



Donkey Tales!

Donkeys feature in the oldest and most famous stories, even those from the Bible.

STUDENT INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Stories have a beginning, a middle and an end.
- ▶ Can you put this bible story: '*Balaam's Donkey*' into its correct sequence?

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1. The story of *Balaam's Donkey* comes from the Book of Numbers chapters 22 to 24

It is a story that tells how God protected the Israelites with the help of a donkey.

Look at the jumbled up story on page 2 - can you cut up and rearrange the story into its correct sequence?

2. Read through the story again and then answer the following questions:

a. What did the Israelites live in?

b. What does this tell us about how they lived?

c. How many times did God put an angel in front of Balaam?

d. How can we tell that God thinks donkeys are special?

e. What does this story tell us about God?

f. Why did God protect the Israelites?

Jumbled-up Story!

Can you cut out and rearrange the parts of the story until it makes sense?



A

Balaam again tried to ride the donkey to the top of the mountain and again the angel stood in the path.

B

God spoke to Balaam and told him not to

C

God then revealed himself to Balaam

D

The donkey squeezed past the angel and

E

Balak asked a fortune teller called Balaam to put a curse on the Israelites, so he could beat them in battle and take their land.

F

Balak was very angry with Balaam and would have hit him, but Balaam had followed God and was safe.

G

Balak was king of the Moabites. The Israelites lived near and were his enemies.

H

Finally Balaam got to the top of the mountain and gave the Israelites God's blessing and protection.

I

Balaam got on his donkey to ride her to the top of a mountain, where he would be able to see the Israelites' tents.

J

Balaam replied to the donkey it was because she did not obey him.

K

Only the donkey saw the angel and she ran into a field. Balaam beat the donkey for not doing what she was told.

L

This time the path was narrow so the donkey just sat down and would not move, even when it was beaten.

M

As Balaam rode his donkey, God sent an angel to stand in the road.

N

God gave the donkey the power of speech to ask why Balaam beat her.

O

Balaam tried to ride his donkey to the top of the hill a third time and again God sent an angel.

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