

BALAAAM AND THE DONKEY

PASTOR PETE IN HIS PAJAMAS

WELCOME: Hey Families, as we settle into a new rhythm for our shelter in place, we are going to be producing a weekly Wednesday family devotional called “Pastor Pete in his Pajamas” We hope that it will be a helpful follow up to our Sunday lessons, and a fun way to connect together!

1.) **PRAY** – Start by praying together as a family. In your prayer, ask God to give you a repentant heart!

2.) **Watch** – Check out the video – <https://youtu.be/H0swWSDLqEM>

3.) **READ** – Open your Bibles and read Numbers 22:21-35

4.) **Discuss** – As a family talk through these questions!

- Think about Balaam...
 - Why was Balaam an “unexpected” messenger of God?
 - Why do you think God chose to use a bad person to share a good message?
 - Who benefitted from Balaam’s message and how? (Israelites and Moab/Balak)
- Think about the donkey...
 - Why was the Donkey an “unexpected” messenger of God?
 - Why do you think the donkey could see the angel but Balaam could not?
 - Why do you think God chose to let the donkey speak?
- Think about yourself...
 - How does the story of Balaam and his donkey remind you that God can use you to do big things?
 - Where can you share Gods message in your everyday life?
 - What message do you think God might be asking you to share with others?
 - Who do you think God is asking you to share that message with?
- As a family how can you look for God in unexpected places? (hint... start with the Activity below).

5.) **Pray** – Close out your time in prayer together.

6.) **ACTIVITY TIME: Hearing God in Unexpected Places**

- Head out to your back yard or a nearby park
- Parents, tell your kids, “today we are going to look for God in unexpected places”
- Tell the kids they have 10 minutes to look for God all around them. It could be in a blooming flower, in the faces of people passing by or in the colors they see, things that they smell or noises they hear.
- For Older kids they should be able to do this on their own. Younger kids may need to be guided by a parent or sibling.
- Afterwards sit down and talk about how you saw and heard God in unexpected places!

7.) **Pray** – Close out your time in prayer together.