

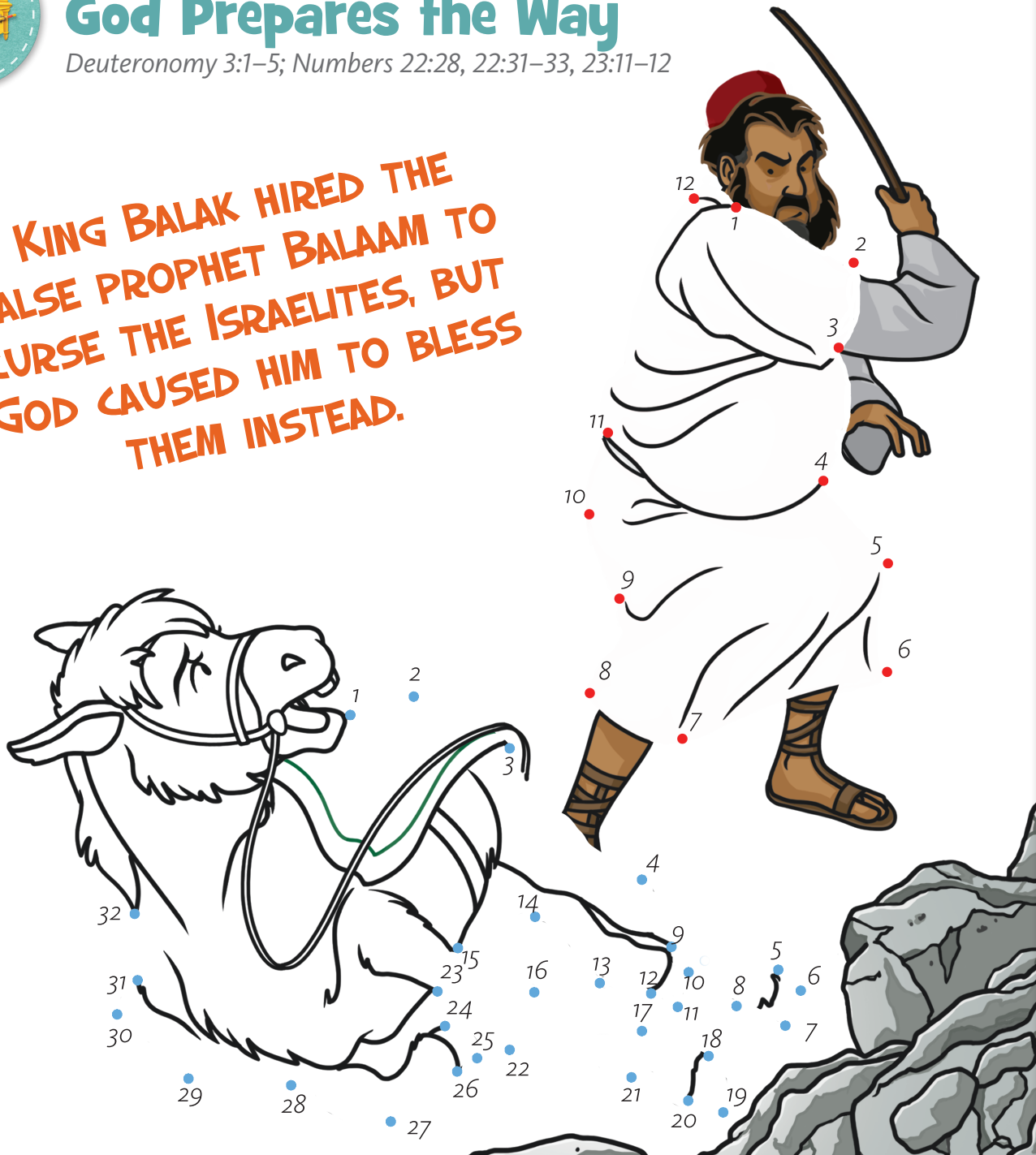


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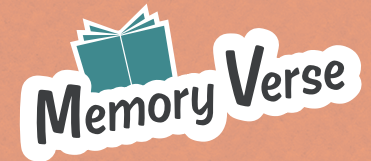
God Prepares the Way

Deuteronomy 3:1-5; Numbers 22:28, 22:31-33, 23:11-12

**KING BALAK HIRED THE
FALSE PROPHET BALAAM TO
CURSE THE ISRAELITES, BUT
GOD CAUSED HIM TO BLESS
THEM INSTEAD.**



Name _____



Circle the correct words
then say the verse out loud.

Know therefore that

_____ **LORD** your
(my **OR** the)

God is _____, the
(God **OR** mighty)
faithful God who keeps

covenant and _____
(eternal **OR** steadfast)
love with those who

love him and _____
(read **OR** keep)
his commandments, to
a thousand generations.

(Proverbs **OR** Deuteronomy)

7:9

What You Heard *In the Word*

- God gave the Israelites victories over two powerful Amorite kings, Sihon and Og, and the Israelites took over their lands and cities.
- King Balak hired Balaam (a false prophet) to curse the Israelites, but God caused him to bless them instead.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose a friend hears the account of Balaam and his donkey at church. He says to you after, "Do you believe that story? Animals can't talk!" **What would you say to him?**

The Bible isn't a collection of stories; it is the true historical Word of God. It records real things that happened to real people. When we understand who God is, it isn't surprising at all that he could make an animal talk. God is our Creator, and he made animals, too! God did many miracles for the Israelites during their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. He sent ten plagues on Egypt, including controlling large numbers of frogs and insects to invade the land. He parted the Red Sea so his people could pass through on dry ground. He provided manna and quail so the people could eat. Compared to these miracles, opening the mouth of a donkey so she could talk to Balaam was a small thing for God.

Justin & Jessie

"Wait a minute!" Justin jumped up. "I just remembered, our Sunday school teacher said she's going to tell us about a talking donkey."

"What? No way. I'll bet she was just joking."

"Why don't you come to church with us and find out for yourself?" asked Justin.



Matt wants to go to church with Justin, but his mom won't let him. What can they do? Will God intervene? Find out what happens in "Talking Dogs & Donkeys."

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