



Donkey Paper Bag Puppet: Parshat Balak

In this week's parsha, Parshat Balak, we meet the second (and final) talking animal in the Torah (the first being the snake in Eden). The Moabite prophet Balaam is sent to curse the Israelites and his donkey sees an angel in their path. When the donkey stops, Balaam strikes him. God opens the mouth of the donkey and he complains to Balaam about his maltreatment. Finally, Balaam's eyes are opened to see the angel.

Kids love talking animals. And, kids love puppets. So, the perfect craft for this week's parsha is a fun donkey puppet!

Materials:

- Paper lunch bag
- Brown felt, foam, or construction paper
- Brown yarn
- Large googly eyes

Instructions:

1. Cut out ears, face, arms, tail, and nostrils out of brown felt.
2. Glue shapes onto paper bag.
3. Glue on googly eyes.
4. Cut pieces of yarn and glue them onto head and tail.
5. Stick your hand in the bag and make your donkey talk!

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