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Unit One

Donkeys Talk . . . Yeah, Right!!



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Grab a Partner!

Look up the word **MOTIVE** in the dictionary. What is the word in your language?

Come up with an English definition of motive. You can use a few sentences to describe it.

What do you think it means to have an "ulterior motive"? Can you give an example of an ulterior motive?

What do you think it means to have a pure motive? Can you give an example of a pure motive?

So what do these words mean?

motivate (verb) _____

motivation (noun) _____

Who's Who in the Zoo???

Israel: God's chosen people. Remember Moses, the Pharaoh and the 10 plagues? All that happened so Pharaoh would let Moses take the people of Israel out of Egypt and be free.

Balaam: a sorcerer, wizard who would put a curse on someone . . . if you paid him enough money!

Balak is the King of Moab. Moabites are bad guys who want to kill the people of Israel.



What's Up???

The people of Israel are wandering through the wilderness. They are camped just outside the area where the Moabites live and Balak is very nervous because wherever Israel goes, Israel wins its wars and takes more land.

Balak, like most of the other Kings of that time, is very superstitious. He is afraid of Israel and thinks, "Hey, if I hire a wizard to put a curse on these guys, maybe they won't kill me or take my land." So he sends for Balaam, a very influential sorcerer who, although he knew about the one true God, didn't honour him as God, and thought he could manipulate God to do what he wanted.

And this is where we pick up the story, Numbers 22:5 to the end (Numbers is the 4th Book of Moses)

So King Balak sent a message to Balaam . . . It said:

I need your help. A huge group of people has come here from Egypt and settled near my territory. They are too powerful for us to defeat, so would you come and place a curse on them? Maybe then we can make them leave. I know anyone you bless will be successful, but anyone you curse will fail.

The leaders of Moab and Midian left and took along money to pay Balaam for his work. When they got to his house, they gave him Balak's message.

"Spend the night here," Balaam replied, "and tomorrow I will tell you the LORD's answer." So the officials stayed at his house.

During the night, God asked Balaam, "Who are these people at your house?"

"They are messengers from King Balak of Moab," Balaam answered. "He sent them to ask me to go to Moab and place a curse on the people who have come there from Egypt. They have settled everywhere around him, and he wants to make them leave."

But God replied, "Don't go with Balak's messengers. I have blessed those people who have come from Egypt, so don't curse them."

The next morning, Balaam said to Balak's officials, "Go on back home. The LORD says I cannot go with you."

The officials left and told Balak that Balaam refused to come.

Then Balak sent a larger group of officials, who were even more important than the first ones. They went to Balaam and told him that Balak had said, "Balaam, if you come to Moab, I'll pay you very well and do whatever you ask. Just come and place a curse on these people."

Balaam answered, "Even if Balak offered me a palace full of silver or gold, I wouldn't do anything to disobey the LORD my God. You are welcome to spend the night here, just as the others did. I will find out if the LORD has something else to say about this."

That night, God said, "Balaam, I'll let you go to Moab with Balak's messengers, but do only what I say."

So Balaam got up the next morning and saddled his donkey, then left with the Moabite officials.

Balaam was riding his donkey to Moab, and two of his servants were with him. But God was angry that Balaam had gone, so one of the LORD's angels stood in the road to stop him. When Balaam's donkey saw the angel standing there with a sword, it walked off the road and into an open field. Balaam had to beat the donkey to get it back on the road.



Then the angel stood between two vineyards, in a narrow path with a stone wall on each side. When the donkey saw the angel, it walked so close to one of the walls that Balaam's foot scraped against the wall. Balaam beat the donkey again.

The angel moved once more and stood in a spot so narrow there was no room for the donkey to go around, so it just laid down. Balaam lost his temper, then picked up a stick and smacked the donkey.

When that happened, the LORD told the donkey to speak, and it asked Balaam, "What have I done to you that made you beat me three times?"

"You made me look stupid!" Balaam answered. "If I had a sword, I'd kill you here and now!"

"But you're my owner," replied the donkey, "and you've ridden me many times. Have I ever done anything like this before?"

"No," Balaam admitted.

Just then, the LORD let Balaam see the angel standing in the road, holding a sword, and Balaam bowed down.

The angel said, "You had no right to treat your donkey like that! I was the one who blocked your way, because I don't think you should go to Moab. If your donkey had not seen me and stopped those three times, I would have killed you and let the donkey live."

Balaam replied, "I was wrong. I didn't know you were trying to stop me. If you don't think I should go, I'll return home right now."

"It's all right for you to go," the LORD's angel answered. "But you must say only what I tell you." So Balaam went on with Balak's officials.



HEY!! What's Going On???

Drawing Conclusions from the text.

Balaam had magical powers. **T/F** Why?

Balak trusted the one true God. **T/F** Why?

The donkey was really an angel from God. **T/F** Why?

God really likes Balaam. **T/F** Why?



Do you know what these words mean?

Match the words on the left to the correct description in the right column.

a curse

a territory

a donkey

to settle

a saddle

to admit

an animal that looks like a horse, only smaller

what you sit on when you ride a horse

asking God to do bad things to someone

to stay and live in one place

to agree with someone about something

an area of land, usually very large

Choose the correct word.

1. The people of Israel had been **wondering/wandering** through the **wilderness/wildness**.

2. The King of Moab was very **superstition/superstitious** and sent his **officers/officials** to **hear/hire** an **influential/influencing** wizard.

3. Balak wanted the wizard to **curse/curse** God because God was **blessing/blessed** the people of Israel.

4. Balak thought he could **manipult/manipulate** the one true God.

5. Balaam's donkey could see the **angel/angle** of God with a great **sword/swored** in his hand.



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Y O K N O Y E L L S M E
T B N C T E S O U Y H A D T O
D O E U L E R T L I K T E N A

Don't Be Shy! Speak Up!!

1. Imagine you are these characters: the officials of Moab, Balaam, the donkey, the angel.

What thoughts are going through your mind?

What are your motives?

Are your motives pure or ulterior?

What have you learned from this experience?

2. What was Balaam's motive for going to Moab?

3. Balaam asked God once about cursing Israel? What did God say?

4. Why did Balaam ask God again when he already knew the answer? Do you ever do this? Do you ask your parent(s) for something and they say, "No", but you keep asking?

5. Why do you think God said, "Yes" the second time Balaam asked? Did God change his mind?

6. Why would God speak to someone who doesn't honour him or worship him? Do you think meeting the angel changed Balaam?

7. Why did God hide the angel from Balaam?

8. What kinds of things motivate you? Can someone else motivate you?



That's A Wrap!

And so, how does this all end? Well, after the whole donkey experience, Balaam goes with the Moabites. They make sacrifices to their gods and Balaam joins them. Uh-oh! This is very bad. God doesn't like it when people worship false gods. So Balak asks Balaam to curse the Israelites but he cannot say anything bad about Israel. In fact, he blesses Israel, because that's what God wants him to say. The King is really angry and 3 more times tries to get Balaam to say something bad, but each time God puts only words of blessing in Balaam's mouth.

Later, we discover that Balaam tempts the Israelites with the false gods of the Moabites and even convinces some of them to marry Moabite women who bring false gods into their homes. He thought this would allow Balak to win against Israel in a war, but it didn't. Balaam never had pure motives. His heart was always dark.

Balaam died in a battle between Israel and Midian.



Grrrrrammar!

If: a conjunction that shows a condition; first this, then that.

Zero Conditional

What is it?

if clause + clause

also known as the zero conditional;
to talk about the results of a situation, something that is true,
uses the same tense in both clauses

If you don't like the soup, don't eat it.

If you have time, come for a visit.

Don't work too late if you want to come to the cinema with us.

Discuss it!

What are some of the "if" conditions that parents tell their children?

Have you made a condition about something to anyone you know today? What was it?

Apply it!

Finish these sentences:

If Balak wants to win a war, _____.

If a donkey speaks to you, _____.

If people believe in God, _____.

First Conditional

What is it?

if + present tense clause + future tense clause

also known as the first conditional; to talk about the results of a future situation

If you don't eat well, you will get sick.

If the university doesn't change its policies, there will be fewer students studying.

If you give up, you will never reach your goals.

Discuss it!

Use the first conditional to talk about these issues:

Eat too many sweets/gain weight

Talk to your teacher/help with your project

Hurry up/be late for the opera

Study for the exam/poor results

Apply it!

Finish these sentences.

If Balaam gives Balak the message he wants, _____.

If the donkey doesn't speak to Balaam, _____.

If God listens to people who don't believe in Him, _____.

Second Conditional

What is it?

if + past tense clause + would/could/might clause

also known as the second conditional; to talk about the unlikely results of an unrealistic or impossible situation, you are speaking in the present but use the past tense

(note: the verb to be in the second conditional **always** takes the **WERE** form and never the WAS form)

If I were you, I would tell the truth.

If I knew the answer, I would tell you.

He could help you, if he didn't have to work.

If he were younger, she would marry him.

Discuss it!

Use the second conditional to talk about these issues, use the correct tenses:

Walk to work/get more exercise

Listen to my parents/understand their problems better

Walls talk/tell fantastic stories

Apply it!

Complete these sentences.

If Balak were wise, _____.

If the donkey were human, _____.

If Balaam were really powerful, _____.

Third Conditional

What is it?

if + past perfect tense clause + would have/could have /might have clause

also known as the third conditional; to talk about an imaginary event in the past and its results on the present situation

If you had called first, you would have known I was studying at the library.

I could have helped you move to your new flat, if I had known your moving date.

She might have come to the party, if you had invited her earlier.

Discuss it!

Use the third conditional to talk about these issues, use the correct tenses:

You call/know that I was in the hospital

He study harder/pass the exam

She save money/buy a new car

Apply it!

If Balaam had known the power of God, _____.

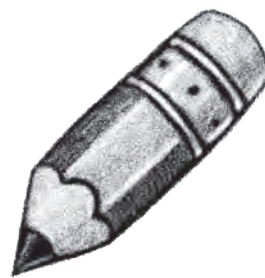
If Balak had understood why Israel was winning wars, _____.

If the angel hadn't been patient with Balaam, _____.

Let's Get it Right!

I. Write zero conditional sentences for the words below.

1. my brother / eat / too many doughnuts / he / get / sick
2. not / rain / the flowers / not / grow
3. you / not / eat / you / die
4. metal / rust / it / get / wet
5. ice / float / you / drop / it / in water



II. Choose the correct form of the verb for these first conditional sentences.

1. You'll pay higher insurance if you _____ an expensive sports car. a) will buy b) buy
2. You _____ weight if you eat too much sugar. a) gain b) will gain
3. If you don't put on a warm jacket, you _____ chilled! a) will get b) get
4. If you _____ an apple every day, you'll keep the doctor away. a) eat b) will eat
5. She _____ completely different if she wears make-up. a) looks b) will look
6. If a racoon _____ into your yard, it _____ all your garbage. a) gets / will eat b) will get / eats
7. If I _____ some eggs, how many _____? a) will cook / do you eat b) cook / will you eat
8. You won't speak English well if you _____ more often. a) won't practice b) don't practice
9. You _____ better if you turn on the light. a) will be able to read b) are able to read
10. If we don't protect certain animals, they _____ extinct. a) becomes b) will become

III. Change the verb tenses so that they make sense for these second conditional sentences

1. If Joe (be) here, he (cook) something Italian for supper.
2. It (be) nice if the blizzard (stop)!
3. I (sing) you a song if I (have) my guitar.
4. If I (have) a heavier blanket, I (not feel) so cold.
5. If this dorm room (be) any smaller, one of us (have to sleep) outside!
6. I (watch and listen) for grizzly bears if I (be) you!
7. If I (be) not so hungry, I (share) my lunch with you.
8. If she (be) smart, she (listen) to his advice.
9. If Dad (have) more time, he (build) a new fence around the garden.
10. Lise (give) him her number, if he (ask) her for it.

IV. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb tenses for these third conditional sentences.

1. If he _____ (fall) asleep while driving, he _____ his car (crash).
2. If we _____ (have) enough money, we _____ to the concert. (go)
3. I _____ (lose) my job at McDonald's if I _____ (be) late for work.
4. If the wind _____ (not be) so strong, the bridge _____ (not have) collapsed.
5. I _____ (call) Sally if I _____ (have) her number.

V. Choose which conditional sentence is correct for each situation.

(Hint: look at the tense of the situation and then choose which conditional to use)

1. They want to buy a house, but they don't have enough money.
 - ☐ If they have enough money, they buy a house.
 - ☐ If they have enough money, they will buy a house.
 - ☐ If they had enough money, they would buy a house.
 - ☐ If they had had enough money, they would have bought a house.
2. He stepped on the snail, and it died.
 - ☐ If he doesn't step on the snail, it doesn't die.
 - ☐ If he doesn't step on the snail, it won't die.
 - ☐ If he didn't step on the snail, it wouldn't die.
 - ☐ If he hadn't stepped on the snail, it wouldn't have died.
3. In my experiments, when the liquid is cooled to 32 degrees, it always freezes.
 - ☐ If you cool the liquid to 32 degrees, it freezes.
 - ☐ If you cool the liquid to 32 degrees, it will freeze.
 - ☐ If you cooled the liquid to 32 degrees, it would freeze.
 - ☐ If you had cooled the liquid to 32 degrees, it would have frozen.
4. It may snow this afternoon. I hope it doesn't because I don't want the trip to be cancelled.
 - ☐ If it snows, the trip is cancelled.
 - ☐ If it snows, the trip will be cancelled.
 - ☐ If it snowed, the trip would be cancelled.
 - ☐ If it had snowed, the trip would have been cancelled.
5. Unfortunately, I don't know Japanese, so I can't answer your question.
 - ☐ If I know Japanese, I can answer your question.
 - ☐ If I know Japanese, I will be able to answer your question.
 - ☐ If I knew Japanese, I would be able to answer your question.
 - ☐ If I had known Japanese, I would have been able to answer your question.
6. Jerry ignored her advice, so he got into trouble!
 - ☐ If Jerry don't ignore her advice, he don't get into trouble.
 - ☐ If Jerry don't ignore her advice, he won't get into trouble.
 - ☐ If Jerry didn't ignore her advice, he wouldn't get into trouble.
 - ☐ If Jerry hadn't ignored her advice, he wouldn't have got into trouble.

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