



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 9, Lesson 45

The Wilderness: Balaam's Donkey

Lesson Aim: To know we are to honor God
with our words and actions.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite word?

GAME: Throw It Away

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SENDS

Read Worship Scripture: Hebrews 10:10.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD SENDS HIS ANGEL TO BALAAM

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God sent the Ten Commandments.

Point to Moses (Circa 1500 B.C.). **Today, we will discover how God stopped Balaam from speaking words that would hurt God's people. This event happened on the plains of Moab which is now the country of Jordan.** Point to the plains of Moab. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Numbers 22:21-31, 34-38. Pray. **King Balak of Moab was afraid God's people were going to take over his country, so he hired Balaam to put a curse on them. Listen to what happened when Balaam planned to say negative things about God's people.** Read.

THE WAY HONOR GOD WITH WORDS AND ACTIONS

King Balak wanted Balaam to curse God's people. That means he wanted Balaam to say negative things he hoped would happen to them. But, God did not want Balaam to say any hurtful words about His people.

Who did God send to stop Balaam from cursing God's people? (An angel.) **What did Balaam's donkey do?** (Moved away from the angel and talked to Balaam.) **What do you think Balaam thought when he heard his donkey talk to him?**

How did Balaam hurt his donkey? (Yelled at her and beat her.) **How might his words have hurt God's people? Balaam was not honoring God with his words and actions.**

What did God tell Balaam to do instead? (Only say the words God gave him.) **God gave him words of blessing to say about God's people. A blessing is the opposite of a curse. Balaam shared the good things God said would happen to His people.**

How might your choice of words change if you only spoke the words God gave you? God wants us to say good words about others and to do good things that help others. Our good words and actions please God and help other people see how good He is.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 1500 years after God told Balaam the good words to say, Paul told the people of Philippi about the good thoughts on which we should focus. Reveal Philippians 4:8-9. Read.

What are some examples of the eight good thoughts described in Philippians 4:8-9? How might thinking about such things help you honor God with your words and actions?

If time allows, play REPLAY HIS WAY in the GOT TIME? segment.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "Ask Me about Balaam's Donkey" sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: The angel speaking to Balaam and his donkey
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Good Words

GAMES: Replay His Way, Pin the Tail on the Donkey

CRAFT: Good Word Posters

DISCUSSION: Commandments 5-7

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Musical Chairs

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW