

**Donkey**  
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**Donkey:** Hee haw! Hee haw!

**Interviewer:** My, aren't you noisy!

**Donkey:** Yes, I am. It's my nature to say, "Hee haw." I'm a male donkey. I am called a jack.

**Interviewer:** Does that mean female donkeys say, "Her haw"?

**Donkey:** Hee naw. The ladies are called jennies. A jenny says "hee haw" just like the jacks.

**Interviewer:** You kind of look like a horse.

**Donkey:** Hee flaw! You think so? Well, I think I'm better than a horse in some ways. For example, I'm calmer. I can carry more weight than a horse my size, and I am much more of an all-terrain animal.

**Interviewer:** We have learned about God's great design for camels. How do you compare to them?

**Donkey:** Hee ahhh! We compare very favorably. We are excellent at carrying heavy loads for long distances. In fact, in the Bible when Joseph's brothers went to Egypt, their donkeys carried home about six bushels of wheat that weighed about 350 pounds. See how strong I am?

**Interviewer:** Yes, sir, Jack. How do your feet help you?

**Donkey:** Hee paw! Oh, I don't have paws; I have hooves. But I am very sure-footed on all kinds of ground—hilly, mountainous, level—you name it. I can use my hooves for stomping on or kicking wild dogs or coyotes, who are my enemies. I can even be a guard animal. Say, how do you like my ears?

**Interviewer:** Well, I hate to insult you, but your ears are very long and kind of floppy!

**Donkey:** Hee call! My ears are big for a reason: In the desert I can hear another donkey call from miles away. My ears also help me keep cool.

**Interviewer:** I have heard that you have a pretty good digestive system.

**Donkey:** Hee straw! You're right. I love to eat grass, but I can eat even inedible plants and get nourishment and moisture from them. In fact, my body uses 95 percent of what I eat. That's pretty good compared to humans, who average about 40 to 60 percent. Christ, my Creator, prepared my body to conserve food efficiently.

**Interviewer:** May I ask you a personal question?

**Donkey:** Hee yah! Go ahead.

**Interviewer:** Why are you stubborn?

**Donkey:** Hee stall! Well, it's not exactly that I am stubborn. It's that I don't like to do anything that seems unsafe or is not in my best interest. I am rather intelligent, after all.

**Interviewer:** Is that so? Prove to me that you are intelligent.

**Donkey:** Hee craw! I have an incredible memory: I can recognize places and other donkeys I was with up to 25 years ago. I am very curious. People who work with me say I am highly intelligent.

**Interviewer:** Okay. You have proved your point.

**Donkey:** Hee law! I want to tell you that we donkeys are one of the earliest- mentioned animals in the Bible, and we're mentioned over 400 times! One of us was honored to be the only animal the Bible records that Jesus ever rode. He rode a donkey into Jerusalem the week He was crucified.

**Interviewer:** That is interesting. I never would have guessed that you are such a remarkable animal. You really are wonderful.

**Donkey:** Hee haw! Thank you for your compliment, but I had nothing to do with being remarkable. My Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the wonderful Maker of all that is good. Praise Him. Hee haw!

Resources:

<http://bibleanddonkeys.com/?id=131>

<http://www.equest4truth.com/equus-in-the-bible/123-donkeys-in-the-bible>

<http://www.mikesdonkeys.co.uk/facts.html>

<https://www.livescience.com/54258-donkeys.html>

Note: Students thought the donkey to be a braggart.