



**The one page for every age*

D6 Family Theme: AUTHORITY

The Point: **God has full authority to do as He wills.**

Listen to God: Read Numbers 22:21-41

God will go to great lengths to protect His people. This passage describes one of the Bible's strangest incidents. Balaam's donkey took drastic measures to avoid God's angel who held a drawn sword. It was an unusual method of communication for God to use, but it sure did serve as a reminder that God is in control. He has ultimate authority over all things. Lead your family in a discussion about this passage and what Balaam might have thought when He heard that donkey speak.

READ

PRAY

Talk to God

Submitting to authority is not an easy thing for many to do. God has full authority over us and can do whatever He chooses to do. It's interesting that He still gives us the freedom to make choices on our own. Encourage your family members to recognize God's authority in their lives and pray together for His help with submitting to His authority daily.

DO

Walk With God

Option 1: The more we know and understand about God, the easier it will be to respect His authority. If the weather is pleasant, go outside to admire God's creation. If weather is an issue, look out a window to see what you can observe. Remind your family of God's power over nature, how He spoke it all into existence and has complete control over it (Mark 4:39). We should trust God's authority because He is our all-knowing, loving, holy Creator. Encourage your family members to respect God's authority and allow Him to work through their weaknesses. **Option 2:** Choose a game your family members like to play (at least some of them) and play it together. Follow some of the rules but randomly announce new ones whenever you feel like it. (When you roll a three, you get to go again. When you land on this space, you get to move someone else backward 9 spaces.) When you are asked questions about why you are doing it, explain that you want to make some changes to the game. Your attempts to make the changes will likely be unpopular with the rest of the players. Lead your family in a discussion about the importance of recognizing authority. If every player could make his or her own rules, there would be no authority. Remind your family that God has ultimate authority in our lives. We cannot make up our own rules and expect a good outcome.



This week in D6 Curriculum



Infant/Toddler

Today your child learned God gave him or her special friends too. Encourage your child to show his or her friends love by hugging or sharing. Remind him or her of the Heartprint: **God Gives Us Special Friends.**



Preschool

Your child learned God called Moses to go up Mt. Sinai. It was there God gave him the Ten Commandments to share with the Israelites. God provided the rules to help the people with their relationships not only with God, but also the others around them. Use the *Take 'n Talk* to review the Ten Commandments with your child.



Early Elementary

Your student learned about a time in the Bible when a donkey spoke. He or she learned God rules and we are to submit to His authority through a participation story of Balaam and his donkey. He or she learned how Balak, the king of Moab, wanted Balaam to put a curse on the Israelites. God allowed Balaam to go with Balak, but Balaam only spoke the words God wanted him to. However, it took a donkey talking to Balaam for him to truly recognize God's authority. Help your student learn the ninth and tenth commandment.



Upper Elementary

Your student learned about submitting to God's authority. He or she learned the story of Balaam and his donkey. The king of Moab, Balak, wanted Balaam to put a curse on the Israelites. God allowed Balaam to go with the king, but only to speak His words. It wasn't until Balaam heard his donkey speak, that he truly recognized God's authority.