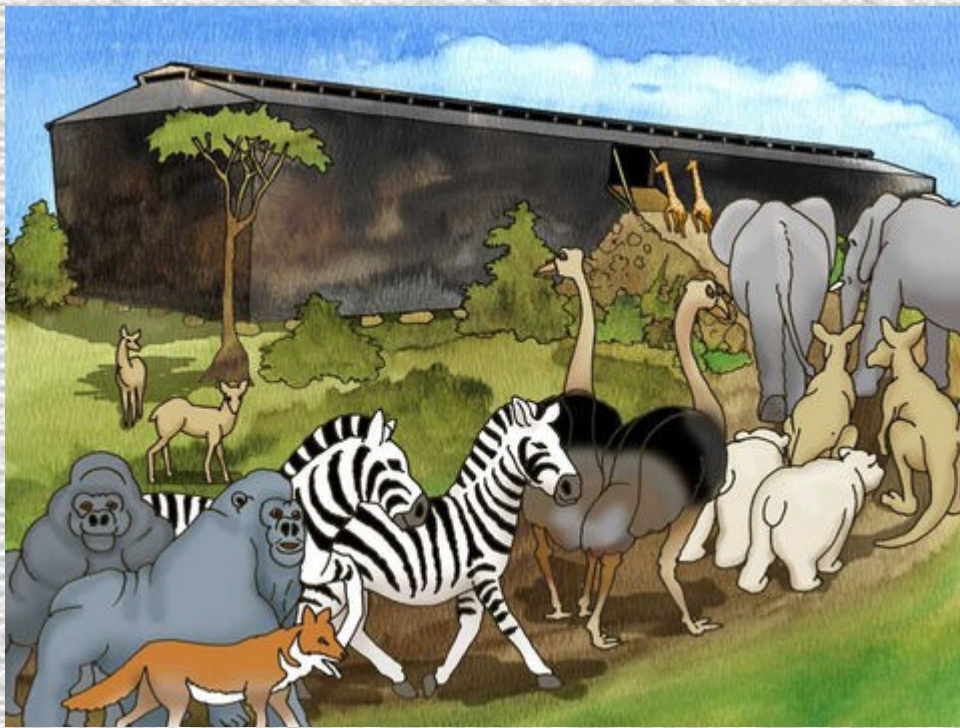


Amazing and Amusing Animals



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Genesis 7:9 NKJV

Two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female,
as God had commanded Noah.

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Note To The Reader's Parents

DESIGN OF THESE HISTORICAL STORIES:

These historical stories for young readers are based on actual events recorded in the Bible by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

To create a sense of time and place for each story, I have done some research, using extra-biblical sources such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, histories, geographies and archaeological resources, including videos available online. Please note that these human sources, including myself as author, are not inerrant. I take full responsibility for any errors in the retelling of these historical events, although I have tried to avoid and eliminate errors. It is an awesome responsibility to share the word of God, especially with young children. The Lord Jesus' words recorded in Matthew 18:6, Mark 9:42 and Luke 17:2 ring in my ears.

I am indebted to online sources, especially the free Bible Images website for the ability to incorporate illustrations in the body of the text to help the children understand the context of the stories.

THE VALUE OF THE BIBLE:

1. It glorifies God the Creator and Redeemer.
2. It contains all the essential things we need to know about life, especially about God, and how He made us and everything else.
3. It teaches us about our need for God to save us from the punishment we all deserve as sinners and how we can be saved.
4. The Bible is the only book in the world that has been written by God Himself working through human authors. So it is the most important book in the world!

HOW WE CAN KNOW THAT THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD, COMPLETELY TRUSTWORTHY:

This website, <https://www.namb.net/apologetics/resource/the-inerrancy-of-the-bible/> makes available an article by Norman L. Geisler. This gives a clear argument for the trustworthiness of the Bible.

The following website: <https://defendinginerrancy.com/> has statements, articles, videos and other information that you might want to draw on to understand this important truth and explain it to Harley.

Unfortunately, many schools today wrongly teach students that the Bible contradicts science, especially with regard to topics such as the creation of the universe and human beings.

Fortunately, there are some outstanding ministries helping us understand this. Here are a few that I have found very helpful:

ICR Institute For Creation Research. Their website is at <https://www.icr.org/who-we-are>. This gives you an idea of what they offer:

At the Institute for Creation Research, we want you to know God's Word can be trusted with everything it speaks about—from how and why we were made, to how the universe was formed, to how we can know God and receive all He has planned for us.

Another excellent ministry is Creation Ministries International. This link takes you to their resource packed website: <https://creation.com/articles>.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT GOING TO HEAVEN:

The Bible clearly teaches that all of us have sinned because we have inherited a sin nature from Adam, who, as the father and head of the human race, rebelled against God and plunged us all into a state of separation from God who is perfectly righteous. (Genesis 3, Romans 5:12-17.)

The Bible describes this state of separation from God as being lost. Jesus Christ came into the world to save lost humanity: all who would put their faith in Him alone to save them from eternal separation from God, in a literal place of punishment called hell. (Matthew 18:11, Matthew 10:28, Revelation 20:14.)

As sinners, we are absolutely unable to earn our way to heaven, for no matter how hard we try we cannot please God by our own human efforts. Sin has contaminated each of us like a spiritual sickness. Even our good deeds are seen by God as dirty rags. (Romans 3:10-20.)

This is a hopeless situation! In fact, this is bad news. But as Jesus Christ tells us, nothing is impossible with God. Because we are unable to save ourselves and because God loves us and does not want anyone to suffer in hell forever, He has made it possible for us to receive His free gift of eternal life. (Mark 10:27, John 3:16-18, 2 Peter 3:9.)

So then how can we be saved? The Bible is clear that it is by simple, childlike faith in Jesus Christ alone that we can be saved. So what must we believe? We must believe that Jesus Christ, as the sinless Son of God, took our place on the cross at Calvary. We must believe that He died for our sins, was buried and rose again on the third day, so that all who put their trust in Him might live forever with Him. This He promises to us - and God cannot lie! (Mark 10:15, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 5:6-11, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.)

Remember, our good deeds and religious acts cannot save us because nothing we could ever do can make us good enough for God. Only the death of our sinless substitute, Jesus Christ, can pay the full debt that we owe God for our sins. Without Jesus Christ's loving death for us, we would not be able to be saved from hell. If there was any other way that we could be saved from the punishment we deserve, Jesus Christ would never have come to earth, be born as a human child and die on the cross as a criminal, although

He was completely innocent. That is the measure of God's love for us! This is good news indeed.

So, all anyone needs to do is to put his or her trust in Jesus Christ's finished work on the cross for him or her. Salvation from everlasting punishment and, in its place, living forever in joy and peace with God, is what Jesus Christ promises all who believe on Him, who depend on Him alone and what He alone has done for us. (Acts 16:31 John 5:24.)

Here are some good websites and resources to help with this crucial issue:

<https://www.notbyworks.org/Good-News>

This link takes you to a short and clear video presentation of the gospel of salvation.

<https://duluthbible.org/gospel-truths>

This link takes you to a simple explanation of the gospel of salvation that you can read.

<https://freegracefreespeech.blogspot.com/2017/09/justification-by-faith-alone-250-bible.html>

This link takes you to a list of hundreds of Bible verses that show that we must be saved by faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.

<https://livingwater.org/booklet/files/index.html>

This booklet, available online, contains the Gospel of John with helpful explanations and a clear gospel message, as well as advice about how to grow as a Christian. It is suitable for children as well as adults.

<https://livingwater.org/index.html#home>

This link takes you to the website of the ministry that makes the Living Water booklet available.

The Amazing True Story Of The Disobedient Prophet And The Big Fish

Jonah, the son of Amittai, was a prophet of God. But he was a disobedient prophet. God had told him to go to the great and wicked city of Nineveh and warn them that God was going to punish them. But Jonah thought they needed to be punished for their wickedness. Because God is gracious and merciful, he thought God might pardon them if they begged for mercy. And, dear Reader, when you read the end of the book of Jonah in the Bible, you will see that Jonah was right. God did forgive the Ninevites.

So Jonah ran away. How silly is that; trying to run away from the Creator God who sees everything! Jonah got on a ship that was going to Tarshish. Tarshish was in the west. Nineveh was in the east. But of course, God stopped him. God sent out a great wind on the Mediterranean Sea so that the sailors of Jonah's ship were scared for their lives. The waves rose above the ship and crashed down on the ship. The ship got beaten by the winds and the waves. That must have been so frightening!



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Can you believe what Jonah was doing during this terrible storm? He was sleeping. Imagine that! The scared captain shook him awake and told him to pray. The captain and sailors were religious but they didn't know the one, true God. They found out from

Jonah that Yahweh, the true Creator God, had sent the storm to stop Jonah running away. Jonah knew it was no use trying to fight God. He gave up. He knew his disobedience had brought this trouble on the men of the ship. So he said: "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you." (Jonah 1:12, NKJV.)

The men didn't want to throw Jonah overboard even though he had caused this problem for them. They tried to row against the storm. But it was hopeless. The angry storm got even worse. So, they gave up fighting against the storm sent by God. They cried out to Yahweh God and asked Him to forgive them for throwing Jonah into the sea. As Jonah splashed into the waves, so the sea calmed down. The sailors were very afraid and made an offering to the one, true God, Yahweh. They were grateful that He had saved their lives. How would you have felt, dear Reader?



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But what happened to Jonah? Jonah told about his experience in the scroll that he wrote. We call it the Book of Jonah. It is in the Old Testament, in the Bible.

This is what Jonah said happened to him:

"All your billows and your waves passed over me....Weeds were wrapped around my head. I went down to the moorings of the mountains...." (Jonah 2:3,5-6. NKJV.)

It seems that Jonah thought that his time had come! That was it; he was going to drown. God was finished with Him. But he did a very wise thing; he prayed to Yahweh.

Yahweh is the one, true God, full of love and grace. He will punish sin but He will also help us when we cry to Him. Please remember this, dear Reader. God had already made a very special huge fish to rescue Jonah! This amazing fish came along and swallowed Jonah. Inside the fish's belly, for three days and three nights, Jonah stayed.

It was a sort of fishy prison! I think it must have been smelly and disgusting to Jonah. But it was a good time for Jonah to think and pray. Jonah began to thank the Lord for saving him from drowning.

When God heard Jonah's prayer, and knew that His prophet was sorry he had tried to run away, He 'spoke to the fish and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.' (Jonah 2:10.) Then Yahweh God told Jonah a second time to go and warn the people of Nineveh. This time Jonah obeyed God. I think I would have too!

Now, before, I end this true story, I must tell you that there are people who say this story is just a fairy tale. But, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself talked about Jonah in the fish's belly as something that really happened. You can read what He said in Matthew 12:39-41. Also, Yahweh God created the whole universe out of nothing. You can read about the creation in Genesis 1. So why could Yahweh not have created a special fish to do a special job at a special time? Of course, He did.



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Psalm 148

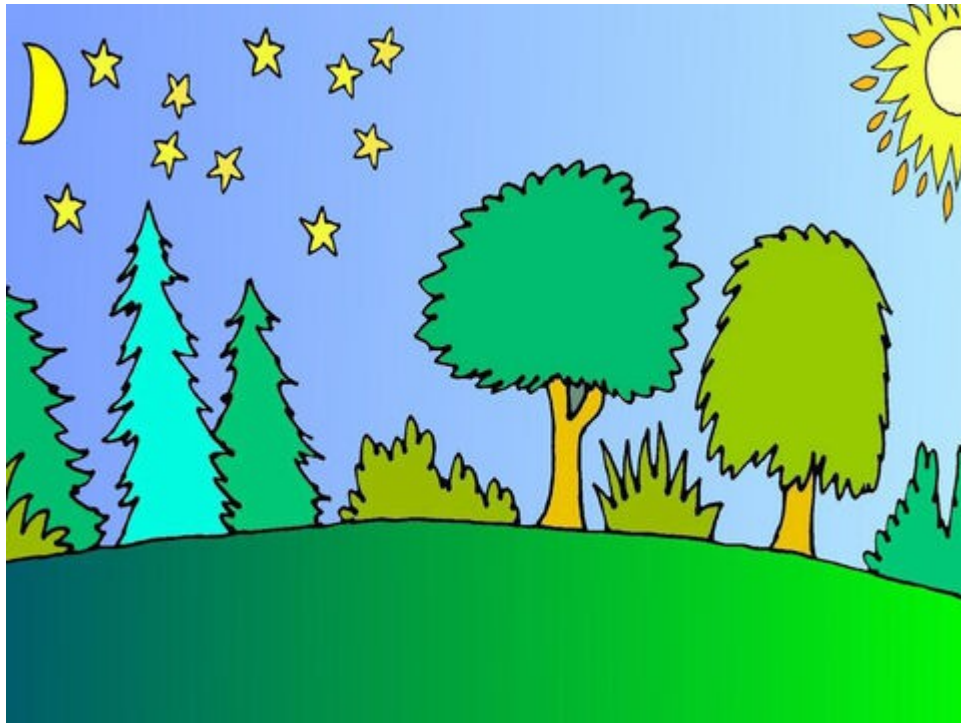
Praise The Name Of The Lord!

This is one of my favourite psalms. I love hearing all about God's wonderful creation and looking at the beautiful flowers and trees and creatures that He thought up and made. It makes me smile and sing songs of praise to Him too!

1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

3 Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!



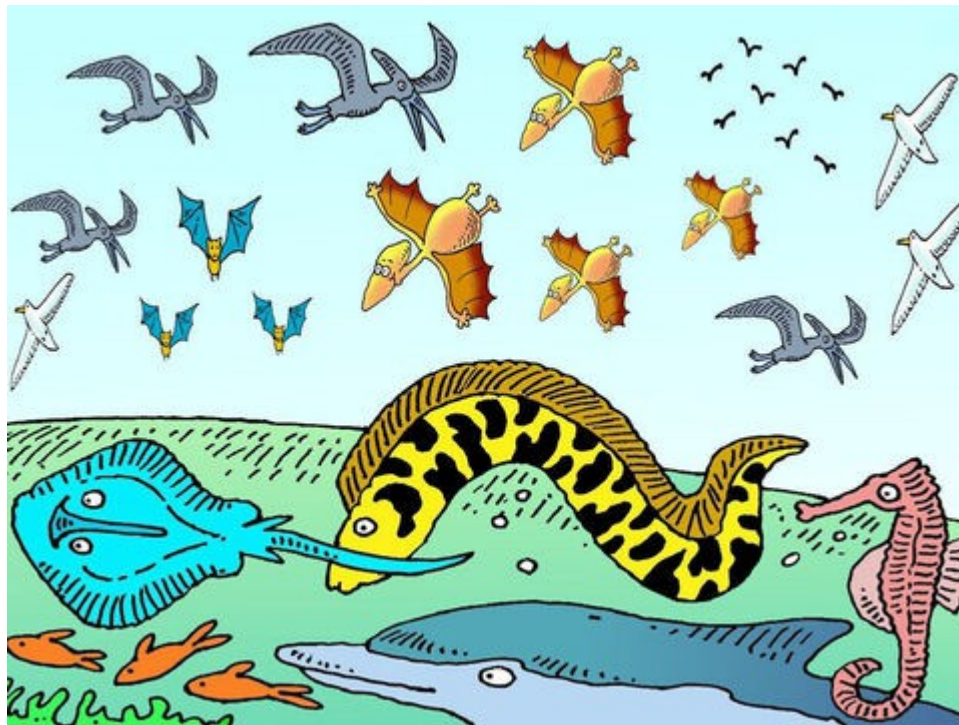
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4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

6 And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,
8 fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!
9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
10 Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!



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11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
12 Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.
14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

(The Holy Bible, English Standard Version. e-Sword. Version 12.2.0. Copyright 2000-2020. Rick Meyers.)

Go Fish! Card Game

Time for a game! I hope you will enjoy playing this. These links give instructions:

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<https://www.officialgamerules.org/go-fish>

GAME INSTRUCTIONS

The aim of the game is to match as many cards as you can. For example, 2 Queens, 2 Aces, 2 Sevens and so on. For 2 or more players.

Shuffle a deck of playing cards. Deal 5 cards to each player.

Players with pairs of matching cards put them down, face up, before the game begins. The other cards are held in their hands so that the other players cannot see them.

Decide who will go first. For example, the player with the biggest shoes, the person who has a rabbit as a pet, or whose birthday comes last, etc. Have fun choosing! Each player gets a turn, going clockwise after the first player.

Each player gets a turn to ask any one of the other players whether he or she has a particular card that player needs to make a pair.

For example: David: "Harley, do you have a Five?" If Harley has a five, then she must give it to David. David then puts down his pair of fives. He then asks for other cards he needs to make matching pairs from the cards in his hand.

For example: David: "Danielle, do you have a King?" If Danielle has a King, David puts down the pair of Kings. But, if Danielle does not have a King, she says: "Go fish!" David picks up the top card from the "pool" (the deck). If this card is a King, then David puts down the Kings and continues asking the players, one at a time, for cards he needs to match his cards. If the card he "fishes" out of the "pool" is not a King, his turn ends and the next player gets a turn.

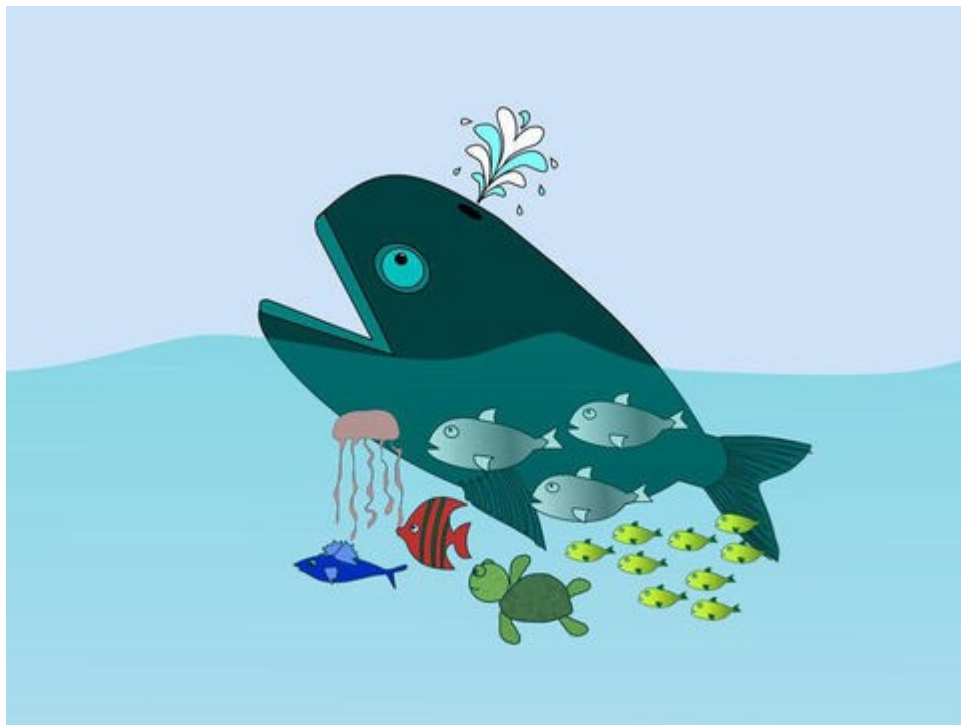
The game ends when the "pool" is empty. If a player uses up all his cards, but the "pool" is not empty, then he must draw 5 more cards and continue playing.

The winner is the player with the most pairs of matching cards.

Ten Little Golden Fish Counting Rhyme

I hope that you enjoy this amusing fishy rhyme, dear Reader!

Ten little golden fish swimming in the sea
Dipping, diving, darting, ducking
Happy as can be!
Daring the big old whale:
"You cannot catch me!"
But here comes the big old whale
Cunning as can be...
GULP!
Now -
Nine little golden fish swimming in the sea.



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Nine little golden fish swimming in the sea
Dipping, diving, darting, ducking
Happy as can be!
Daring the big old whale:
"You cannot catch me!"

But here comes the big old whale
Cunning as can be...
GULP!
Now -
Eight little golden fish swimming in the sea.

Eight little golden fish swimming in the sea
Dipping, diving, darting, ducking
Happy as can be!
Daring the big old whale:
"You cannot catch me!"
But here comes the big old whale
Cunning as can be...
GULP!
Now -
Seven little golden fish swimming in the sea.

Seven little golden fish swimming in the sea
Dipping, diving, darting, ducking
Happy as can be!
Daring the big old whale:
"You cannot catch me!"
But here comes the big old whale
Cunning as can be...
GULP!
Now -
Six little golden fish swimming in the sea.

Six little golden fish swimming in the sea
Dipping, diving, darting, ducking
Happy as can be!
Daring the big old whale:
"You cannot catch me!"
But here comes the big old whale
Cunning as can be...
GULP!
Now -
Five little golden fish swimming in the sea.

Five little golden fish swimming in the sea
Dipping, diving, darting, ducking
Happy as can be!
Daring the big old whale:
"You cannot catch me!"
But here comes the big old whale
Cunning as can be...
GULP!
Now -

Four little golden fish swimming in the sea.

Four little golden fish swimming in the sea
Dipping, diving, darting, ducking
Happy as can be!
Daring the big old whale:
"You cannot catch me!"
But here comes the big old whale
Cunning as can be...
GULP!
Now -

Three little golden fish swimming in the sea.

Three little golden fish swimming in the sea
Dipping, diving, darting, ducking
Happy as can be!
Daring the big old whale:
"You cannot catch me!"
But here comes the big old whale
Cunning as can be...
GULP!
Now -

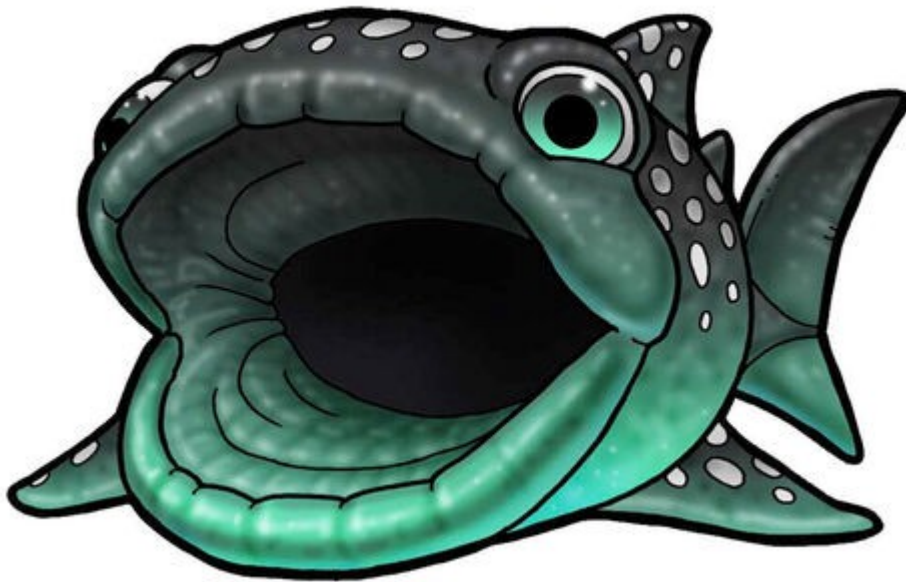
Two little golden fish swimming in the sea.

Two little golden fish swimming in the sea
Dipping, diving, darting, ducking
Happy as can be!
Daring the big old whale:
"You cannot catch me!"

But here comes the big old whale
Cunning as can be...
GULP!
Now -
One little golden fish swimming in the sea.

One little golden fish swimming in the sea
Dipping, diving, darting, ducking
Happy as can be!
Daring the big old whale:
"You cannot catch me!"
But here comes the big old whale
Cunning as can be...
GULP!
Now -
NO little golden fish swimming in the sea!

(I adapted this from Cape May County Library's version. <https://pin.it/4lsZjlu>)



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Fishy Craft Ideas

I think you'll have fun making these pretty fish, dear Reader.

THINGS YOU NEED:

Paper plates or cardboard cut into a round shape, or old CD's or DVD's
Pieces of coloured paper or gift wrap
Glue and/or a stapler
Decorations such as beads, buttons, glitter, sequins, bits of paper or foil, etc.
Thick pens or crayons
String or strong ribbon

TO MAKE:

Draw or make and stick one big fishy eye on to your plate or CD or DVD or cardboard shape. You could use a big button or bead.
Draw and cut out two sets of fins from the coloured paper and stick them on to the fish shape.
Now make two big fishy lips and stick them on to your fish. Draw a smiley mouth next to the lips.
Draw a big semi-circle behind the eye and mouth to separate the face from the body.
Draw lots of semi-circles on the body to make scales.
Use your decorations to make your fish look beautiful.
Attach the string to the top of the fish and hang it in a breezy spot where it can "swim."

Now sit back and enjoy it!

(Adapted from <https://mamateaches.com/fish-crafts-for-preschoolers/>.)

The Funny But Frustrating Plague Of Frogs!



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When Yahweh God rescued the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt, He used ten plagues. One of these was the plague of frogs. I really like frogs, dear Reader. I'm not sure why. But not so many all at one time. Trying not to stand or sit on them - ugh!

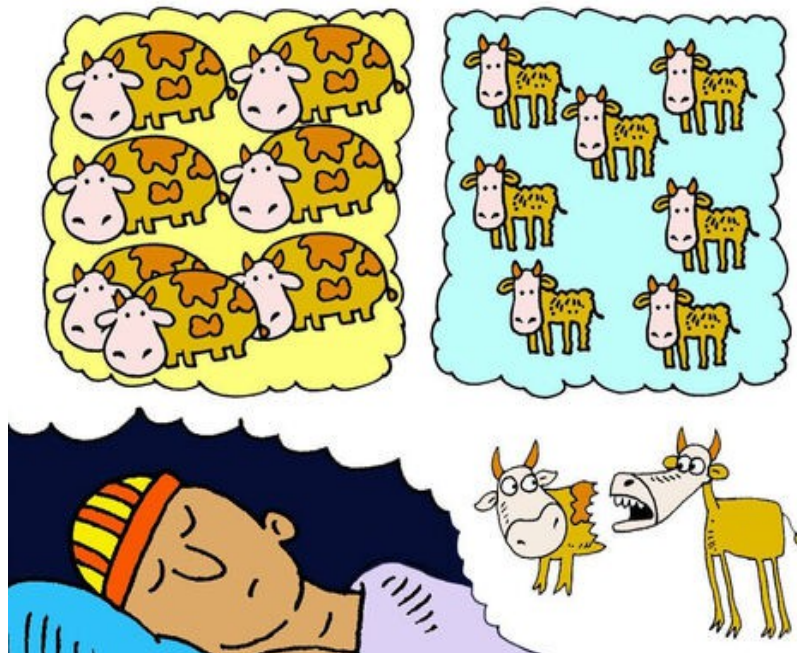
A plague is something annoying. It can also be something that hurts, like the plague of locusts that ate up all the food. The plague of frogs was actually quite funny - as long as you weren't in Egypt at the time!

This was the situation: the people of Israel had been living as slaves to the Egyptians for a very long time. The king of Egypt, who was called the Pharaoh, used them badly. He made them sweat from dawn to dusk, without pay, doing hard, hard work. He treated them like prisoners. He bent their backs under heavy burdens. They made bricks for his building projects. Bricks, bricks and more bricks. Day in and day out. No holidays. No weekends. Work or be whipped! And I thought being a teacher was hard work!

Not only did the Pharaoh make the children of Israel his slaves, he also made it a law to murder the Hebrew boy babies as soon as they were born. Fortunately, God had two brave women who saved many of these babies from the cruel Pharaoh. So the Hebrews, who were also called Israelites, cried out to the God of their fathers; the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God had given Jacob the name, Israel, so Jacob's children and their children and their children were all called the children of Israel or Israelites.

Jacob had twelve sons. These brothers had children. Their children had children. And so on. Over time they became a large group of people. In fact, my father, whose name was also Abraham, was descended from the great- great- great- great- great- great- great- great- great- great- great-grandchildren of Israel! There should be more "greats" there! So in a way, this is part of my family's history, dear Reader. Today the children of Israel who live in the land of Israel call themselves Israelis. Those living outside the land of Israel call themselves Jews.

But back to our story. The children of Israel had gone to Egypt hundreds of years earlier during a bad famine. A famine is a very bad food shortage. It is sometimes caused by lack of rain to water the crops that people grow for food. Israel's son Joseph had been used by God to rescue the Egyptians from the famine. God had given the Pharaoh of that time special dreams warning him that a bad famine was coming.



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Then God had told Joseph what the dreams meant. God had also given Joseph wisdom to

know what to do to help the people of Egypt. And Joseph told all this to the Pharaoh. So the Pharaoh of that earlier time had made Joseph second in command under him. He trusted and honoured Joseph because God used Joseph to save the Egyptians from starving to death.

Joseph helped the Egyptians to save and store their grain to eat during the famine. Not only that, but Joseph sold some of the grain to the starving people from the lands near Egypt, including his own family. So Pharaoh had been happy to have Joseph's family come to live in Egypt and gave them the beautiful land of Goshen to settle in.



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That was a very long time ago. Now this new Pharaoh hated the Israelites and forced them to work as slaves. But God heard the desperate prayers of the children of Israel. And God had a plan to rescue them from their trouble. So God raised up an Israelite called Moses to lead God's people. God's plan was to take the Israelites out of Egypt, away from slavery and into the land He had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Moses and his brother, Aaron, went to Pharaoh just as God told them to. They told Pharaoh that he must send the children of Israel out of Egypt. But Pharaoh didn't like to be told what to do. He didn't know the one true God, Yahweh. In fact, Pharaoh thought that he himself was a god. So Pharaoh ignored Moses and Aaron, even after God

had made Aaron's rod turn into a snake. Even after God sent the first plague to show Pharaoh that He was the true God, Pharaoh went on hardening his heart against God.

So God sent Moses and Aaron back to tell Pharaoh: "Thus says the LORD: Let My people go, that they may serve Me." They warned Pharaoh that if he disobeyed God again, God would send a plague of frogs. God promised that if Pharaoh disobeyed Him, many, many frogs would come up from the Nile River. Can you imagine the noise they would make, dear Reader? Kwaak! Kwaak!



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God warned that those frogs would hop into Pharaoh's house. And they would hop into Pharaoh's bedroom. Then they would hop on to Pharaoh's bed. His nice clean bed! And those pesky frogs would hop into Pharaoh's servants' houses. They would even hop into the ovens. And into the bowls used to make bread. Plop! Plop! Kwaak! Kwaak! Kwaak! And God warned Pharaoh that those pesky, pestiferous frogs would come up on him and on his people and on all his servants. Can you imagine how horrible that would be, dear Reader? Lots and lots of slimy, slippery, jumping, leaping, croaking frogs. Ugh!

Because God is gracious and patient and prefers to bless rather than to punish people, God told Pharaoh how horrible this plague would be, before He brought the plague. So

God was giving Pharaoh a chance to change his mind, to believe God, and to let the Israelites go.



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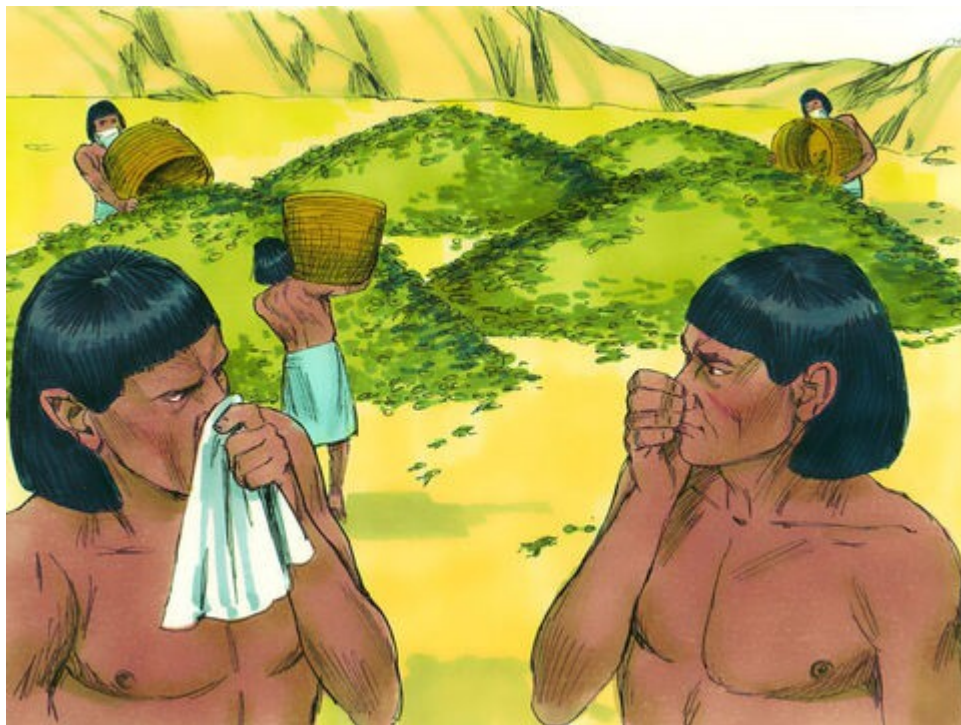
Now, after the first plague that God had brought against the Pharaoh, you would think Pharaoh would listen to God. After all, God had turned the Nile River to blood. For seven days the water of the river was blood! That must have been frightening and disgusting. But no. Just like a naughty, spoiled teenager, this Pharaoh refused to listen to God. He hardened his heart against God. Maybe he was jealous of the real God who was more powerful than he was?

So, God said to Moses to tell Aaron to hold the rod over the streams and over the rivers and over the ponds. Then the frogs would come up from the streams and the rivers and the ponds. And they would cover the land of Egypt. That is exactly what happened. When God says something will happen, you know it will happen. God never lies.

Now, Pharaoh's magicians were trying hard to make Pharaoh look as powerful as God. So guess what they did? They used their spells to make more frogs! You would think they would at least try to get rid of the frogs. But they just made more frogs. I wonder what Pharaoh thought of that?

Anyway, finally even Pharaoh had had enough of the frogs. So he called for Moses. He actually asked Moses politely to beg God to take away the frogs. And he promised that then he would let God's people go away to worship Him.

Now, you might think that God would make the frogs hop right back to the streams and the rivers and the ponds. But instead God made the frogs die where they were. They died in the houses, the courtyards and the fields. Then the people piled up the dead frogs in heaps. The Bible tells us that the whole land stank because of the dead frogs. How disgusting! I think that that was part of the punishment of the plague. Doing bad things, like disobeying God, or disobeying parents, always ends badly. Disobeying God made the whole land of Egypt stink.



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Pharaoh now decided to let his Israelite slaves go, right? Wrong! Although he was glad that the plague of frogs had stopped, he hardened his heart again. Apparently, he wasn't going to be told what to do by anyone. Not even the one, true God.

But Yahweh is very patient. He is much more patient with us than we are with each other. I am so glad God is patient with me, dear Reader. So God sent more plagues, one

after the other. Up until the seventh plague, God gave Pharaoh a chance to change his mind and obey. But after the seventh plague God punished Pharaoh by hardening Pharaoh's heart Himself. The tenth and last plague hurt Pharaoh and his people so badly that Pharaoh finally gave in. In fact he and his people wanted the Israelites to leave so God would stop punishing them. It really doesn't help us to be stubborn because we just hurt ourselves.

Here's an interesting fact: the ancient Egyptians actually worshiped a false goddess in the form of a frog. They called it Heqet. But this false goddess couldn't save them from the power of Yahweh, the one, true living God. And the Pharaoh, who believed he was a god, was completely defeated by Yahweh.

You can read about the plague of frogs and the whole true account of God's rescue operation in the first fifteen chapters in the book of Exodus. That's the second book of the Bible. Exodus means a "going out from" of many people. It is how the Israelites were taken out from Egypt and slavery under the cruel Pharaoh. The rest of the book of Exodus tells us how God protected, looked after and disciplined the children of Israel. He made them into His own special nation. It is an amazing true story, dear Reader. One day you will be able to read it on your own.



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(Genesis 40-45, Exodus 1-15, Holy Bible, NKJV. 1984, Thomas Nelson, USA.)

Froggy Fun Things To Make!

Here is a great website, full of crafty ideas: <https://www.craftplaylearn.com/15-fun-frog-crafts-for-kids-to-make/>

I hope you will enjoy making some of them, dear Reader. Here is a cute paper plate frog project from this website:



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What You Will Need To Make This Easy Paper Plate And Handprint Frog:

A paper plate

Stiff paper or cardboard

Pencil and rubber

Crayons or paint

Black permanent marker or thick felt tipped black pen

A pair of scissors

Glue

How To Make This Funny Frog:

Colour or paint the paper plate green. This is the frog's body.

Draw around your hands. Colour or paint them green.

Draw two circles from white paper or cardboard for eyes.

Make a big, black dot at the bottom of each eye.

Make a mouth shape and colour it black.

Draw a long, straight tongue and colour it red. Or, use a red paper ribbon to make the tongue.

Carefully cut out the hand prints for the frog's feet.

Carefully cut out the eye circles.

Carefully cut out the mouth shape.

Carefully cut out the tongue strip and curl it around and around a pen to make it curly. Or curl the ribbon with the pair of scissors.

Stick the feet to the bottom of the paper plate.

Stick the eyes to the top of the paper plate.

Draw two little round nostrils below the eyes.

Stick the mouth below the nostrils.

Stick the tongue to the mouth.

Put it in a safe spot to dry.

Enjoy it!

All Things Bright And Beautiful

This is a happy hymn or song that I loved to sing when I was at school. I hope you will enjoy it too, dear Reader.

All Things Bright And Beautiful

by Cecil F. Alexander

Chorus

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flow'r that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.



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The purple-headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.



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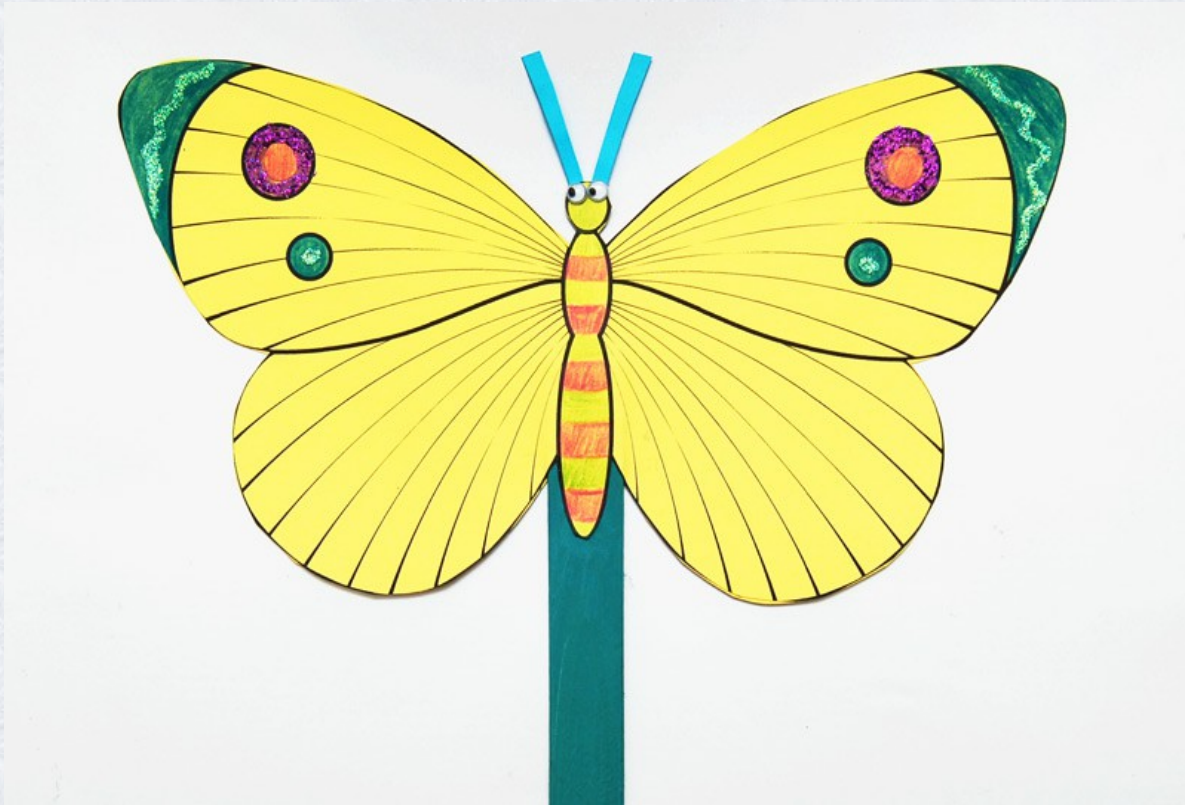
He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

(Public Domain. 1848. I found this hymn at:

https://library.timelesstruths.org/music/All_Things_Bright_and_Beautiful/)

Make A Bright And Beautiful Butterfly Fan!

I do hope you will enjoy making this butterfly fan, dear Reader. You can also make a butterfly mask. This idea was free from First Palette. The link is under the picture. Their website has lots of free craft ideas and printables. This fan is easy to make and I changed the steps a bit to make it even easier. Have fun!



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What You Will Need:

Cardboard - white or a pale colour

Crayons / paints

Pencil and rubber

Felt tipped pens

A pair of scissors - please be careful!

Little thin cardboard strips or drinking straws for the antennae

Bits and pieces to decorate: glitter/beads /buttons/shiny paper/sequins....

Glue stick

Strong glue for the handle and antennae

A very strong strip of cardboard, or a flat stick or a ruler for the handle or something similar

How To Make It:

First draw a large, simple butterfly shape. You can copy the picture if you want. It must be big enough to make a breeze when you fan yourself.

Carefully cut out your butterfly.

Then draw the body and the eyes. Do this on both sides of your butterfly.

Colour the butterfly with your crayons or paint, if you want to. Leave the body strip blank. The handle will go here. You could also draw, colour and cut out the body to stick on after you have attached the handle.

Carefully cut out two thin strips of cardboard for the antennae. Or you could use drinking straws.

Stick on the antennae.

Attach the handle. If your handle is made of thick cardboard, you will need two strips, one on each side of the butterfly to hold it firmly. **Let it dry.**

Now decorate the wings of your butterfly. Remember to decorate both sides.

Wait for the decorations to dry before using your fan.

How To Make A Butterfly Mask:

Use similar steps as for the fan.

But:

Draw two holes for your eyes in the wings. Ask Mommy or Daddy to help you measure where to place the eye holes.



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Four Wise And Wonderful Creatures



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Proverbs 30:24-28

Four things on earth are small, but they are exceedingly wise:
the ants are a people not strong,
yet they provide their food in the summer;
the rock badgers are a people not mighty,
yet they make their homes in the cliffs;
the locusts have no king,
yet all of them march in rank;
the lizard you can take in your hands,
yet it is in kings' palaces.

(Proverbs, Holy Bible, ESV, e-Sword Version 12.2.0. 2000-2020 Rick Meyers.)

A Very Special Donkey Colt

Dear Reader, may this very special true story bless you!

At Christmas we remember that Jesus Christ, the wonderful, good, loving, one and only Son of God, came into our world as a human baby. About thirty years later, at Passover time (which some people call Easter) we remember that He rode into Jerusalem as the God-man, on the back of a young donkey.

This is what happened: the Lord Jesus and His disciples were coming to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. On the way, the Lord told two of His disciples to go into a village. He said that as they went into the village they would see a donkey colt. A colt is a young donkey or a young horse. Jesus Christ told them to untie it and bring it to Him. He also told them to say that the Lord needed it if anyone asked the disciples why they were untying the donkey. And that is exactly what happened. The owners let the colt go to be used by the Lord. The disciples brought the donkey to the Lord Jesus.



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Then the happy disciples covered the back of the little donkey with their own clothing, maybe their cloaks. They lifted Jesus Christ on to the back of the little animal. Can you imagine their excitement? Jesus Christ was coming into Jerusalem as King of the Jews.

They thought He was going to set up the special kingdom that God had been promising Israel for hundreds of years. They wanted Him to rule in power and honour.



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A crowd of His disciples ran in front of Jesus Christ on the donkey. Many of them spread their clothes on the road or cut down leafy branches from the trees nearby to cover the road. They did this to honour Him as King.

And they sang:

Hosanna!
Blessed is He who comes in the
name of the LORD!
Blessed is the kingdom
of our father David
that comes in the
name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the King
who comes in the
name of the LORD!

Peace in heaven and
Glory in the highest!



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You can read about this exciting time in Matthew chapter 21:1-17, Mark chapter 11:1-10, Luke chapter 19:28-40 and John chapter 12:12-18. How wonderful it was! The prophet Zechariah also wrote about this hundreds of years before it happened. His prophecy is in chapter 9:9 of Zechariah. This is what he wrote:

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold your King is coming to you;
He is just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.

But they didn't understand that their King, Jesus the Christ, Y'shua the Messiah, was coming as a humble servant-king, the first time. The second time He will come on a white horse. Then He will rule over the nation of Israel and the whole world. But that is in the future. You can read about that in Revelation chapter 19:11-16.

The first time that Jesus Christ came was to die for us. He came as God in a human body - but without any bad thoughts, or bad words, or bad wishes or bad actions. He was - and is - completely good. He is the one and only, very special God-man.

All human beings, dear Reader, you and me, our family, our friends and all the people who have ever lived on earth, sometimes think bad thoughts, speak bad words, want bad things and do bad things. We can't help it. We were born that way. The Bible calls this sin. We sin because we are all sinners. We are born with a sin nature. Even the things we do that we think are good, are actually sinful in God's eyes because God knows our thoughts. God knows that we are selfish deep down in our hearts. We are not like Him.

You see, God is one hundred percent good. He alone is perfect, just, true, very, very patient, kind and caring. He loves us, bad as we are, with a beautiful, unselfish love. He does not want anything from us in return. He just pours out His love on us.

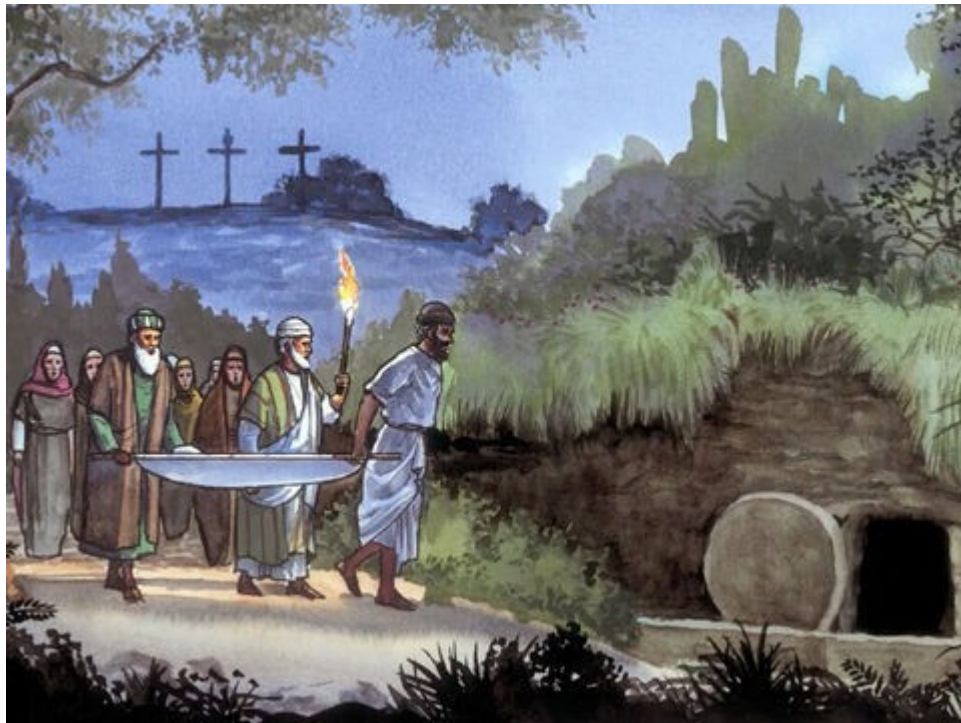
But there is a very big problem. The Bible tells us that God the Father cannot live with sinners. Our sin separates us from God. Not only can God not live with sinners, but because God is just and fair, He has to punish sinners. Even sinful people want justice. We want people who hurt other people to be punished. That is because God made us in His image. Even very small children are taught by good parents not to scream and shout and throw things when they get angry. Their parents have to teach them to share their toys with other children. Good parents have to punish their children when they behave badly.

Now, the problem is that we human beings cannot stop sinning. If we count up all the selfish thoughts any one person has during their lives, by the time they are old, that would be thousands and thousands of bad, selfish thoughts. God in the Bible tells us what these selfish thoughts are: wanting what someone else has, is one. Another kind of selfish thought is holding on to angry thoughts about someone. Or not wanting to share what you have with other people even when they need help. Or thinking that you are better than other people. We all have these sinful thoughts. It is because of our sin nature. Unfortunately, those selfish, hurtful thoughts lead to selfish, hurtful words and selfish, hurtful behaviour.

However, God still loves us. The Bible tells us that God made everything. That means He made you and me. He knows all about us. He knows our thoughts. He knows when we cry and are sad. He wants us to trust Him and get to know Him. He wants us to talk to Him about everything. And most of all He wants to save us from the punishment that He has

to give us because of all our sins. And at the same time He wants to set us free from being controlled by our sin nature. He wants us to live really happy, peaceful lives.

So God the Father gave God the Son to us all. He gave His wonderful, one and only Son to take the punishment we all deserve. Jesus Christ, God the Son, the only God-man, died on the cross for us all. He took all of our sins in His body on the cross. He died for me. He died for you. He died for every human being who ever lived or who ever will live. He died to take the punishment that we all deserve for all our sins.



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Then after He died on the cross, a rich man called Joseph of Arimathea, buried Jesus Christ's body in a new tomb that belonged to him.

But Jesus Christ did not stay dead! The third day after His death, God raised Him back to life! Hallelujah! Praise God! That showed that God the Father was pleased by what His Son had done. The Son had done just what He had come to do. How wonderful!



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Just before Jesus Christ breathed His last breath on the cross, He shouted: It is finished! He meant that His death for us had completely paid for our sins. All of them. Paid in full! God showed that Jesus Christ's work on the cross for us was one hundred percent successful, by raising His Son from the dead.

And God will forgive everyone who believes in Jesus Christ. He will save them from His own punishment in Hell. Instead, He will give them everlasting life. He will wash away their sins. This is God's gift to everyone who believes on Jesus Christ.

Dear Reader, this is the best gift that anyone can get!

Here is a link to a booklet for children that explains how you can be saved.

<https://www.gracegospelpress.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Good-News-booklet.pdf>

(The Holy Bible, New King James Version. 1984, Thomas Nelson, USA.)

Weird And Wonderful Camels

Amazing Facts About Camels:

Most camels live in deserts. So their bodies have been specially made by God to help them live in those hot, dry, sandy, dusty places.

- The humps store fat for them to live on when there is no food.
- They can close their nostrils to stop sand getting inside their noses.
- Camels have three eyelids and double rows of eyelashes to protect their eyes.
- Their padded feet keep their feet from getting burnt by the hot sand.
- Their thick hair protects them from the sun.
- They can drink a lot of water very fast.
- They can eat plants that grow very close to the ground because their top lips have two parts that move to help them get the food into their mouths.

(<https://www.thoughtco.com/camel-facts-4589369>)



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What The Bible Tells Us About Camels:

- Camel caravans were used to carry goods to sell. Today we use trains and trucks.
- Camels were used to carry soldiers into battle. Today we use tanks.
- Some people used camels to travel. Today we use cars and buses.
- Job was a very rich man. He owned 6,000 camels.
- Camel hair was used to make clothing.

(<https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Camels>)



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Some Bible Verses About Camels:

Mark 1:6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.

Mark 10:25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

(The Holy Bible, ESV, e-Sword. Version 12.2.0. 2000-2020 Rick Meyers.)

All Farm Creatures Great And Small: Old MacDonald Had A Farm

When I was a young child, dear Reader, I loved singing this song. I hope you enjoy it too.

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had some horses
E-I-E-I-O
With a neigh, neigh here
And a neigh, neigh there
Here a neigh
There a neigh
Everywhere a neigh, neigh!

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had some cows
E-I-E-I-O
With a moo, moo here
And a moo, moo there
Here a moo
There a moo
Everywhere a moo, moo!



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Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had some bulls
E-I-E-I-O
With a bellow, bellow here
And a bellow, bellow there
Here a bellow
There a bellow
Everywhere a bellow, bellow!

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had some sheep
E-I-E-I-O
With a baa, baa here
And a baa, baa there
Here a baa
There a baa
Everywhere a baa, baa!



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Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had some pigs
E-I-E-I-O
With an oink, oink here
And an oink, oink there

Here an oink
There an oink
Everywhere an oink, oink!

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had some rabbits
E-I-E-I-O
With a whiffle, whiffle here
And a whiffle, whiffle there
Here a whiffle
There a whiffle
Everywhere a whiffle, whiffle!

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had some hens
E-I-E-I-O
With a cluck, cluck here
And a cluck, cluck there
Here a cluck
There a cluck
Everywhere a cluck, cluck!



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Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had some geese

E-I-E-I-O
With a honk, honk here
And a honk, honk there
Here a honk
There a honk
Everywhere a honk, honk!

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had some ducks
E-I-E-I-O
With a quack, quack here
And a quack, quack there
Here a quack
There a quack
Everywhere a quack, quack!

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had some turkeys
E-I-E-I-O
With a gobble, gobble here
And a gobble, gobble there
Here a gobble
There a gobble
Everywhere a gobble, gobble!

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had some dogs
E-I-E-I-O
With a woof, woof here
And a woof, woof there
Here a woof
There a woof
Everywhere a woof, woof!

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had some cats
E-I-E-I-O
With a purr, purr here
And a purr, purr there
Here a purr
There a purr
Everywhere a purr, purr!

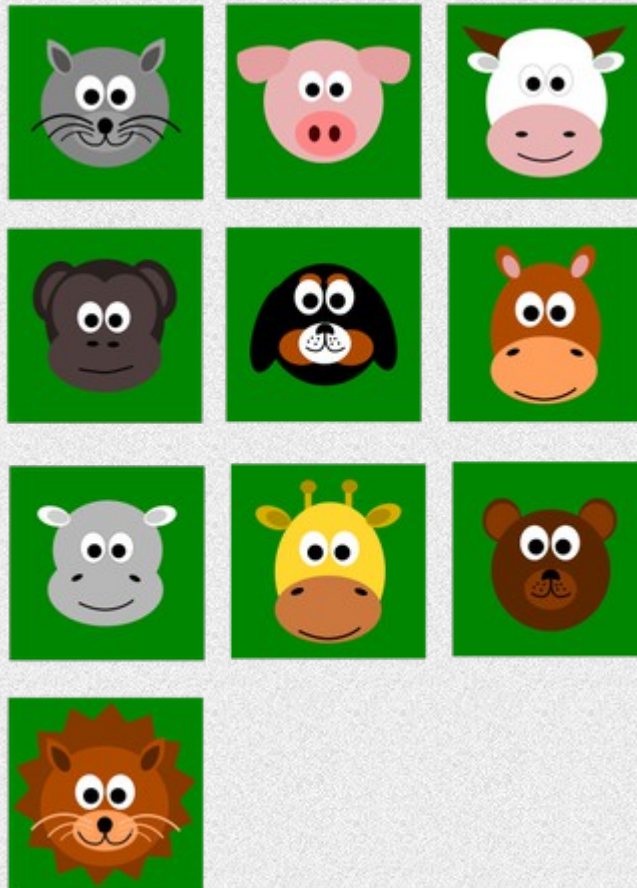


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Drawing Super Simple Silly Creatures!

These cute animal faces will give you hours of fun, dear Reader! I found them at:

<https://publicdomainvectors.org/en/free-clipart/Cartoon-animal-faces/74142.html>



<https://publicdomainvectors.org/photos/animals.png>

THINGS YOU WILL NEED:

Blank paper or thin cardboard
Ruler
Pencil and rubber
Thick coloured pens
Crayons or paints

HOW TO DRAW YOUR ANIMALS:

1. Using your ruler and pencil, divide a sheet of the blank paper or cardboard into blocks. Make them wide enough for your animals.
2. Carefully draw a circle in each block, using your pencil.
3. When you are happy with the pencil circles, ink them in with your thick coloured pens.
4. Have a look at the picture above to see how different animals can be made from the circles. What animals can you see?
5. Decide which animals you want to draw. You could make different animals from the ones in the picture. For example, you could draw a mouse with two big round ears, whiskers and a sharp, pointed nose.
6. Take your pencil and *lightly* draw ears, whiskers, eyes, mouth, nose, etc. for each animal at a time.
7. When you are happy with each animal use your thick pens to ink in the ears, etc.
8. Now repeat these steps until all your circles have been made into animals.
9. Then use your crayons or paints to colour them in.
10. Let them dry.

WHAT YOU COULD DO WITH YOUR ANIMALS

Make Your Own Birthday Cards

You can cut out rectangles of blank cardboard and fold them in half.



Stick an animal picture on the part of the card facing up.
Write your birthday message inside the card.

Daniel In The Den Of Lions

This is one of my favourite true stories in the Bible, dear Reader. It helps me to remember that God loves me and that He is more powerful than people who hurt me. Even when I go through hard times, God is still there, watching over me. The Bible tells us that God works all things, even bad things, together for good for those who love Him. That is in Romans 8:28.

Daniel was a Jewish man, an Israelite, who lived in the land of Babylon. He was dragged off to Babylon with many other Jews, when the very powerful Babylonian king destroyed Jerusalem and stole all the treasures from God's temple. God used this to discipline the Israelites living at that time, because the nation as a whole were very disobedient. They had turned their back on God and worshiped idols. They did many horrible things. This went on for many, many years. Finally, after warning them over and over, God had to stop them and discipline them.

Daniel was a teenager when he was taken captive with the other Jews and made to live in Babylon. He loved God with all his heart and God blessed him greatly with wisdom. Like Joseph, God told him the meanings of dreams and visions that God gave to the Babylonian kings. He served many different kings in Babylon and was greatly respected and honoured by them.



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Now Daniel used to pray in his room, with his windows open, facing Jerusalem. He did this three times a day. He did this out of love for God. He did it because he needed God. He did it because he knew God was the one true, all powerful Creator. And he did it because he worshiped God.

Even when Daniel was an old man he still worked for the kings who ruled over Babylon. Now the Medes and Persians had defeated the Babylonian king and taken over their kingdom. The king ruling at that time was Darius the Mede.

Darius divided up his huge kingdom under one hundred and twenty rulers. Then Darius put three governors over the hundred and twenty rulers. Daniel was one of these top rulers. Because he was so good, Darius was going to make him the ruler over the whole kingdom, under himself.



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Now the other rulers and governors were envious of Daniel. Do you remember that I explained to you that bad thoughts lead to bad actions, dear Reader? Well, here is an example. Instead of being glad that King Darius had picked them to rule under him, these bad men hated Daniel. They wanted the honour that Darius was giving Daniel. So they plotted against Daniel to get rid of him.

One day these bad men crowded into the king's palace and went to see the king. They tricked King Darius into making it a crime for anyone to pray to any god or man except Darius himself for thirty days. Darius was flattered! He enjoyed being treated like a god. He fell into the sin of pride, thinking too much of himself.

So Darius signed a new law that stated that anyone praying to any god or man apart from himself, would be thrown into the den of lions. Now, the law of the Medes and Persians could not be changed once it had been signed by the king. Those envious rulers must have been rubbing their hands together with glee. They knew that Daniel truly loved the Yahweh His God and would go on praying to Him.

And that's what Daniel did. He thanked God for His blessings and he asked God for things as well. I am sure he must have asked God to protect him from these bad men. Daniel would have known he would be thrown into the lions' den. But he chose to trust God rather than men. Maybe he also asked Yahweh God to help him be brave and strong. Perhaps he asked God to help him to keep on trusting and worshiping Him only.

It was easy for the men who hated Daniel to report him to the king. When they did, Darius knew he himself was to blame for signing such a law. All day King Darius tried to come up with a plan to rescue Daniel, his most trusted ruler. At last the day ended and the group of envious rulers went back to the king. Boldly, they made him carry out the bad law that they had tricked him into signing.



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So Daniel was brought before Darius like a criminal. We know Daniel had done nothing wrong. All he had done was to worship and pray to the one, true, living God, the God of Abraham, the father of the Jews. And Darius obeyed his own law and had Daniel thrown into the den of lions. But before they shut him up in the den, Darius told Daniel that he believed Daniel's God would rescue him.

Then a heavy stone was laid on the opening of the den. The king had to seal it shut with his ring and the rings of the lords of the kingdom. Now no one dared open the den to rescue Daniel! Can you imagine how sad Darius must have felt and how angry he must have been with himself? He would eat no food and he could not sleep either. It was a night of fear and sorrow for King Darius.

So early in the morning the king rushed off to the lions' den. "Daniel, servant of the living God," he shouted. "Daniel has your God been able to save you from the lions?" His heart must have been thumping as he waited to hear Dear Reader, can you imagine how King Darius must have felt?

Then came this amazing reply from Daniel: "O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths."



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Hearing this, the king must have wanted to dance for joy! He had Daniel brought up out of the den. They looked all over Daniel's body. He was completely unhurt. Then the king put the bad rulers to death by throwing *them* into the den of lions. And he wrote a new law that all people living in his kingdom should fear the one, true, living God.

This is what King Darius wrote:

'For He is the living God,
And steadfast forever;
His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed,
And His dominion shall endure to the end.
He delivers and rescues,
And He works signs and wonders
In heaven and on earth,
Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.'

You can read about this wonderful true story in chapter 6 of the book of Daniel in the Bible. I hope one day you will do so, dear Reader.



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(Daniel 6, The Holy Bible, NKJV. 1984, Thomas Nelson, USA.)

Cute, Fluffy But Silly: Sheep

What do you think about sheep, dear Reader? These animals are mentioned over and over in the Bible. So here is a short list of what God has to say about sheep:

SHEEP IN THE BIBLE

- Many people farmed sheep for their wool as well as their meat.
- In Bible times possessing many sheep showed that a man was rich, like Abraham.
- Sheep were used in sacrifices to Yahweh. This was a picture of the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ who is called the Lamb of God. He gave His life as a sacrifice for all our sins. He did this to save us from the punishment we deserve.
- People are likened to sheep. Sheep are often disobedient. They often wander away from the shepherd and get lost or get into trouble. Sheep are silly, helpless animals that are hunted by wolves. So they need protection. Sheep do follow their own shepherd, knowing his voice. They are dependent on their shepherd for their well being.
- God calls the nation of Israel, His own special people, "sheep".
- God also calls believers His sheep that He cares for.



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SOME SPECIAL VERSES

- **LITV - Psalm 79:13** Then we Your people, and sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; we will declare Your praise to all generations.
- **LITV - Ezekiel 34:15** I will feed My sheep, and I will make them lie down, declares the Lord Jehovah.
- **LITV - John 10:11** I am the Good Shepherd! The Good Shepherd lays down His life on behalf of the sheep.
- **LITV - John 10:27-28** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give eternal life to them, and they shall not perish to the age, never! And not anyone shall pluck them out of My hand.

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FAMOUS SHEPHERDS

- King David
- Jesus the Messiah, Son of David



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Make Your Own Cottonwool Sheep

Here is another fun craft for you, dear Reader. I found this idea at Attachment Mommy online. Step by step instructions with pictures are given at the website.

Toilet Paper Tube Cotton Ball Sheep Craft



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Here are all the materials you'll need:

- Cardboard toilet paper tube rolls
- Cotton wool balls
- Black card
- Pink metallic marker
- Googly eyes, small
- Scissors
- Glue

Instructions:

1. Begin by applying glue around a cardboard toilet roll tube.
2. Stick cotton wool balls all around the cardboard roll.

3. Now cut out an oval shape from black card for the face.
4. You will also need to cut out 4 paw shapes and 2 small ear shapes, as shown.
5. Glue the ears to the back of the oval, to the side.
6. Stick on two googly eyes and draw a simple nose with the pink metallic marker.
7. Glue the head to the top of the cardboard roll.
8. Separate the cotton wool balls along the side and glue in the paws.

(<https://www.attachmentmummy.com/2021/04/adorable-toilet-paper-tube-sheep-craft.html>)

My suggestions:

If you don't have black card, you could use white or even coloured card for fun.

If you don't have a pink metallic marker use another kind of pen or cut out a little paper mouth and stick it on.

If you don't have googly eyes you could draw them and stick them on.

If you don't have cotton wool balls, just use cotton wool.

And, whatever you do, have fun!



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Some Last Thoughts About Animals

Dear Reader, God has given us the animals to care for, to enjoy, to use for food and clothing, for work and for protection. Some animals are too wild for us humans to live with in this age, like lions, bears and snakes. But a time is coming when the Lord Jesus Christ will rule as King over the earth from Jerusalem. Then there will be a wonderful time when animals that are dangerous today will not be harmful then.

This is what the prophet Isaiah writes about that coming, wonderful time in chapter 11:6-9:

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.



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