

Then God made the donkey speak:  
"Why did you hit me?  
Haven't I always been faithful to you?"

God now opened Balaam's eyes  
and he saw the angel with a sword.

Balaam realized that the donkey had saved his life.

The angel then told Balaam to continue his journey  
but to say to the king only what God said to say.

Dear God, please stop people from being cruel to animals

## Chapters 23, 24

When Balaam came to the king of Moab,  
the king again tried to get Balaam to curse the Israelites.

But Balaam followed God's words and said:  
"How can I curse people that God does not curse?"

These people are specially blessed by God.  
How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob.  
How lovely are your dwellings, O Israel.

From you will come a mighty one  
who will reign over countless peoples.  
A star from Jacob will be leader."

Dear God, please bless the Jewish people  
with peace and love