

Beautiful BIBLE TREASURES For Children

Lesson 3

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Animals Are Made

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Animals Are Made

God put fish and sea creatures in the oceans and rivers, lakes and ponds.

He put birds in the sky, trees, land, and on the water's surface.

Then animals, both large and small, began to explore the new world God had made.

There were huge and heavy animals, and tiny little flying bugs. There were fast-moving creatures and some very slow animals.

Some had feathers, some had fur, some had scales, some had skin, some had shells and some had wings.

God liked them all, and they were all friendly and happy animals.



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The world became a lively place, as creatures of all kinds, types, sizes and shapes were created.

God loves life—things that live, move, breathe, explore, enjoy and do what He made them for. He loves creating all sorts of things.

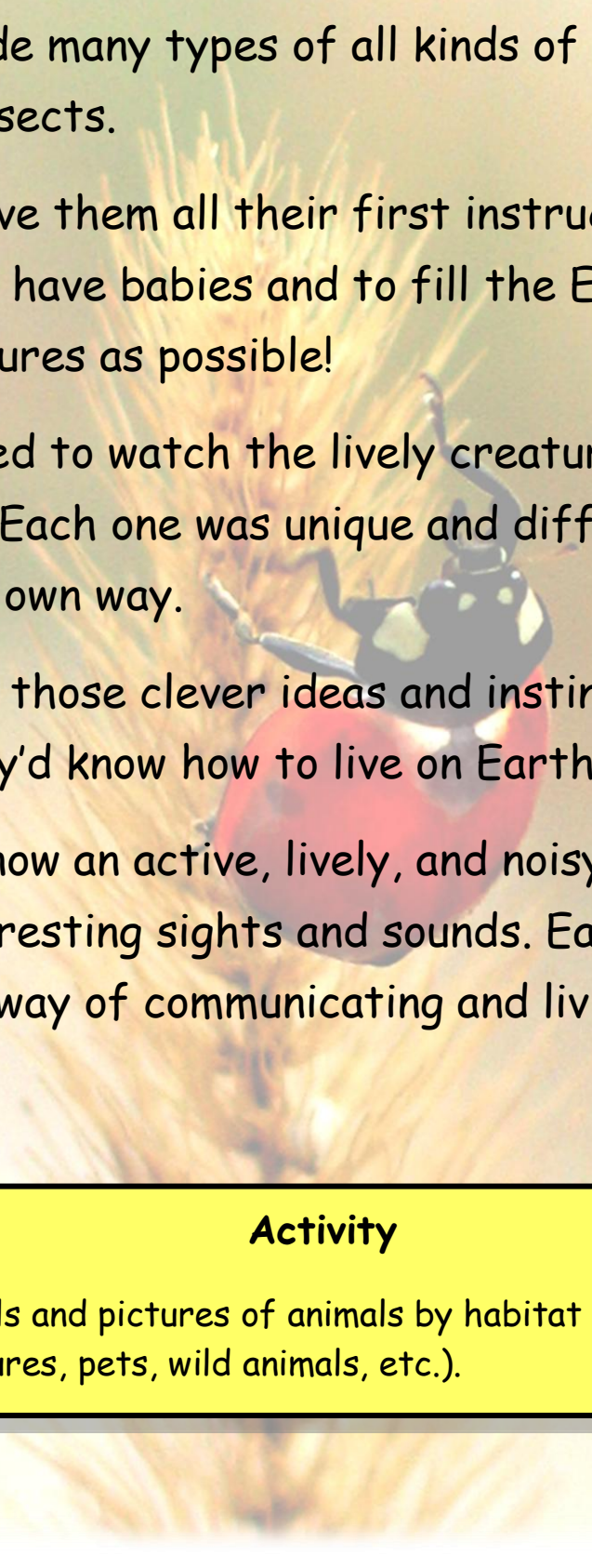
God is the greatest inventor there ever was or ever will be, and His ideas of new things to make are endless.

God had great fun on the fifth and sixth days of His big creation project. At last, after all the preparation of creating a planet where humans and animals could survive, He was finally able to add the creatures to it.

First, God made the sea creatures and fish, as well as the birds of all types.

The next day land creatures were created and began to fill the Earth.



A close-up photograph of a ladybug with a red body and black spots, crawling on a single, sharp pine needle. The background is a soft, out-of-focus yellow and green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting.

He made many types of all kinds of animals, birds, fish, and insects.

God gave them all their first instruction—to multiply, to have babies and to fill the Earth with as many creatures as possible!

God loved to watch the lively creatures and all their funny ways. Each one was unique and different, and clever in its own way.

God put those clever ideas and instincts within them so they'd know how to live on Earth.

It was now an active, lively, and noisy world, with fun and interesting sights and sounds. Each creature had its own way of communicating and living.

Activity

*Sort toy animals and pictures of animals by habitat or type (jungle, farm, sea creatures, pets, wild animals, etc.).

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On the fifth day the living environment was ready for God to begin placing creatures in it. Everything they needed to enjoy and survive was there.

On this day He started with the fish and sea creatures, then created birds of all types. These were the first animals created.

God told these first birds and fish and all the creatures that lived in water to “multiply”—that means to make more! God wanted more and more of them to fill the sea, the air and the trees.

He liked to see the happy creatures having fun in His new world. He enjoyed hearing the songs of the birds, and the sounds of many sea creatures too—sounds you seldom know about or rarely hear.



He liked seeing the fish exploring the pathways of the seas and rivers, discovering all that they do down there.

It was marvellous to Him. God liked them all, and was ready to do the same with the land—fill it with life!



On the sixth day God added lots more! He created many types of animals on the Earth: animals that would walk, crawl, hop, leap, climb, gallop, hang, jump, glide, wiggle, creep, stand, trot, fly, dig, run, and so forth.

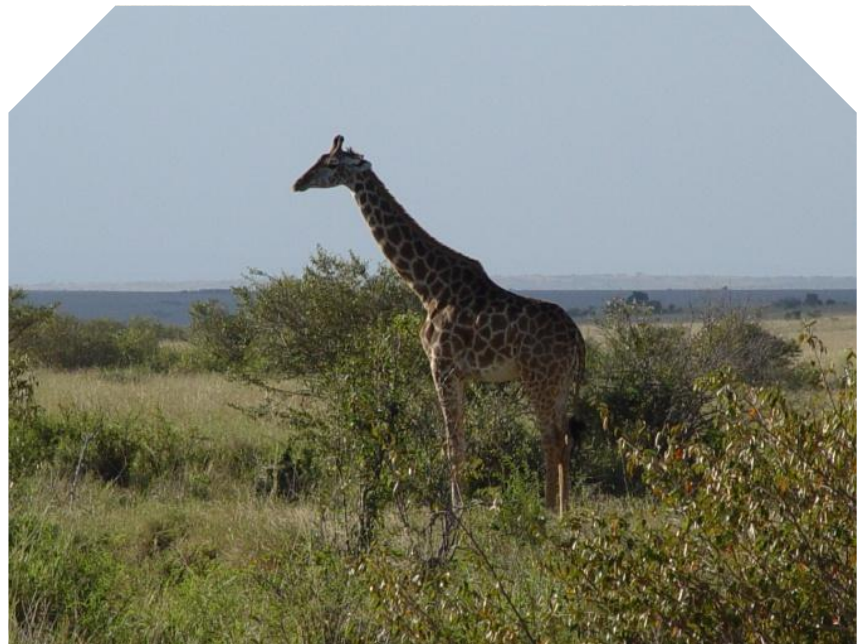
What a lively world it was becoming! Some animals were in forests, others on the mountains, some in trees, some under the ground, others on the wide-open plains, some on plants, others in jungles. And so the world was filled.

God saw it and thought, "This is good!" He liked each one. They each added something unique and special to the world. Each one was different. Each one was special.

God told them what to eat: grass, plants, and herbs. Those were to be the food for all the animals to eat.

What a peaceful world it was, with curious and gentle creatures living on it.

Now the world was finally ready for His best and most wonderful creation of them all. He could now place mankind on Earth.



Let's Talk About It

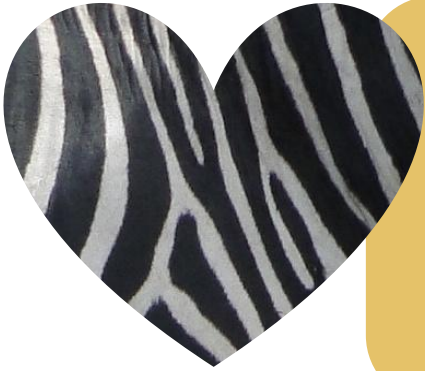
*Imagine a time when all the animals are friendly and clean, with no diseases or pests. What animal of all the ones in the world would you like to have as a pet or to live in your garden?

*Is there some animal or creature that makes you feel afraid or bothers you, since things aren't as pleasant as they used to be? Pray for Jesus to keep you safe, free from trouble, and give you faith that He is always with you.

Activity

*Tell riddles, and have others guess what animal you are thinking of. Or play "Guess what animal I'm thinking of" by the players asking questions, and the "it" person answers with "yes" or "no" to give clues.

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Connect and Communicate

*Play "popcorn", and in any order each one can jump up from their seat and say a word or phrase that Jesus is or can do. (For example: Works miracles! Is strong! Knows everything!)

Study Fun

Draw: A smiley face 😊 beside the parts of verses that describe how good things were when God first made the Earth, and where it mentions that things were "good".

✓ Checkmark: The things that God said should happen, and they did.

Write: A list of the different types of animals mentioned in these verses.

Genesis

1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.



1:21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.



1:22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

1:23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.



1:25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

1:30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Activity

*Learn about some less well-known species of animals. Check out facts in books or online.

Fountain of Faith



Deuteronomy 33:12

The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

Isaiah 59:1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

Who's That?—Epaphroditus

Praise

Psalm 18:3a I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

*Think for a moment about all the people around the world who are praising God. If you were to hear them all at once, it would be too hard to make out what they were saying, but the Lord knows and hears each one as if they were the only one praising. Now all talk at once, saying aloud as many things as you can think of that you are glad for—all at the same time!

In Paul's letter to the believers in Philippi, he spoke of a man named Epaphroditus. Paul said good things about him and called him "my brother, and companion in labour". There were many new groups of believers in different places, as Paul travelled and took the good news of salvation to as many people as he could.

There were those who believed needed encouragement, instruction, and God's Word, as they built their new lives of faith. Paul couldn't personally visit each one as often as he would like, so others helped him to visit them and sometimes brought a letter from Paul to the group of believers in that city. Epaphroditus was sent by Paul, as this passage mentions.

Philippians

2:19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

2:20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.

2:21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

2:22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.

2:23 Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.

2:24 But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly.

2:25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

2:26 For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

2:27 For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

2:28 I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful.

2:29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation:

2:30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

Activity

*Epaphroditus did all he could for the Lord, using all his strength and time to bring God's love and message to others. See how many different good words you can make using the letters in his name.



Topic Treasures

—God Cares for the Creatures

Study Fun

Draw: A heart near each place that describes the kindness of God towards the animals.

✓ Checkmark: The animals and things of nature mentioned that you have seen with your own eyes.

Write: As many words as you can that mean good and loving things, using the letters within the word "lovingkindness."

Psalm 36:6,7 Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, thou preservest man and beast. How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

Psalm 50:7b,10 I am God, even thy God. For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

Psalm 50:11,12b I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. ... For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

Psalm 104:10-12 He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst. By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.



Psalm 104:13,14 He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth.

Psalm 147:7-9 Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

Isaiah 43:20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

Psalm 145:15 The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Psalm 145:16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Matthew 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?



Daily Diary

*Find a peaceful, quiet spot alone for just you and Jesus. Ask Him to reassure you in some way of how special you are to Him. Think about the many ways He has cared for you, protected you, and healed you. Write some down to remind yourself later, when you need His help again.

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