



Balaam and Balak
Numbers 22-24

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Bible Passage: Number 22-24

Big Idea: We can trust God.

Question: *What does it mean to sin? To sin is to go against God and his commands.*

Catechism Question: Who is the Redeemer?
The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ.

SUPPLY LIST:

- A preschool Bible

The Bible Story: Balaam and Balak

BIBLE POINTS

God spoke to his people

God gives good gifts and blesses his people

We should listen to God

TELL THE BIBLE STORY (5 minutes)

SIT DOWN with your children and share a snack together. Maybe serve animal crackers if you have them.

Provide a bible for your baby to hold and open. Open your Bible to Numbers 22. Show the Bible story picture as you say the BIBLE POINTS in a soothing voice.

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Say - Do you know what a donkey sounds like? (If they don't know, mimic a donkey sound for them.) Today's story is about a donkey and an angel.

King Balak of Moab wanted Balaam to speak against Israel. God said to Balaam, "Go, but only say what I tell you." So Balaam rode his donkey to the king. God sent an angel to stand in his way. Balaam could not see the angel, but his donkey could. Three times, she tried to stop. Three times, Balaam hit her. Then God let her talk! She said, "Why are you hitting me?" God let Balaam see the angel. The angel said, "Your donkey saved your life. Go with the men, but only speak God's words." Balaam said God's words—blessings for God's people—and the king was angry. Balaam had one last message: "A star will come from Jacob, and a king will rise from Israel." Balaam's last message was about Jesus!

SAY: This story reminds us that God is always in control and we should listen to his words.

SING

Sing to the tune of "God Is So Good":

"We can trust God, we can trust God, we can trust God!

*God loves you and me."

*Substitute God's commands are good and God sent Jesus in subsequent rounds.

Say: Balak wanted Balaam to speak against Israel, but no one can take away God's blessings from His people. We can trust God no matter what.

CATECHISM QUESTION

Q: Who is the Redeemer?

A: The only Redeemer is Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAY

PRAY -Dear God, we trust you and we love you. Thank you for making me, loving me and being my friend. Amen.



EXPERIENCE & APPLY THE STORY

OPTION 1: Take a donkey ride

Sit with a baby on your lap, facing you. Support his underarms as you gently bounce him at varying speeds. Make donkey sounds and then say the story point in a donkey voice.

Say: Balak wanted Balaam to speak against Israel. God made Balaam's donkey talk! Then Balaam could only bless God's people. No one can take away God's blessings from His people. We can trust God.

OPTION 2: CREATE A DONKEY (brown or white paper bag, markers or crayons, googly eyes)

Print the "[Donkey Puppet](#)" onto heavyweight paper for each preschooler. Invite children to use crayons, markers, yarn, and googly eyes to decorate their puppets. Cut along the dotted lines and assemble the puppets as directed. Demonstrate how to hold the puppet and pretend to talk like Balaam's donkey did. Have fun playing out the Bible story.

Say · Balaam was angry with his donkey and was mean to his donkey. Then God made the donkey able to talk, and Balaam saw the angel in the path. The angel told Balaam to **bless God's people**.