

“Bible Stories for Kids: Balaam’s Talking Donkey”

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- What** This scene depicts one of the silliest stories in the Bible involves a talking donkey, illustrating that God’s voice will be heard.
- Themes: God’s Voice, Obedience, Old Testament, Comedy
- Who** Narrator
Balaam
Donkey
Angel
- When** Bible times
- Wear (Props)** Narrator can be dressed in neutral modern clothes or in Biblical garb like the rest of the cast.
You’ll need to fashion or otherwise create/purchase a donkey costume. A headband with ears on top and nose with teeth hanging off that headband down the front between the eyes.
Angel costume with wings and halo if possible.
Scroll
Stool for Narrator
- Why** Numbers 22:21-35
- How** The Narrator speaks directly to the audience possibly seated on a stool.
- Time** Approximately 3 minutes

Narrator: The Bible is full of some pretty crazy stories. But the one I'm about to tell you is one of the craziest. Are you ready? It's a pretty silly one. There once was this King who didn't like this group of people, called the Israelites, very much.

Enter Balaam riding Donkey. Balaam holds up a scroll and is reading from it.

Narrator: God *loved* the Israelites very much. But this king sent for a man named Balaam to come to his city where he was king and put a curse on all the Israelites who were living nearby.

Balaam: *(reading scroll)* Dear Balaam, please come and curse the Israelites. I don't like them. I will give you lots of money to do this. Sincerely, the King.

Narrator: God didn't really want Balaam to go, but the King kept asking. So Balaam went.

Enter Angel who stands just a few feet off from Balaam and Donkey.

Narrator: But God was in control, that's for sure. Along the way an angel sent by God stood right in the way of Balaam and his donkey. Balaam couldn't see the angel, but his donkey sure could.

Donkey: *(rearing up a bit and moving backwards from the Angel)* Hee Haw! Hee Haw!

Balaam: *(angry)* What are you doing? Get going! *(he "kicks" his Donkey)*

Donkey: *(moving forward again but once again rearing when they get too close to the Angel and hee hawing louder this time)* Hee Haw! Hee Haw! Hee Haw!

Balaam: *(more angry and kicking harder this time)* Come on! We gotta get going! We're never going to get there if you keep doing this!

Donkey: *(moving forward again but rearing hard and frantically and loudly hee hawing, he bucks Balaam right off his back into the road.)* HEE HAW! HEE HAW! HEE HAW!

Balaam: *(having just been thrown off his Donkey, Balaam is super angry as he gets up and confronts his Donkey)* I...SAID...STOP IT! Now, GO!!!! *(Balaam pulls his arm back like he's going to strike the Donkey when suddenly...)*

Donkey: Stop being so mean to me! Can't you see that God sent an angel to block the road? Open your eyes, Balaam! For crying out loud!

A long pause as Balaam stands looking at Donkey in shock.

Balaam: *(absolutely flabbergasted that his Donkey is talking to him)* You're talking!

Donkey: Yeah. I'm talking.

Balaam: You're talking...and you're a donkey.

Donkey: Yeah, I'm talking and I'm a donkey. So?

Balaam: What the—?

Donkey: God just needs you to listen to Him! So he sent this angel, but you don't see it! And so he made it so I could talk. Y'know...God can be pretty persistent sometimes.

Balaam: This is crazy!

Donkey: Do you see the Angel now?

Balaam: *(looking past Donkey directly at the Angel who looks back and gives Balaam a little wave)* Oh yeah. I see him now. There you are. *(waves a small still in disbelief wave back)*

Angel: Sup?

Donkey: You really should have just listened to my Hee Haws and this wouldn't have been such a weird story. Now it's weird. It got real weird.

Balaam: So, now what...talking donkey?

Donkey: We'll go see the King, but you need to listen for what *God* has to say. So here it is: when we talk to the King tell him that God said you're only supposed to say what *He* wants you to say to the Israelites. None of this "cursing the Israelites" mumbo jumbo. God loves the Israelites. He doesn't want you to curse them. Instead, he wants you to say lots of good stuff about them and bless them! Got it?

Balaam: Got it.

Angel: You sure you got it?

Balaam: I got it!

Angel: Then go get it.

Donkey: Good. Uh, I mean... *(he's back to his old Donkey talking self)* Hee Haw! Hee Haw!

Balaam is riding Donkey again and they pass the Angel who lets them pass and waves "bye" to them as they EXIT.

The Angel watches them go a bit then talking up as though to heaven.

Angel: A talking donkey? *(to the audience)* This is a weird story.

Angel EXITS.

Narrator: That's one crazy story, right? God will be heard by whatever means necessary. So remember to listen and obey God. He loves you and knows what's best for you. *(moving to exit then turning back)* Oh, and keep an eye out of any more talking barnyard animals.

Lights out.

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