



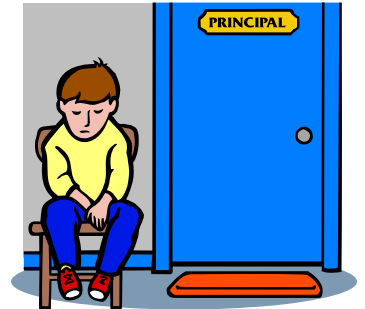
Choose a good reputation over great riches.

Proverbs 22:1_{NLT}

Balaam's Donkey

Sabbath

Do you listen when Mum or Dad or teacher says **no**? When they tell you it is the **next persons turn**, or that you **cannot have** what you want, or go **where you want to**? Do you listen when they ask you to **help** do something? Your **parents and teachers** are there to make sure you and the people around you **are safe**; to make sure that you **learn to do what is right**, and to grow to be a **responsible adult**.



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A R E S P O N S I B L E T I A
V E A N E E G A T I E V E N N
E G C A R I G H T T A D U L T
P I H V S E N E U G R O A T I
A R E V O E N E R G N E X T A
R T R I N O V E N N E G A O T
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N E G A T I H V E Y N E W G W
T A T H I C A N N O T V H E H
S A F E N E V G A U T I E V A
E N N L E G E A T I V E R N T
E D G P A T I V E N E G E A T

Have you ever begged for something until you got it?

Sunday

When the people of Moab saw the Israelites camped near their country they were scared. King Balak sent a message to Balaam, a prophet of God, saying, "Please come, I will pay you to curse these people for me because they are too powerful for me, then maybe we will be able to force them from our land."

Balaam knew the Israelites were God's people, and that God would not want him to curse them, but he asked the messengers to say the night. That night God spoke to Balaam and said, "Do not go with them; you are not to curse these people, because I have blessed them!"

The next morning Balaam told the officials, "Go on home! God will not let me go with you."

Then King Balak sent more officials and promised to pay very well.

Balaam said, "Stay here tonight and I will ask God again."

That night God came to Balaam and told him, "You may go with them; but you must only say what I tell you to say."

The next morning Balaam saddled his donkey and started off; maybe he was thinking of the money he might get paid. Suddenly his donkey ran off the road into a field; the donkey had seen an angel standing in the road with a sword in his hand. Balaam couldn't see the angel, so he hit his donkey and turned it back onto the road.

Then the angel stood at a place where the road narrowed between two walls; the donkey squeezed past and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall. Finally, the angel stood in a place too narrow for the donkey to get by, so the donkey lay down. Balaam was very angry and kept hitting the poor donkey until the donkey started talking. It said, "Why did you hit me?"

"You have made me look like a fool in front of the officials!" Balaam shouted, "If I had a sword, I would kill you!"

All of a sudden, Balaam was able to see the angel.

Balaam said, "I have sinned, I will go home now."

The angel told Balaam to go with the officials, but when King Balak asked him to curse Israel, he couldn't, and blessed them instead.

Friday

If the High Priest sinned he had to sacrifice a bull as a sin offering. If one of the Israelite leaders sinned, they must bring a male goat to be sacrificed for their sin offering. Anyone other Israelite, was bring a female goat or sheep, or if they couldn't afford that, then two turtledoves or pigeons, or some flour. And as the blood from the sacrificed animal was placed on the horns of the altar, the Israelite knew that their sins had been placed with it and they were forgiven.

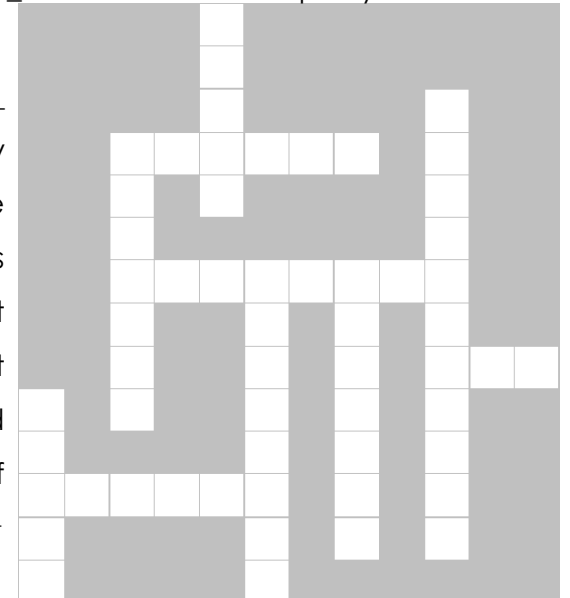
The sacrificial system ended with the death of Jesus. Now we can come directly to God.

Here are some key verses. Use the NIV or NLT Bible to find the missing words and then fit them into the grid.

1 John 2:1 " My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does _ _ _ , we have an advocate with the Father - _ _ _ _ _ , the Righteous One." NIV

1 John 1:9 "If we _ _ _ _ _ our sins, He is _ _ _ _ _ and just and will _ _ _ _ _ us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." NIV

Psalms 139:23 " _ _ _ _ _
me, O God, and know
my _ _ _ _ _ ; test me
and know my anxious
_ _ _ _ _ . Point out
anything in me that
offends you, and lead
me along the path of
_ _ _ _ _ life. NLT



Thursday

Did Balaam understand when the Donkey tried to do the right thing?

Do you listen when your friends tell you to do the right thing?

Proverbs 12:26^{NLT} says that people who follow God will...

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And even more important than this is setting a good example for you friends. Find the words from Proverbs 20:1^{NLT}.

Even children are known by the way they act, whether their conduct is pure, and whether it is right.

I N C L U E N C A E E X A M
P L E L E A D I C N C L U E
N C E E X W H E T H E R A M
P L E L C H I L D R E N E A
D I N C O E V E N A N D L U
K N O W N T H E I R I G H T
E N C A D H E I S E T E X H
A M B Y U E P L E L P U R E
E A D I C R N C L U E N C Y
E E X A T H E M P L E L E A

Monday

Unfortunately, the story of Balaam doesn't end there. Balaam didn't repent of his greed and spend the rest of his life serving God. Instead, it appears that Balaam left the service of God, and came up with another plan for Balak, so that Israel would be cursed.

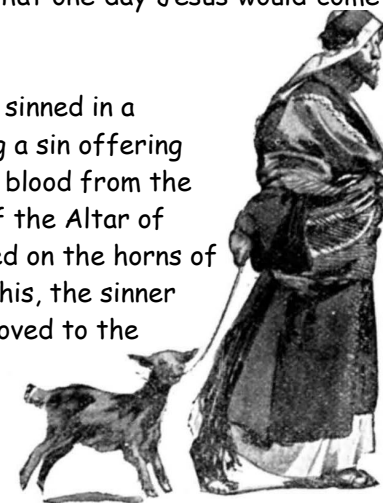
In Revelation 2:14, the angel told John to write to the church in Pergamum, telling them that they had people there who were following the teaching of Balaam. The angel mentions that Balaam showed Balak how to trick the people of Israel, causing them to sin by luring them with food offered to idols and with beautiful, idol-worshipping, women. Jude 1:11 says Balaam, deceived people for money.

The death of Balaam is recorded in Joshua 13:22 when the Israelites were clearing the Promised Land of idol worshipers, and unlike the beginning of the story of Balaam where he talked to God, it says he used magic to tell the future. ^{NLT}

Sin, whether it be greed, like Balaam, or any other sin is a big deal, and the services of the Sanctuary were designed to help the Israelites understand this.

Every morning and every evening the priests would sacrifice a lamb as a burnt offering, reminding the people that one day Jesus would come to die for sin.

When a person released that they had sinned in a particular way, then they were to bring a sin offering for themselves to the Sanctuary. The blood from the sin offering was placed on the horns of the Altar of Sacrifice in the courtyard and sprinkled on the horns of the Altar of Incense inside and from this, the sinner understood that their sins had been moved to the Sanctuary and they were forgiven.



Tuesday

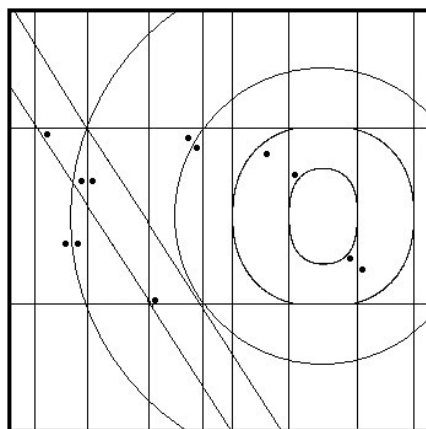
Did God want Balaam to go?

YES / NO

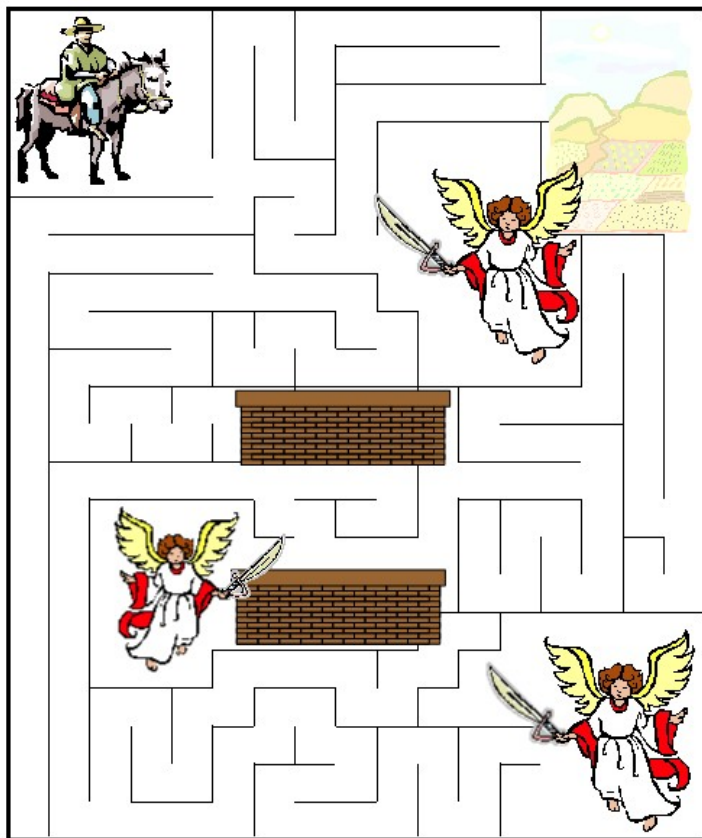
Did Balaam want to obey God?

YES / NO

Colour the shapes with a dot to see if you answered correctly.



Find the way that Balaam and his donkey went until they stopped the third time the angel came.



Wednesday

Balaam failed to gain a reward by cursing Israel because God was protecting them, so he turned to the only method that could work – convincing Israel to leave God's protection.

Use a NIV or NLT Bible to fill in the missing words from Deuteronomy 28:1, 8-9, 14, 45-48^{NLT} to solve the crossword.

If you _____ (10a) _____ (3a) the _____ (11d) your God and _____ (8d) keep all His commands that I am giving you today... ⁸The LORD will guarantee a _____ (4d) on everything you do and will fill your storehouses with grain. The LORD your God will bless you in the land He is giving you. If you obey the commands of the LORD your God and walk in His ways, the LORD will establish you as His _____ (1d) people... ¹⁴You must not turn away from any of the _____ (5d) I am giving you today, nor follow after other _____ (2a) and worship them.

⁴⁵If you refuse to listen to the LORD your God and to obey the commands and decrees He has given you, all these _____ (8a) will pursue and overtake you until you are _____ (7a). These horrors will serve as a _____ (9d) and warning among you and your _____ (4d) forever.

If you do not serve the LORD your God with joy and enthusiasm for the abundant benefits you have received, you will serve your enemies...

