
the donkey crushed Balaam's foot against the
stone.

Balaam beat her **AGAIN**.

The third time, there was **NO ROOM** to turn.

The donkey simply lay **FLAT DOWN** underneath
him.

Balaam was **FURIOUS!** He beat her with his
STAFF!

But the donkey had just **SAVED HIS LIFE** three
times.

Tiny Truth

Sometimes God puts a hard **STOP** in our path to
protect us. Don't fight it — trust it!

God Sends Roadblocks

When things don't go your way, ask: "God, are
you protecting me?" He sends angels we can't
always see!

A Real Conversation!



Then God did something **AMAZING!**
He opened the **DONKEY'S MOUTH!**
She said to Balaam:

DONKEY SAYS:

"What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"

And Balaam **ANSWERED THE DONKEY!**
He didn't even stop to think, "Wait... why is a donkey talking?!"

BALAAM SAYS:

"Because you have made a fool of me. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you."

"And the donkey said to Balaam, 'Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Is it my habit to treat you this way?' And he said, 'No.'" — Numbers 22:28-30

Open Your Eyes!



Then God opened **BALAAM'S EYES!**
He saw the **Angel of the LORD** standing in the way with drawn sword.
He fell **FLAT ON HIS FACE.**

ANGEL SAYS:

"Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I came out to oppose you because your way is perverse before me. The donkey saw me and turned aside before me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let her live."

Balaam finally understood.
God had used a **DONKEY** to save his life!

Tiny Truth

God often uses the most **HUMBLE** things to teach the most **PROUD** people. Be humble!

God Opens Blind Eyes

Pray: "Lord, open my eyes to see what YOU see!" That's a prayer He loves to answer.

4 Only Blessings!

Scripture: Numbers 23-24 | Theme: God keeps His promises

⚡ Blessings on the Mountain



Balak took Balaam up the mountain.
"Now **CURSE** them!" he said.
But when Balaam opened his mouth...
BLESSINGS came pouring out!

*"How can I curse whom God has not cursed?
How can I denounce whom the LORD has not
denounced?" — Numbers 23:8*

Balak moved to another mountain. "Maybe from **HERE** you can curse them?"
Nope! More blessings!
Four times they tried. Four times God turned it to **BLESSING**!

☀️ The Star of Jacob!



Balaam couldn't stop God's blessings!
He even saw a **MIRACLE** far into the future!

*"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not
near. A star shall come out of Jacob, and a
scepter shall rise out of Israel." — Numbers
24:17*

That **STAR** was **JESUS**!

Hundreds of years before Bethlehem, God
promised a **SAVIOR**!
No money, no plan, and no curse can stop God's
greatest **PROMISES**!
What God blesses, no one can curse!

💡 Tiny Truth

God is in charge of your future! If you follow
Him, He turns every plan against you into a
BLESSING!

☀️ You're a Star!

Cut out a paper star. Write "God blesses me!"
Tape it above your bed. Remember: Jesus came
as the Light of the world for **YOU**!

**Paper Bag Donkey Puppet**

1. Turn a lunch bag upside down so the flap is the mouth.
2. Cut out two large grey-brown ears from paper and glue behind the flap.
3. Draw big eyes and a soft nose.
4. Open the flap to make your donkey "talk"!
5. Have the donkey say: "Why have you beaten me?"
6. Talk about how God used a humble donkey to do big things.

**Angel Shield Craft**

1. Cut a large circle from cardboard (your shield).
2. Cover in foil or metallic paper.
3. Write **Numbers 24:17** on it.
4. Draw a big star on top with gold marker.
5. Decorate the edges with purple and yellow gems or stickers.
6. Hang it on your door to remember: **God protects us!**

Sing to the tune of "Old MacDonald":

"Balaam went riding on his donkey, E-I-E-I-O!
 And on that road he saw an angel, E-I-E-I-O!
 With a 'halt!' here and a 'whoa!' there,
 God can speak through ANYWHERE!
 Balaam went riding on his donkey, E-I-E-I-O!"

**Family Discussion Time**

1. Why was King Balak afraid of the Israelites?
2. What should Balaam have said when Balak first asked him to come?
3. Why did the donkey stop and lie down? Who was she trying to protect?
4. Why do you think God chose to make the DONKEY talk instead of just talking to Balaam?
5. What did Balaam see when God opened his eyes?
6. How can our family "listen to the donkey" — or hear God through unexpected things this week?

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God Speaks Through Anyone – Or Anything!

A prophet proud, a donkey small,
An angel with a sword stood tall.
The road was blocked, the donkey spoke,
And Balaam's greedy heart was broke.
He saw the Lord, fell to the ground,
And only blessings then were found!
So trust God's voice — it's never odd
To hear Him speak... even through a donkey! 🐴



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When God fights for His people, the walls come down!

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