



Week 6: Numbers 22:12 (NIV) “ But God said to Balaam, “Do not go with them. You must not put a curse on those people, because they are blessed.”

Our new ornament is a picture of a donkey. This is a special donkey that sees an angel and even talks, as we’ll see in our story.

In last week’s story, the Israelites escaped from slavery in Egypt. Remember How God helped Moses open up the Red Sea so they could walk through? Now Moses is leading the people through the desert wilderness. God is directing them. A prince named Balak sees the Israelites camped nearby. They are a large group, and Balak is afraid of them because they are so many and so strong. So Balak summons a wise man named Balaam to put a curse on Moses and the Israelites to get rid of them. But instead, Balaam asks God what he should do. God tells Balaam not to curse the Israelites, because God is blessing them. So Balaam refuses to come and help Balak.

As you can imagine, this does not please Balak the prince. He orders Balaam to come at once. God tells Balaam to start toward Balak, but not to do anything until God tells him. So Balaam gets onto a donkey and starts out. Now an angel of God stands right in the road. Balaam can’t see the angel, but his donkey can. And Balaam’s donkey refuses to stay on the road.

Now they are on a path surrounded by vines. God’s angel stands in the way again. And again, only the donkey can see. The donkey refuses to pass. Now Balaam is getting pretty mad at his donkey. A third time, the angel stands in their way. This time, the donkey lays right down and won’t move.

Now Balaam is VERY mad at his donkey. Balaam threatens the donkey.

Suddenly, the donkey is able to talk. The donkey shows Balaam the angel of the Lord that is stopping them. The angel tells Balaam that his donkey has

saved his life. Balaam listens to God’s angel. He refuses to help Balak and sends seven messages from God to defend Moses and the Israelites.

Balaam and his donkey have helped God’s people continue safely on their journey to the land God has promised them.

### BALAAM’S DONKEY WORD SEARCH



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| ADVERSARY | GOD         | STAFF       |
| ANGEL     | LORD        | STANDING    |
| ANGER     | OBSTRUCTION | STRUCK      |
| BALAAM    | OPENED      | SWORD       |
| DONKEY    | PATH        | THREE TIMES |
| EYES      | ROAD        | VINEYARDS   |
| FIELD     | SERVANTS    | WALL        |
| FOOT      | SPOKE       |             |