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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Moses Views the Promised Land

Read Deuteronomy 34. Listen to or read the story of [Moses on the Kids' Holy Land Tour](#).

- Why wasn't Moses allowed into the Promised Land?
- Why do you think some accounts say Moses died and others say that he ascended?
- How old was Moses when God asked him to lead the Children of Israel out of Egypt?
- Why did God put so much trust in Moses?
- Do you think it was unfair for Moses not to get to go into the Promised Land? Why or why not?
- What would it have accomplished if Moses had gone in?
- What would it have done to Joshua's authority?
- What do you admire most about Moses?
- Is he someone you'd like to have for a friend?

Balaam and the Donkey

Read Numbers 22-24:13; [A Talking Donkey](#); [How Balaam Tried to Please the King](#)

- What was Balak worried about?
- What did he ask Balaam to do?
- What did Balak offer Balaam to curse the children of Israel?
- Why did Balaam reject the offer?
- Did he change his mind?
- When Balaam decided to return to Balak, what happened to his donkey?
- What did his donkey see?
- If Balaam was a prophet, why didn't he see the angel?
- What did Balaam learn from this experience?
- Did he curse the Children of Israel or bless them?
- How did Balak respond to what Balaam did?
- Do you believe the donkey could talk?
- Why did the donkey talk?

The Passing of John the Baptist

Read Matthew 14:1-13

- Why was John put into prison?
- Should John have been more careful about the way he talked about people in authority? Why or why not?
- Who did he condemn and why?
- Why was John beheaded?
- What sequence of events promoted such a brutal end to his life?

Ruth Leaving Home

Read Ruth 1; [Naomi and Ruth](#); [The Young Woman Who Forsook Idols to Serve God](#)

- Why was it unusual for Ruth to want to stay with her mother-in-law?
- Where was Ruth's homeland?
- How was she treated when she arrived in Bethlehem?
- Did Naomi want her to stay with her?
- Why do you think Ruth insisted on staying with Naomi?

Journey of the Wise Men

Read Matthew 2:1-12; [Wise Men Bring Gifts for Jesus](#); [The Wise Men Who Followed a Star](#)

- Who were these "wise men"?
- What were they looking for?
- Where did they come from?
- How long did it take them to find Jesus?
- Why did they stop to talk with Herod?
- What did Herod ask them to do?
- What is the significance of the gifts they had the baby Jesus?
- Did they do as Herod asked them to do?
- Why weren't they obedient to Herod's request?
- What did Jesus' family have to do after the wise men departed?
- What did Herod do after the wise men didn't return?

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