

The Angel of the Lord gave Bileam a very serious warning. He was only allowed to speak the words which God would tell him to say.

So king Balak and his men took Bileam to the top of a high mountain where they could see God's people camping in the desert. Bileam finally realized that what God says, is really true. He started speaking good things about God's people. King Balak was very unhappy and tried to persuade Balaam two more times to curse God's people. But Bileam finally realized that God's way of doing things is the best. At last he didn't use any magic. God's Spirit came on him and he blessed God's people.

Then he said to Balak :

"God is not like humans. He doesn't tell lies. He is not like humans. He doesn't change his mind. When He says something, he does it. When he makes a promise, he keeps it. God told me to bless His people. He has blessed them and I can't change it."

King Balak got very cross and didn't give Bileam the money and fame which he promised him. But it didn't worry Bileam anymore, because he realized that it is better to listen to God than to be bribed to do the wrong things.

I think Bileam had learned a very good lesson through his donkey, what do you think?



You can also read this story in the Bible in Numbers 22-24.

THE ANGEL AND THE DONKEY

Have you ever heard of an animal that can talk? Well we had a little dog called Sindi and when we had been away from home and come back, she is so excited to see us. She doesn't bark, she just makes sounds of excitement. It sounds just like she is saying "Hellow".



Well in the Bible there is a true story (actually all the stories in the Bible are true!) of a donkey that talked to his master and his master talked back! That's so strange! Let me tell you the story :

When God's people traveled through the desert, they had to fight with many enemies and God helped them to win. King Balak. heard about it and he got really scared of God's people. He sent his messengers with money to Bileam who was a magician. He asked Bileam to curse God's people. Bileam told them that God said that he is not allowed to curse God's people because He has blessed them.

When king Balak heard this, he sent more messengers to make Bileam, with lots more money to bribe him. King Balak really wanted to curse God's people. King Balak also promised that he w Bileam famous. Bailem liked what the king promised him more than listening to God. Even though God said no, he decided to go with king Balak anyway. He thought he could please God and please king Balak. This sounded good but it was still wrong. It made God's heart sad that Bileam didn't listen to Hiin the first time.

So Bileam got onto his donkey and went to king Balak. On the way God sent a huge Angel with a sword to stop Bileam from going on. But only the donkey saw the angel and tried to stop, but every time Bileam got so cross that he hit his donkey with a stick!

It happened three times. All Bileam was thinking of was all the money and fame he was going to get from king Balak. Then God let the donkey speak to Bileam in a human voice :

"What have I done to you that you have hit me three times?"



Bileam was SO surprised and before he could help himself, he had answered the donkey :

"It's because you made a fool of me. If I had a sword in my hand, I would have killed you!"

And then the donkey spoke to him again :

"I have been your faithful donkey all your life. Have I ever done this to you before?"

"No." said Bileam.

Only then did Bileam see the huge Angel standing in front of him in the road! The Angel drew his sword. This was very, very serious.

Bileam fell down on his knees and bowed down before the Angel.



The Angel spoke to Bileam :

"Why did you hit your donkey three times? I have come to stop you because you are still not listening to Me. Your donkey saw me and if she didn't turn away three times, I could have killed you and let your donkey live."

Bileam realized that it was wrong to hit his donkey but he still wanted the money and fame which king Balak promised.

