



Unit 7, Session 3

Balaam and Balak

Numbers 22–24

Story Point: God commanded Balaam to bless His people.

The Israelites came to the edge of the promised land. They camped in the plains of Moab. Balak, the king of Moab, saw the Israelites and was afraid. King Balak sent his messengers to a man named Balaam. The king said, “Come and curse the Israelites so that I might be able to defeat them.”

When Balaam went with the king’s officials, God sent an angel to stop Balaam. Balaam could not see the angel, but his donkey could. Three times the angel stood in the way, and three times the donkey stopped. Balaam didn’t understand why the donkey was stopping. He hit the donkey with his stick, so God gave the donkey the ability to speak.

God then allowed Balaam to see the angel, and Balaam said, “I was wrong. I didn’t know you were trying to stop me. If you don’t think I should go, I’ll return home right now.”

The angel said, “It’s all right for you to go. But you must only say what I tell you.” Balaam told the king that God had blessed the Israelites. So Balaam blessed them too. In fact, he blessed them three times.

Before Balaam went home, he had a special message for the king. Balaam said that one day a powerful king would be born to the people of Israel. After Balaam had said these things, he went home.

Christ Connection: Balaam could not curse God’s people. God had blessed the Israelites, so Balaam blessed them too. Fourteen hundred years after Balaam announced God’s promise, Jesus was born. God sent Jesus to bless the whole world by rescuing people from sin.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Write or draw two ways you could bless someone this week:

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What special message did Balaam share about the future?

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APPLY the Story

- Why do you think King Balak wanted Balaam to curse the Israelites?
- How did God protect His people? What protection does God give us?
- How can we use our words for God's glory?

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APPLY the Story

- Find Proverbs 3:5-6 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking Him to help you honor Him and bless others with your words..

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 22:1-3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 12:14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 138:7 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 3:9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> James 3:9-10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 4:12 |