



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 in Numbers chapters 22 to 24 www.edudest.uk

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 place the missing sentences into the story to complete the 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?

What's the Story?

Can you replace the missing parts of the story so it makes sense?

Put these sentences in the right place to complete the story

a.

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

b.

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.

c.

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

d.

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

You have the scaffold for the story add the missing parts from the pieces below listed a to c

1. Balak was king of the Moabites. The Israelites lived near and were his enemies.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. As Balaam rode his donkey _____
6. _____
7. Balaam again tried to ride the donkey to the top of the mountain and again the angel stood in the path.
8. The donkey squeezed past the angel and crushed Balaam's foot against a wall.
9. Balaam tried to ride his donkey to the top of the hill a third time and again God sent an angel.
10. This time the path was narrow so the donkey just sat down and would not move, even when it was beaten.
11. God gave the donkey the power of speech to ask why Balaam beat her.
12. _____
13. God then revealed himself to Balaam and he begged God to forgive him.
14. _____
15. Balak was very angry with Balaam and would have hit him, but Balaam had followed God and was safe.

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