



BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 16

BALAAM (NUMBERS 22)

Scripture: Numbers 22:21-41

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Popsicle sticks, crayons/markers, printouts at the end of the lesson, tape

Ask:

- Last week, we talked about how the Israelites followed the pillar of cloud and fire. They were wandering in the desert.
- Does anyone remember what they ate? (Manna and quail)
- The Israelites weren't allowed to enter the Promised Land right away because they disobeyed God and grumbled at him.
- Does anyone know how long they had to stay in the desert? (40 years)
- Our story today takes place near the end of that wandering in the desert.

Summarize:

King Balak of Moab saw how the Israelites were successful in defeating many nearby armies and he felt afraid. So he called for a man named Balaam in order to place a curse on them.

God spoke to Balaam and told him not to curse his people because He had blessed them. But Balaam went anyway, seeking the money they brought.

Read: Numbers 22:21-41

Activity:

Have the kids color the print outs and make their own stick puppets with popsicle sticks. When they are finished, have them reenact the story, helping them with the main points if they need it.

Explain:

After Balaam makes it to Balak, he says he can only speak what God puts in his mouth. He ends up blessing the Israelites instead of cursing them! God is bigger than Kings and riches and the schemes of people. And his protection over his people is strong.

Play a Game:

Let's use our words to bless others today. We're going to play a compliment game.

Sit in a circle and draw a card. Read the card, have the kids follow the instructions. After they have done this, have them move around and play again.

Explain to your kids that they need to give a genuine compliment. Even if you don't know the person very well, you can think of something good about them.

This week, try to use your words for kindness and blessings to others.

Comic Book Bibles:

Have the kids draw the story of Balaam and the donkey. Save it to add to their Comic Book Bibles.

Memorize: Numbers 22:31

Close in Prayer



**Compliment the
person across
from you.**

**Compliment the
person on your
left.**

**Compliment the
person 3 people
away.**

**Compliment the
person on your
right.**

Stick Puppet Coloring Pages



