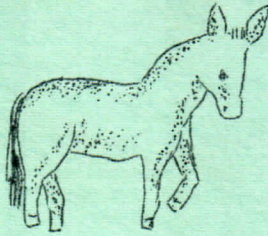


# DONKEY — WHAT DID THE DONKEY DO FOR THE FAMILY?



In Israel every farmer had at least one donkey. The donkey was very useful. The donkey was the farmer's best pack animal. In the days of Jesus, the donkey was the farmer's truck, and family car.

When the family moved, the donkey carried the dishes used in cooking. Another donkey carried the little children. The smallest children were put in sacks that hung on the side of the donkey.

If the family had only one donkey, then the donkey carried the mother. The father walked beside the donkey.

Every day on the farm, the donkey carried loads for the farmer. He carried loads back and forth to the fields. He also carried things to market.

Look in your Bible at II Samuel 16:1 to see what a big load the donkey sometimes carried.