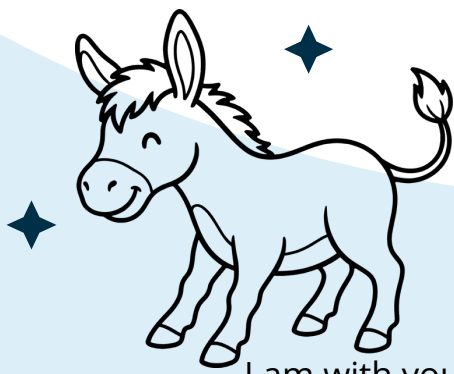




Ebi's

Story time

I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you
- Genesis 28:15

David: Hi Ebi, good to see you.

Ebi: Oh David, so nice to meet you again. I can't wait to hear another one of your interesting stories.

David: Well, today I have a very special story. Have you ever heard of a donkey that can speak?

Ebi: A donkey that can speak?! No, I have never heard a donkey speaking.

David: Well, in the Bible there is the story of a donkey that could speak. There was a prophet whose name was Balaam. He was a very good prophet and people knew that when he prophesied, what he said would really happen. But king Balak of Moab was not a good man. He wanted to curse the Israelites, so he sent some of his men to pay Balaam to come to Moab in order to curse God's people.

But the Israelites are God's people, so God told Balaam not to go because the Israelites were blessed and he couldn't curse them. But when Balak sent his men the second time, Balaam got on his donkey and started to travel to Moab. God had to make a plan to stop him.

Ebi: I can't wait to hear what plan God made to stop Balaam.

David: On his way to Moab, an Angel of the Lord appeared on the road in front of the donkey and she was the only one that could see the angel. She got a fright and ran into the field. Balaam hit her because he thought the donkey was just being naughty.





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David: But the Angel appeared in front of the donkey again and this made the donkey panic, crushing Balaam's foot against a wall. You can imagine that Balaam wasn't very happy. He hit the donkey again! When the angel stood in front of her a third time, the donkey simply lay down in shock. Balaam hit the donkey with a stick that time!

Ebi: Oh no, that was not very kind of Balaam.

David: You are right. That was not a good thing to do. We should not treat our animals in such a bad way. This is when the Lord opened the donkey's mouth so that she could speak. She said, 'What have I done to you that you have beaten me three times now?'

God used the donkey to open Balaam's eyes about the people of Israel – that he should not curse them, but bless them because they are God's special people.

Ebi: He must have had a big fright.

David: Yes, God used a donkey to show Balaam how much He loves Israel. Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes so that he could also see the Angel of the Lord, who told him to go to Moab and bless Israel there. Balak was not very happy when Balaam blessed the Israelites instead of cursing them. But Balaam said: 'How can I curse whom God has already blessed.'

You see Ebi, this is also a lesson for us that we must not curse Israel and the Jews. We must bless them. Because if we curse them or do bad things to them, bad things will also happen to us. But if we bless them, God will also bless us.

Ebi: I remember you told me about the war in Israel because some people don't like the Jews. So why do the Jews still live in Israel if it is not safe?



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David: Israel is the land that God has promised to the Jews forever. He wants them to move to Israel and live there because He will protect them there. Even if there are people who don't like it that they are in Israel, remember God blessed them and if people curse them, then those people will also be cursed. But the Jews must be faithful to God and still live in the country He has given them. Remember God also wants all of us to be faithful and sometimes we have to do things we don't like.

Ebi: So is that why so many Jews move to Israel?

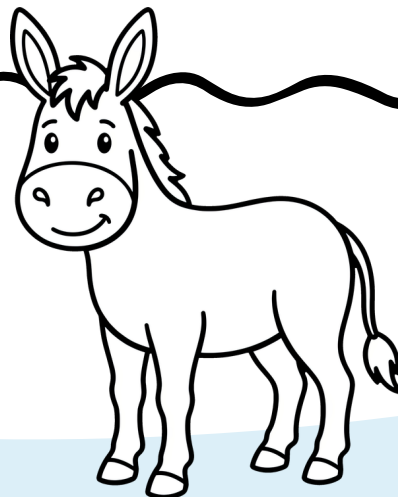
David: Yes Ebi. And when Jews go and live in Israel, they say they are making Aliyah. That is the Hebrew word they use to say they are moving to Israel.

Ebi: Thank you very much David. I have learned so much today. I hope to see you again soon.

David: See you soon Ebi.

Let's Pray

Lord, will You please help us always to be faithful to You. If You could use a donkey, I know that You can also use me. I want to hear Your voice and do what You want me to do. I want to bless the Jews and never curse them because You have already blessed them. Amen.



Ebi's

Colouring In



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Worksheet

Instructions

Setup

1. Hang the Poster: Colour in, cut out and tape the picture of the tailless donkey on the wall at the players' waist/eye level.
2. Prepare the Tails: Trace lots of tails on a plain sheet of paper. Cut out and give each player a tail with tape, sticky tack, or a pin on the back.
3. Mark Tails: Have players colour in their tails and write their names on to identify them later.

How to Play

1. Blindfold: Blindfold the first player.
2. Spin: Spin the player around one to three times to disorient them slightly.
3. Direct: Point the player toward the donkey poster.
4. Pin: The player attempts to stick the tail onto the correct spot on the poster.
5. Mark & Repeat: Mark the spot with the player's name, remove the blindfold, and let the next player go.
6. Winner: The person who places their tail closest to the target spot wins.

Tips

1. Spectators can shout "hot" or "cold" to guide the blindfolded player

