

# Take Time to Be Holy



## Parents' Page

### Lesson 11

## Blessing, Instead of Cursing, Israel

### Your child should understand...

Faith—Obeying from the heart

### Your child should be able to...

1. Identify why Balak wanted Balaam to curse Israel.
2. Identify who made Balaam's donkey talk.
3. Identify what Balaam did to Israel and why.
4. Identify God as the One always in control.

### Your child should be memorizing...

Numbers 20:12

“But the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron. He said, ‘You did not trust in Me....So you will not bring this community into the land I am giving them.’”

### Please read to your child...

- 1 Numbers 22:3-4, 9-12, 15, 20
- 2 Numbers 22:22-28, 31, 35
- 3 Numbers 22:37-38; Numbers 23:7-8, 10-12
- 4 Numbers 23:13, 18-20, 22-23
- 5 Numbers 23:27-28; Numbers 24:1-3, 10-11

## **Blessing, Instead of Cursing, Israel**

Balak, a wicked Moabite king, was afraid of all the Israelites because there were so many of them. King Balak sent money to a man named Balaam. King Balak wanted to pay Balaam to come and curse, or speak against, the Israelites.

When the king's messengers got to Balaam, he asked God what he should do. God told him not to go. King Balak sent more important messengers to ask Balaam again. Balaam really wanted the money, so he asked God again! God told Balaam to go ahead and go with the messengers, but Balaam had to say what God wanted him to say. If Balaam had trusted God and wanted to obey Him, he would have never asked God a second time if he should go to curse God's people.



**Why did King Balak want the Israelites to be cursed?**

**Did God want Balaam to go and curse the Israelites?**



On the way, Balaam's donkey saw an angel on the path, so the donkey went off the path. Balaam had not seen the angel. He hit the donkey and told her to get back on the path. Then the donkey was going between two walls and saw the angel again, so she pinched Balaam's leg up against one of the walls. Balaam hit her again.

The next time the donkey saw the angel, the donkey lay down and wouldn't move. When Balaam hit her again, the donkey turned around and started talking to him. Balaam must have been very surprised that a donkey was talking to him! But he knew that God was making the donkey talk.

**Who made Balaam's donkey talk?**

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Then the Lord let Balaam see the angel, too. Balaam told the angel that he would go back home, but the angel told him to go on to Moab. Balaam told King Balak that he could say only what God told him to say.

Balaam didn't curse the Israelites. No! He blessed them. And he didn't just bless them once. He blessed them three times. King Balak

**Did Balaam curse the Israelites as the king wanted him to?**

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**What *did* Balaam do?**

was angry with Balaam, but there was nothing he could do about it. God was in control. God made this world and all that is in it, so He is always in control.

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### Memory Verse:

Numbers 20:12

“But the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron. He said, ‘You did not trust in Me....So you will not bring this community into the land I am giving them.’”

What words go in the blanks in your memory verse below?

Numbers \_\_\_:12

“But the \_\_\_\_\_ spoke to \_\_\_\_\_ and Aaron. He said, ‘You did not \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ ....So you will \_\_\_\_\_ bring this community into the \_\_\_\_\_ I am \_\_\_\_\_ them.’”

## It's Time for Bible Facts



How many books are in the whole Bible? (66)

What does **John 3:16** say?

(“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”) NASB

On your **Bible map**, point to the **Red Sea**. Is it close to the **Jordan River**?