

Teacher's Lesson Flow: Balak (Balak) בלק

Numbers 22:2-25:9 ~ Micah 5:6-6:8 ~ John 13-14

Life Verse Practice: Micah 6:8 (NKJV)

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But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

5.

Reinforcing the WORD to Build "Banah" lives

- a. Quickly review Prayer and Praise Words to Thank YHVH God.
- b. Review Life Verse: John 11:25
- c. Review Hebrew letters and vocabulary.
- d. Have you ever heard God speak?
- e. Have you ever done what you knew God did not want you to do?
- f. Is Yeshua/Jesus the ruler of your heart?
- g. How can you humble yourself this week and help someone else as your King Has shown?

4.

New Testament "B'rit Chadashah"

- a. Yeshua (Jesus) came and was Messiah – John 17:3
- b. Yeshua (Jesus) our ruler taught humility – John 13:14-15,17

The Blessing
of a
King/Messiah
Who Shows
Us Humility

1.

Start Here

PRAISE "Hallel"

- a. Practice Prayer and Praise Words to the Lord including the Fruit of the Spirit Definition and Hebrew Praise Word.
- b. Life Verse Practice
- c. Hebrew Writing Practice
- d. Read Story

Children's work pages begin here!

2.

God's Teachings / "Torah"

- a. Fear of Israel in Balak - Numbers 22:1-11
- b. Sending of messengers - Numbers 20:3-6
- c. A conversation with God - Numbers 22:12-20
- d. Balaam's journey - Numbers 22:22-30
- e. An angel of the Lord - Numbers 22:31-33
- f. Balaam blessing Israel - Numbers 23:6-11,18-24; 24:3-9
- g. The promise of a King - Numbers 24:15-19

3.

Prophets/Writings "Haftarah"

- a. The promise of a Messiah ruler - Micah 5:2b

Teacher's Special Instructions

We start with a lesson on the Hebrew language. We will both write and speak Hebrew.

We do this for two reasons:

- 1) All students are at the same level in learning a new language, and they enjoy it.
- 2) It gives the students a chance to learn biblical truths embedded in the original language of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). Start by pointing out they are used to reading from left to right, but Hebrew reads from right to left. They also will need to write Hebrew from right to left.

Materials and Vocabulary:

- a. White board, black board or large easel and paper
- b. Markers
- c. Handouts or writing paper for the students
- d. Pens or pencils for the students
- e. The words used on their Hebrew writing pages are all words that are related to each individual lesson. Generally, a Hebrew word is chosen from the lesson and emphasized each week, both to teach character and increase understanding of the concepts being taught. New words will be in the box on the upper right of this page. Various names of God will also be taught in Hebrew.

New Hebrew words transliterated

Balak (Balak)

Sheyvett (Scepter or staff)

Chatat (Sin Offering)

Preparation:

- a. Choose 2 or 3 Hebrew words from the Hebrew writing page(s). On the board, write the words in English and in the transliterated form given in the left column of the Hebrew writing page(s).
- b. Leave space to write the word in Hebrew.
- c. Explain that the letters they see on the page are written in book print like they might see on a sign, or that they would print themselves.

Procedure:

- a. Demonstrate the writing procedure of two or three Hebrew words on the board. Have the students follow your directions on their work pages. Be sure to point out the special features of each letter.
- b. Then have the students try a few words on their own, or complete the rest of the page. The ability to finish the whole exercise will depend on how much time you have. (2 to 5 minutes time is needed to finish the page.)

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Games/Activities: Normally games are played after children's work pages are complete.

Prayer and Praise Words

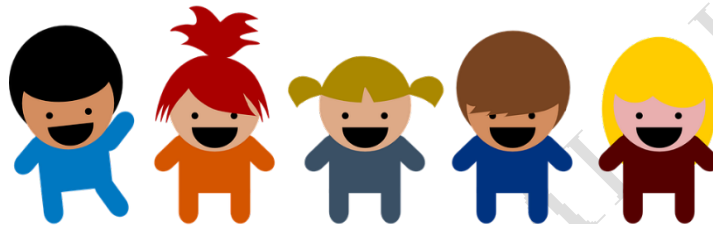
(Thank you ...Bless you...)

PATIENCE: I THANK YOU LORD FOR THE ABILITY TO NOT BE IN A HURRY TO HAVE MY OWN WAY BECAUSE YOUR HOLY SPIRIT HELPS ME WAIT.

1. Let's thank God for one thing He has blessed you with this week.

Write your thank you here:

PRAISE is a way to THANK GOD for HIS Goodness to us and others.

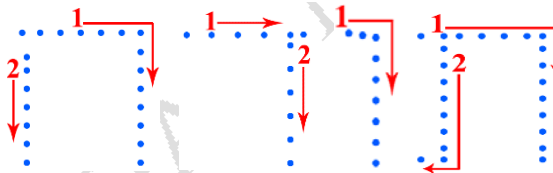


Hey

Dalet

Vav

Tav



Praise word: Towdah

EXPRESS Adoration

Towdah means "an extension of the hand in adoration, affirmation or acceptance".

Psalm 100:1, 100:4 (NKJV)

¹ Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

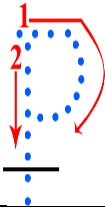

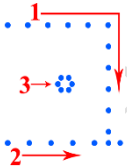
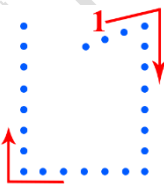
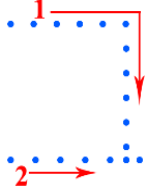
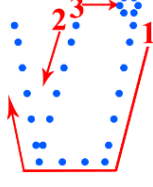
⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise.

Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.

Life Verse: Micah 6:8 (NKJV)

⁸ He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

The blessing of a King/Messiah who shows us humility

Hebrew/English	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> ← Write and read Hebrew from right to left. ← Start here </div>		
BALAK (Balak)	<div style="text-align: center;"> Koof  </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> Lamed  </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> Beit  </div>
Practice Writing			
SHEYVET (Scepter or Staff)	<div style="text-align: center;"> Tet  </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> Veit  </div>	<div style="text-align: center;"> Sheen  </div>
Practice Writing			
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Balak – Balak! בלק

Numbers 22:2 – 25:9; Micah 5:6-6:8; John 13-14

Have you ever heard a donkey talk? Listen to our Torah Portion today, and you will learn about a donkey that really did talk!



Now the children of Israel moved and camped in Moab across from Jericho. Balak, the king of the Moabites and the people of Moab were terrified of Israel because of Israel's victory over the Ammonites. Balak also said, This people came from Egypt and they cover the earth! There were a lot of Israelites and Balak was so afraid of them! So Balak sent a message to Balaam asking him to curse – speak bad things – over the Israelites. He wanted them driven out of his land. Balaam said that he would

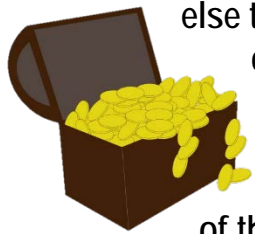
seek God about doing this. (Numbers 22:1-11)

God said – Don't go with these people and don't curse Israel, for they are blessed. This time, Balaam did what God told him to do. So Balak the king sent more important men telling Balaam that if he would come and talk, the king would honor him and give him whatever he wanted! Again, Balaam said, No, but he asked the men bringing the message to stay the night and find out what



else the LORD would say. And God came to Balaam at night and said, If the men come to call you rise and go with them, but only speak what I tell you! So

Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey and went with the princes of Moab. (Numbers 22:12-21)



God was angry with Balaam for going, and the Angel of the LORD stood in his way, and the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD standing with His sword drawn. Turning, the donkey went into the field, but Balaam hit the donkey and made it go back to the road. (Numbers 22:22-23)

Then the Angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between two walls so the donkey, seeing the Angel of the LORD pushed against one wall and crushed Balaam's foot. Balaam hit her again! (Numbers 22:24-25)





Finally, the Angel of the LORD stood where Balaam couldn't pass or turn, and the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD and she laid down with Balaam on her back. This aroused Balaam's anger, and he hit her with his staff.

Now the Lord caused the donkey to speak and she said, What have I done that you hit me 3 times? Balaam replied if I had a sword, I would kill you.

The donkey said,

Have I ever given you a reason to be angry? And Balaam answered, No! (Numbers 22:2-30)

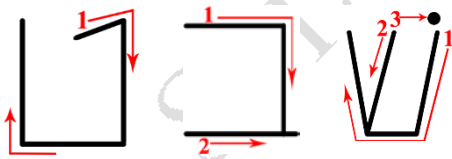
Then the Lord open Balaam's eyes and he fell flat on his face. The Angel of the LORD asked, Why did you hit your donkey three times? I am standing against you for you are doing wrong. If your donkey had not turned aside, I would have killed you! (Numbers 22:31-33)

Balaam said, I have sinned, so I will turn back if you are displeased. But Balaam did not turn back instead he went, and he spoke God's words about Israel 4 different times – each time blessing Israel, saying, Israel is as strong as an ox who would devour his enemies. He also sees the Messiah coming saying, I see Him but not now... A Star shall come out of Jacob, a scepter shall rise out of Israel... (Numbers 24:8-17)

The prophet Micah also prophesied about the Messiah saying... out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be ruler of Israel. (Micah 5:2b) Did Balaam say the Messiah would be a ruler?

Yes – because a ruler always has a scepter!

In Hebrew the word for scepter or staff is sheyvett



(tet

veit

sheen) - Taking the ancient meanings of the letters this word can

mean – the One with the scepter would destroy the house of the snake that devours life!



And Messiah did come just as God's Word said. His name is Yeshua. Though He is God and will rule forever, He taught us by His example. One night He taught the disciples humility, and – as God – He washed their feet! He said that we should wash each other's feet because He has given us the example by doing this Himself. (John 13:14-17) Was Yeshua overcoming evil by doing good to others? To really have life we need to follow His example.

Is there a way that you could humble yourself this week and help someone?



TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws) Numbers 22:1-11

Tell the Story



This people came from
Egypt and
they cover the earth!



TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws) Numbers 22:1-11

5
So Balak, king of Moab, sent messengers to call
Balaam son of Beor...His message said:

"Look, a vast horde of people has arrived from Egypt...

6
Please come and curse these people for me because they are too powerful
for me. Then perhaps I will be able to conquer them and drive them
from the land..."

TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws) Numbers 22:5-6

1. Circle what king of Moab asked Balaam to do to the people of Israel?
2. Circle what the king of Moab wanted to do to the people of Israel?
3. Are there leaders and people who want to curse Israel and conquer the land and drive them from the land today? YES or NO
4. What can you do to help Israel today?
Can you Pray or Tell Others the LORD God blesses and protects Israel? YES or NO



Have you ever heard a donkey talk?



TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws) Exodus 22:12-23 - Tell the Story

God said
- Don't go with these people
and don't curse Israel,
for they are blessed.

TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws)
Numbers 22:12



Balaam said, No, but he asked the men bringing the message to stay the night and find out what else the LORD would say.

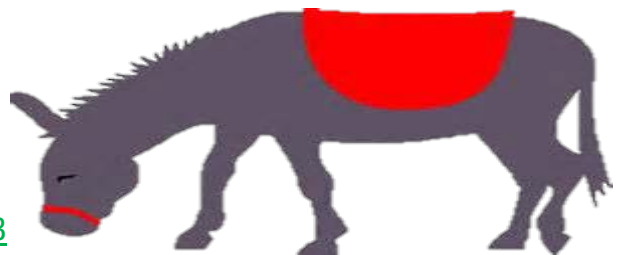
TORAH (God's Instructions/Law)
Numbers 22:18-19

God said,
If the men come to call you rise and go with them,
but only speak what I tell you!

TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws) Numbers 22:20

So Balaam got up in the morning,
saddled his donkey
and went with the princes of Moab.

TORAH (God's Instructions/Law) Numbers 22:22-23



TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws) Exodus 22:23-27 - Tell the Story



The Angel of the LORD stood in his way, and the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD standing with His sword drawn.

Numbers 22:23



Then the Angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between two walls so the donkey, seeing the Angel of the LORD pushed against one wall and crushed Balaam's foot. Balaam hit her again!

Numbers 22:24-25



Finally, the Angel of the LORD stood where Balaam couldn't pass or turn, and the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD and she laid down with Balaam on her back.

Numbers 22:26-27

1. Do you think the Princes of Moab were friends of Israel? YES or NO
2. Do you think Balaam should listen to the Princes of Moab? YES or NO Why?
3. Do you think Balaam will obey the LORD God and speak only what He says? YES or NO
4. Is the Angel of the LORD trying to help or hurt Balaam? _____

TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws) Exodus 22:28-33 - Tell the Story



Numbers 22:31-33 (NKJV)

³¹ Then the LORD opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed his head and fell flat on his face.

³² And the Angel of the LORD said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to stand against you, because *your* way is perverse before Me.

³³ The donkey saw Me and turned aside from Me these three times If she had not turned aside from Me, surely I would also have killed you by now, and let her live."

1. Have you ever heard the LORD Speak? YES or NO
2. Circle what the angel of the LORD said.
3. Have you ever done what you knew God did not want you to do? YES or NO
4. Did you ask God to forgive you and start doing what God wanted you to do?

YES or NO

Balaam spoke God's words and blesses people of Israel

TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws) Numbers 23:6-10 (NLT)

Numbers 23:6-10 New Living Translation (NLT)

6 So Balaam returned and found the king standing

beside his burnt offerings with all the officials of Moab.

7 This was the message Balaam delivered: "Balak summoned me to come from Aram; the king of Moab brought me from the eastern hills. 'Come,' he said, 'curse Jacob for me! Come and announce Israel's doom.'

8 But how can I curse those whom God has not cursed?

How can I condemn those whom the Lord has not condemned?

9 I see them from the cliff tops; I watch them from the hills.

I see a people who live by themselves, set apart from other nations.

10 Who can count Jacob's descendants, as numerous as dust?

Who can count even a fourth of Israel's people?

TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws) Numbers 23:18-24 (NLT)

¹⁸ This was the message Balaam delivered: "Rise up, Balak, and listen!
Hear me, son of Zippor.

¹⁹ God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind.
Has he ever spoken and failed to act?
Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

²⁰ Listen, I received a command to bless; God has blessed, and I cannot reverse it!

²¹ No misfortune is in His plan for Jacob; no trouble is in store for Israel.
For the LORD their God is with them; proclaimed their king.

²² God brought them out of Egypt; for them he is as strong as a wild ox.

²³ No curse can touch Jacob; no magic has any power against Israel.
For now it will be said of Jacob, 'What wonders God has done for Israel!'

²⁴ These people rise up like a lioness, like a majestic lion rousing itself...

1. Read the blessings God spoke about Israel.

2. How do you bless the people of Israel?

Balaam spoke God's words and blesses people of Israel

TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws) Numbers 24:3-9 (NLT)

³ and this is the message he delivered: "This is the message of Balaam son of Beor,
the message of the man whose eyes see clearly,

⁴ the message of one who hears the words of God, who sees a vision from the Almighty,
who bows down with eyes wide open:

⁵ How beautiful are your tents, O Jacob; how lovely are your homes, O Israel!

⁶ They spread before me like palm groves, like gardens by the riverside.
They are like tall trees planted by the LORD, like cedars beside the waters.

⁷ Water will flow from their buckets; their offspring have all they need.
Their king will be greater than Agag; their kingdom will be exalted.

⁸ God brought them out of Egypt; for them he is as strong as a wild ox.
He devours all the nations that oppose him, breaking their bones in pieces,
shooting them with arrows.

⁹ Like a lion, Israel crouches and lies down; like a lioness, who dares to arouse her?
Blessed is everyone who blesses you, O Israel, and cursed is everyone who curses you."

TORAH (God's Instructions/Laws) Numbers 24:15-19 (NLT)

¹⁵ This is the message Balaam delivered: "This is the message of Balaam son of Beor,
the message of the man whose eyes see clearly,

¹⁶ the message of one who hears the words of God, who has knowledge from the Most High,
who sees a vision from the Almighty, who bows down with eyes wide open:

¹⁷ I see him, but not here and now. I perceive him, but far in the distant future.
A star will rise from Jacob; a scepter will emerge from Israel.

It will crush the heads of Moab's people, cracking the skull of the people of Sheth.

¹⁸ Edom will be taken over, and Seir, its enemy, will be conquered,
while Israel marches on in triumph.

¹⁹ A ruler will rise in Jacob who will destroy the survivors of Ir."

1. Read the blessings God spoke about Israel.
2. Who is the star from Jacob and ruler in Jacob?

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HAFTARAH (Prophets/ Writings) Micah 5:2

The prophet Micah also prophesied about the Messiah saying...

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to ME
The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth are from of old,
From everlasting."

Did Balaam say the Messiah would be a ruler?



...because a ruler always has a scepter!

שֶׁבֶט

Sheyvett = scepter or staff

שֵׁן
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Sheen

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Tet

The One with the scepter would destroy
the house of the snake that devours life!

Hebrew/ English	Read Hebrew Letters from Right to Left
Sheyvett/ scepter or staff	<div>Tet</div> <div>Veit</div> <div>Sheen</div>
Write Hebrew	

Messiah did come.

Though He is God
and will rule forever,
He taught us by His example.

BRIT CHADASHAH (New
Testament) John 17:3 (CJB)

³ And eternal life is this:
to know you, the one true God,
and him whom you sent,
Yeshua the Messiah.



Yeshua taught us humility by washing the disciples feet.



BRIT CHADASHAH (New Testament)
John 13:14–15,17 (NLT)

¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet.

¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow.
Do as I have done to you...

¹⁷ Now that you know these things,
God will bless you for doing them.

Was Yeshua overcoming evil

by doing good to others?



To really have life we need to follow His example.

Is there a way that you could humble yourself this week and help someone?

Barook (Blessing) May Yeshua bless you as you remember: with God all things are possible.

Teacher note: You can bless the students at the end of the class with this blessing as a whole group or individually.)

Games and Activities Teacher Instructions

For each of the lessons one of the games has been suggested to re-enforce the theme of the lesson. We have used the following games in a variety of ways. You can use the game suggested or choose another which fits your students and your time frame.

A list of general games that can be used for any/all lessons is included on pages 167-176.

TIC TACK TOE

1. Compile a list of questions covering information you that the children have learned in the lesson.
2. Organize teams. If you have a large number of children, you can have several Tic Tack Toe grids being played at once. If possible keep the teams small in number - 3 to 4 children on a team gives each one more opportunity to answer a question and choose a box to put their X or O in.
3. Have large Tic Tack Toe grids on the board or large paper at front of room.
4. Alternate questions by team.
5. If correct answer is given the child answering puts an X or an O in the box they choose until one team has 3 of the same letter in a row and wins.