

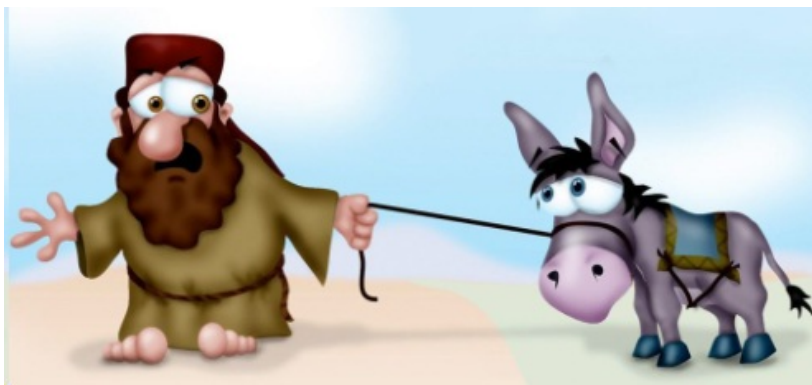
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VBS @ Home: The Sequel “Superhero Animals of the Bible”

July 12-16, 2021

**Day 1
Balaam’s Donkey**



Welcome to this summer’s Vacation Bible School! We’re really glad to have you join us however you can and wherever you are. We hope you enjoy the crafts, activities, stories and snacks! In addition to the contents of your ‘VBS in a Bag’ we encourage you to participate online:

The videos launch each day at 9AM on

- YouTube (Leeds Anglican Ministries)

www.youtube.com/channel/UCZYMAKxAQA1PmdNY7uanaDQ

- Facebook (@LeedsAnglicanMinistries)

www.facebook.com/LeedsAnglicanMinistries

For those who do not have access to the ‘VBS in a Bag’, all the information you need to gather supplies and join in will be part of our daily posts.

Make sure you check out our Facebook or YouTube posts for links to extras, like great theme videos!

The Story - Balaam’s Donkey

(based on Numbers 22-23, especially 22:21-33)

Superpower:

Talking animal, tells others what God wants him to say.

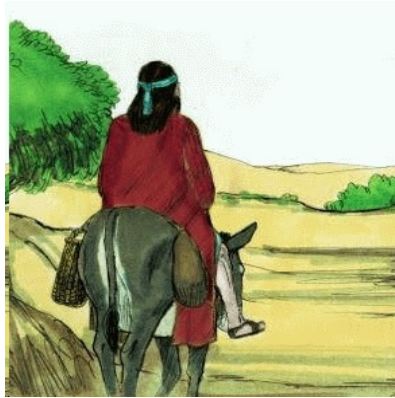


The King of Moab did not want to be a friendly neighbour to the people of Israel. In fact, he sent messengers to a prophet named Balaam telling him to come and put a curse on them.

God told Balaam not to put a curse on them. In fact, God had blessed them.

The messengers kept bothering Balaam and asking him to do what the king wanted.

Balaam got up, saddled his donkey and went with the men.



God was angry that the Moabites wanted to curse Israel, so an Angel of the Lord stood in front of the donkey. The donkey could see it, so it went off the road into the field.



Balaam was angry with the donkey because he couldn't see anything!



A while later, at a narrow place with walls on both sides, the Angel of the Lord stood in front of the donkey again. The donkey went to the side against the wall, hurting Balaam's foot on the wall. Balaam was angry again, and hit the donkey.

Further down the road, at another narrow place, the Angel of the Lord stood in front of the donkey again. It lay down and wouldn't move forward. Balaam hit the donkey again.



The donkey spoke! It said "What have I done to make you hit me three times?"



Balaam said "You made me look foolish. I'm very angry with you!"

The donkey replied: "Haven't I always been your good donkey? Have I ever done something like this?"

Balaam was pretty shocked, but said that was true. Then God let him see the Angel of the Lord standing in the road holding a sword. Balaam bowed down to the Angel.

The Angel asked "Why were you angry and hitting your donkey? It saw me and stopped because I might have harmed you if you'd gone to curse the people of Israel."

Balaam told the Angel that he would turn back. The Angel told him it was okay to go on, but to say only what God told him to.

Balaam went and said that the people of Israel were blessed by God, not cursed!

How amazing that a donkey was able to see God's Angel when Balaam could not, and was able to tell Balaam about it!



Thinking about the Story

Have you ever had an animal 'tell' you something by behaving differently than they usually do? Did you pay attention right away?

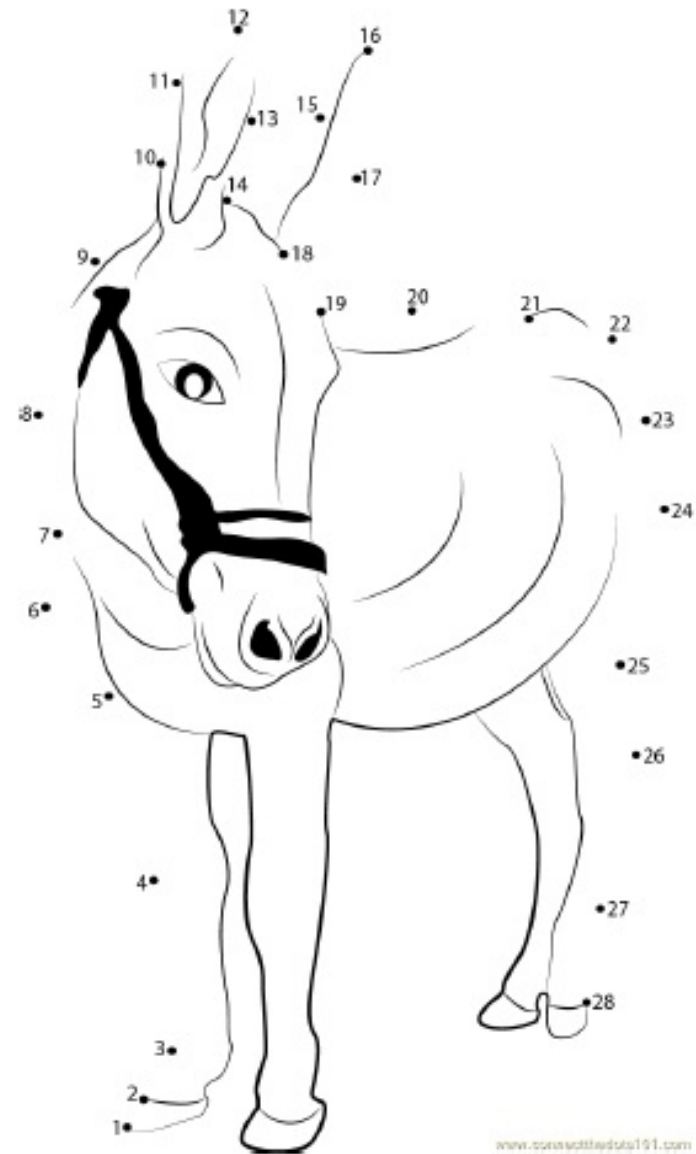
What are some of the ways God gets your attention?

How do you think God wants us to treat pets, farm animals and wild creatures?

What would you do if someone wanted you to 'curse' or be hurtful to someone?

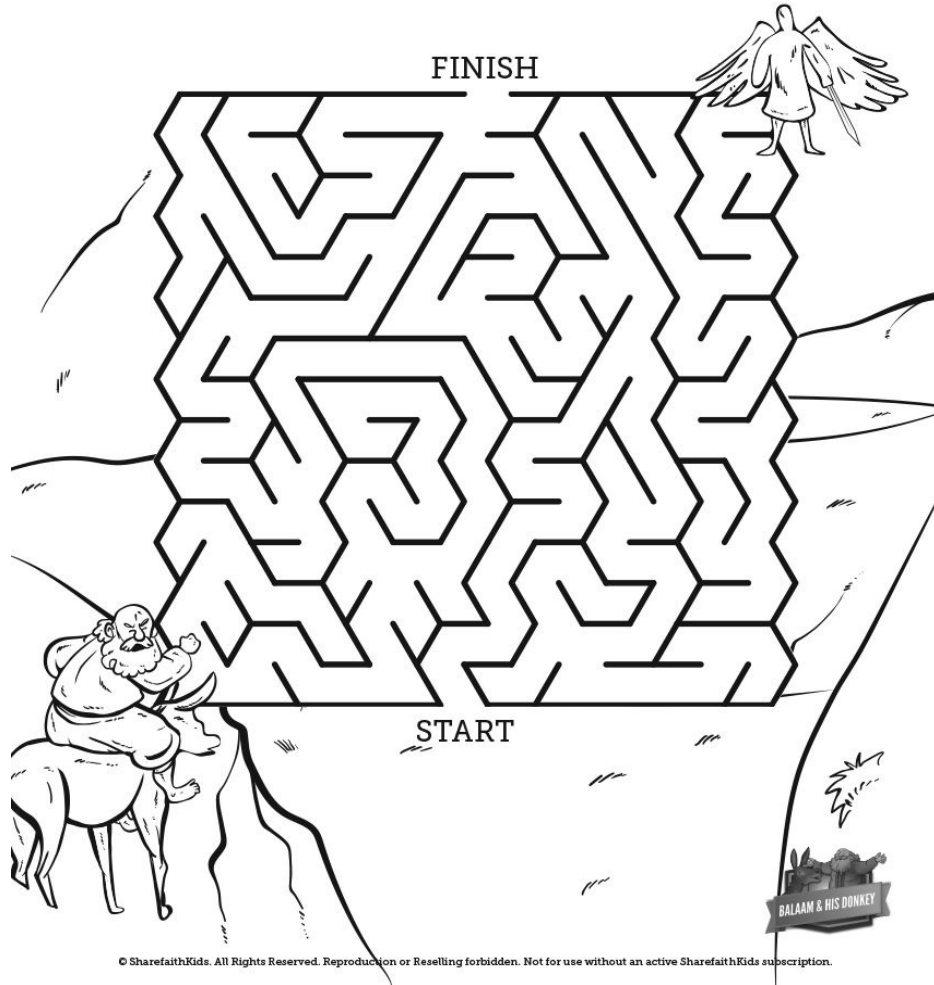
Prayer

God who created all people and all animals, help us to pay attention to the ways you show us what you want us to do and to say. Teach us to always be kind, not just to people who are like us, but to all people and all creatures. Amen.



BALAAM & HIS DONKEY

Guide Balaam's donkey to the angel of God.



BALAAM'S DONKEY WORD SEARCH



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| ADVERSARY | GOD | STAFF |
| ANGEL | LORD | STANDING |
| ANGER | OBSTRUCTION | STRUCK |
| BALAAM | OPENED | SWORD |
| DONKEY | PATH | THREE TIMES |
| EYES | ROAD | VINEYARDS |
| FIELD | SERVANTS | WALL |
| FOOT | SPOKE | |