

There once was a greedy man called Balaam. The wicked king of Moab sent for Balaam and promised him money if he would curse God's people. God talked to Balaam and told him not to go to the king, and not to curse His people. Once again the king sent princes to fetch Balaam. God was angry because Balaam's heart was filled with greed and so God let him go to the king.



On the way, Balaam's donkey saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the road holding a sword. The poor donkey turned away.

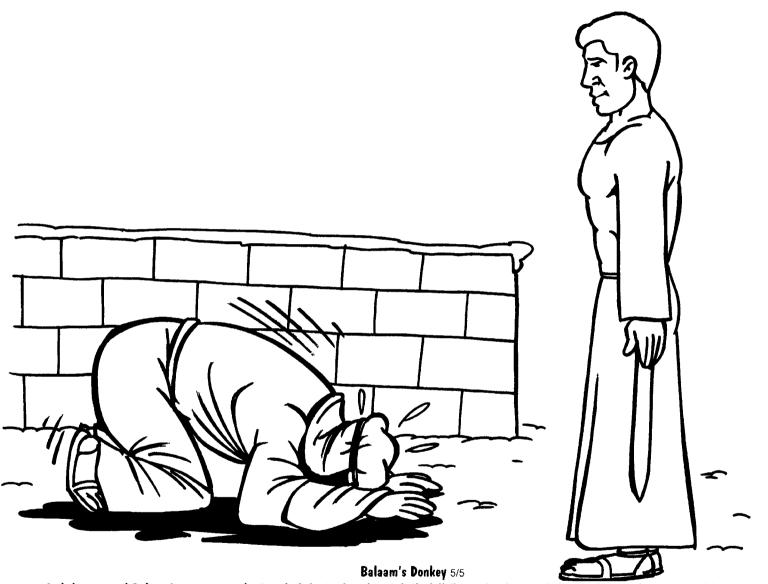


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Balaam never saw the angel. He beat and turned his donkey back into the way. The donkey fell down and Balaam beat the poor donkey again.



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Suddenly God let the donkey speak . "Why are you beating me?" the donkey asked. "Because you have made a fool out of me", replied Balaam.



God then opened Balaam's eyes to see the Angel of the Lord in the road. He fell flat on his face. God then spoke to Balaam and told him to go the king and to bless God's people instead of cursing them. Balaam got a big fright and did as God commanded him.