Lesson Plan

Balaam's Donkey

THE SERIES: Standing Strong
THE POINT: God speaks to us
BIBLE STORY: Balaam' s Donkey || Numbers 22:21–35
AGE: Prep - Grade 2

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Children will learn that God spoke to Balaam through an unexpected way.
- They will understand that God can speak to guide people.
- They will learn that we should listen when God shows us the right way to go.

BIBLE CONTEXT

The story of Balaam' s donkey is found in Numbers chapter 22. Balaam was travelling on a donkey to meet a king who wanted him to speak against God' s people. As Balaam travelled along the road, an angel of the Lord stood in the path to stop him. Balaam could not see the angel, but the donkey could. The donkey stopped walking and tried to move away from the danger. Balaam became angry and hit the donkey. Then God did something amazing. God allowed the donkey to speak and ask Balaam why he was hitting her. At that moment, God opened Balaam' s eyes and he saw the angel standing in the road.
God used the donkey to warn Balaam and help him understand that he needed to listen to God.

SERIES MEMORY VERSE

"But the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action." — Daniel 11:32b

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Lord, show me your ways. Teach me how to live your way." — Psalm 25:4–5

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Place simple arrows or paper footprints on the floor around the room to create a path.
Have the children follow the path around the room together.
Each time they reach a new arrow, stop and say the next part of the verse together.

Leader:
"Lord, show me your ways."

Children repeat.

Leader:
"Teach me how to live your way."

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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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START THE CONVERSATION

- Have you ever tried to tell someone something important, but they didn't listen?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Balaam could not see the angel, but the donkey could. What did the donkey do to try to protect Balaam?
- God used the donkey to help Balaam understand something important. What does this story show us about how God can speak to people?
- Sometimes God speaks through the Bible, through other people, or through wise advice. How can we learn to listen when God is guiding us?

PERSONAL LIFE APPLICATION

Balaam was travelling the wrong way, but God cared about him and wanted to stop him. God used an unusual way to get Balaam's attention so he could understand what was happening. Today, God helps guide us in many ways. We can learn about God's ways by reading the Bible, listening to wise people, and praying. When we ask God to show us the right path and help us listen, He can guide us in the way we should go.

GAME

You can find a list of small group games at https://lmnetwork.com.au/small-group-games/

PRAY

Go around the class asking your kids if there is anything they would like prayer for. Ask if anyone would like to pray for each other, and give them the opportunity to. If not, then pray for the needs as the teacher / facilitator. Take note of any prayer requests to be passed onto your child's support network.

This weeks prayer example:

Dear God,

Thank You that You guide us and show us the right way to live. Help us listen when You teach us and lead us.

Amen

Lesson WRAP-UP

Take photos of any art or creations created by your children that they would like to share with The Link Show. Images can be submitted to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au

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CRAFT

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Supplies Needed

- Donkey finger puppet craft
- Colouring materials
- scissors

STEPS

- Colour the donkey craft
- Cut out the outline, and the space for your fingers to go through.

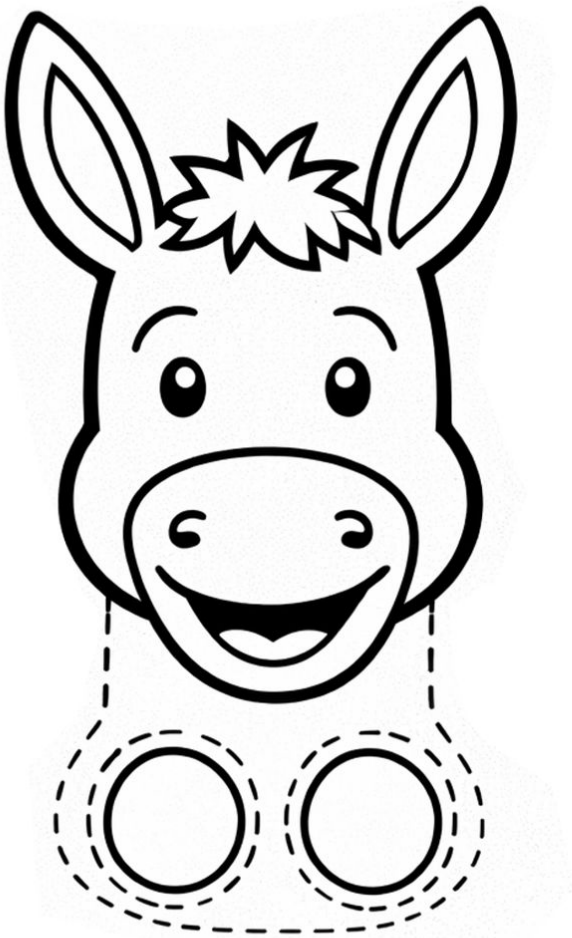
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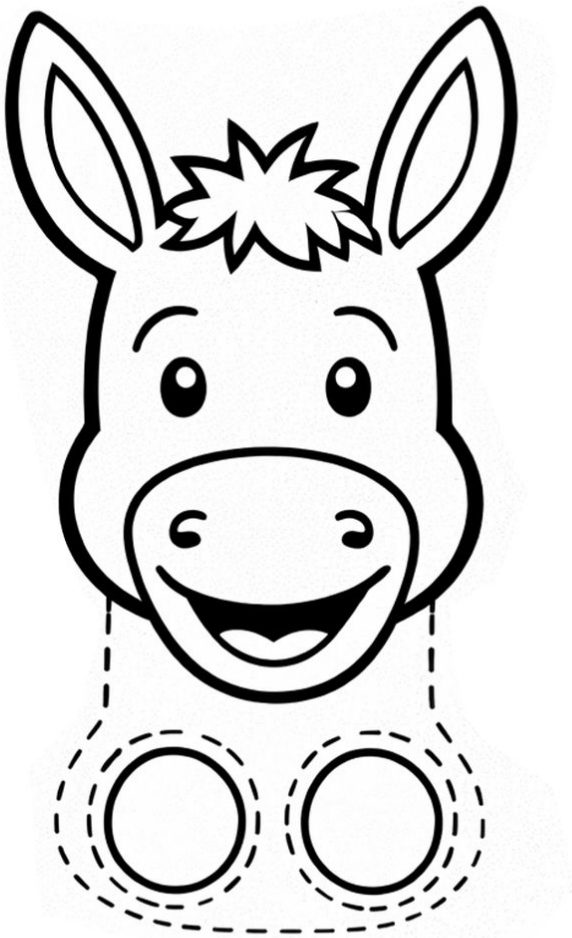
- Take a photo of your students crafts (Without the students face or identifying features) and email to thelinkshow@lmnetwork.com.au

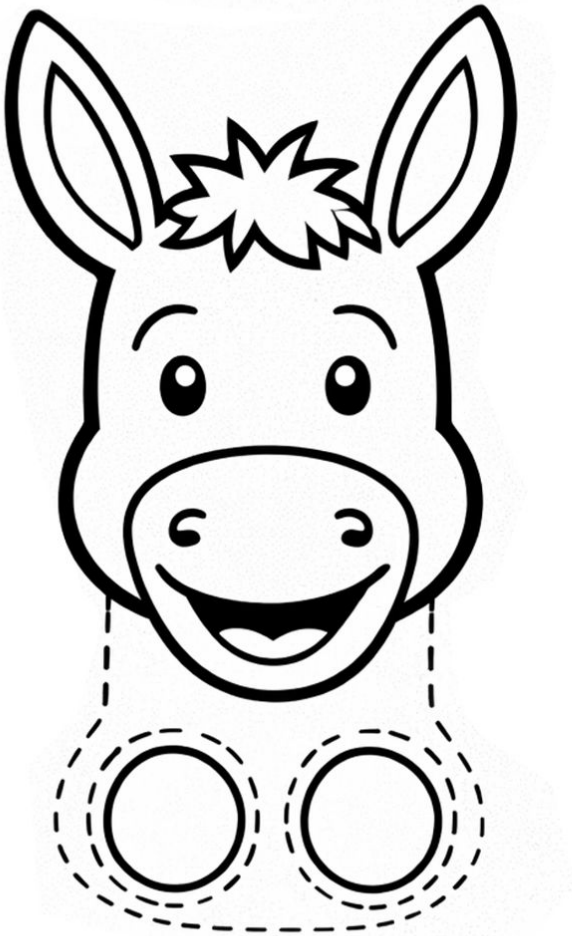


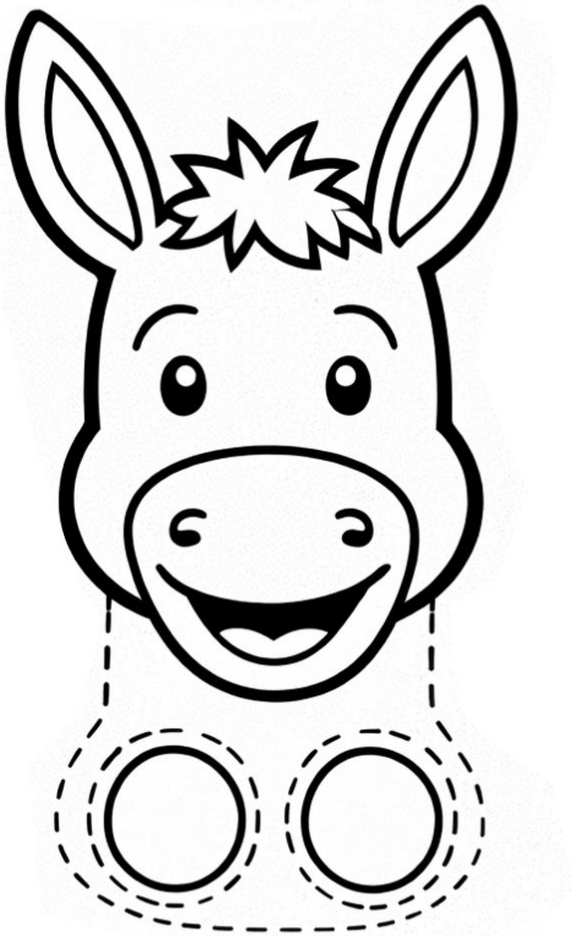


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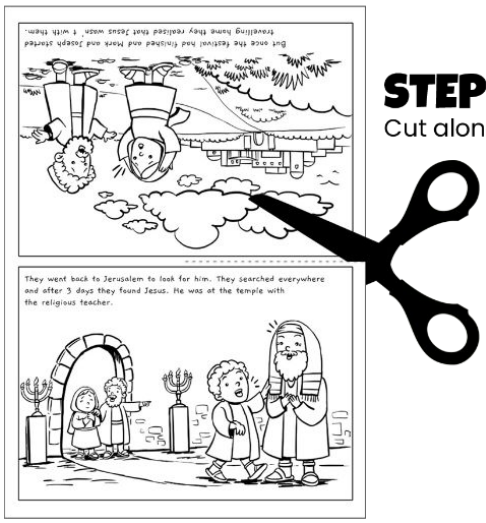
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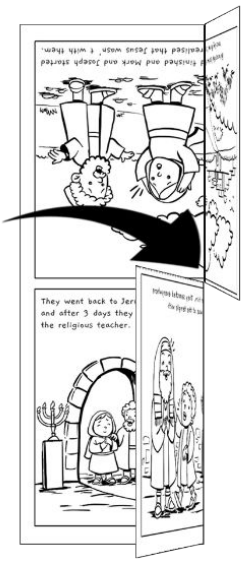
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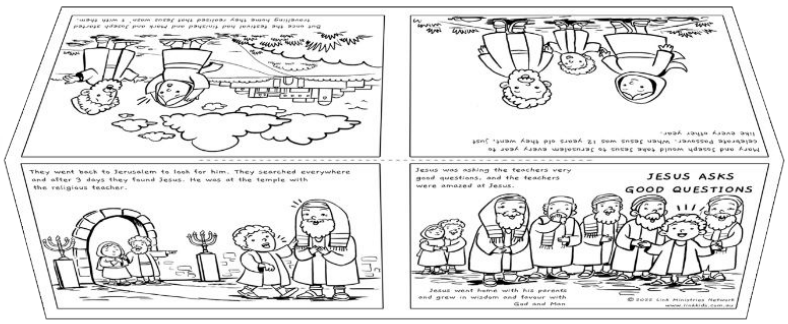
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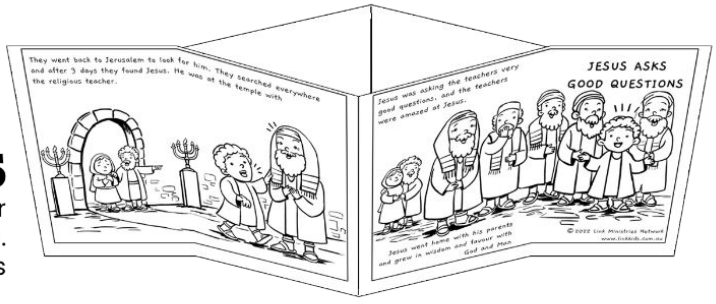
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STEP 4

Open page, then fold along the long edge



STEP 5

Push the short edges towards each other allowing the centre cut to open like a diamong. Continue unil the diamond becomes pages

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