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LESSON 1

The First Day of God's Creation

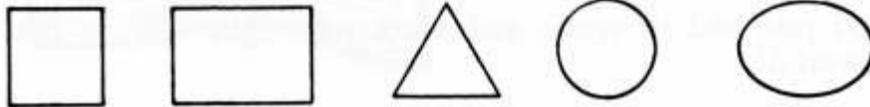
God is all-powerful. He can do anything and everything he chooses to do. He is all wise. He has all wisdom. He knows everything He chooses to know. God gave us the Bible. In the Bible God tells us about His creation, how He made everything.



The first verse in the Bible says, "In the beginning God created (made) the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1. Memorize this verse).

What does this verse tell us? 1. Who did the creating? 2. What did God create (make)? 3. When did He create the heaven and the earth?

At this time in creation, the earth did not have any shape. What are some shapes we know? There are the square, rectangle, triangle, circle, oval, etc.



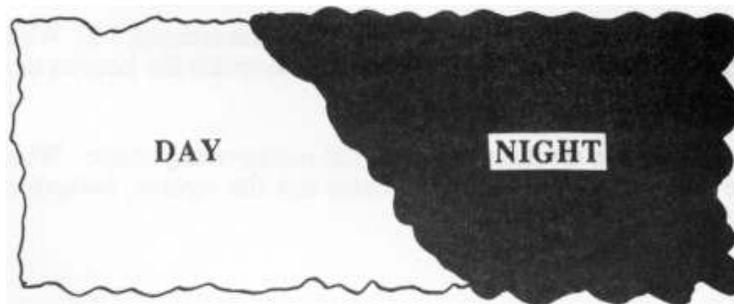
But the earth did not have any shape. Just what it was like, we do not know. The earth did not have any use, either. It was not useful at all.

Darkness was everywhere. It was so dark, that if you had been there, you could not see your hand right in front of your eyes. We really cannot understand how dark it actually was.



And God said, "Let there be light, and there was light" (Genesis 1:3. Memorize this verse).

"And God saw the light that it was good. And God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day and the darkness he called Night" (Genesis 1:4-5).



God just had to speak and there was light. He is really powerful!

And one day had passed. That was Day Number One at the beginning of the earth.

Aren't we glad God made light?

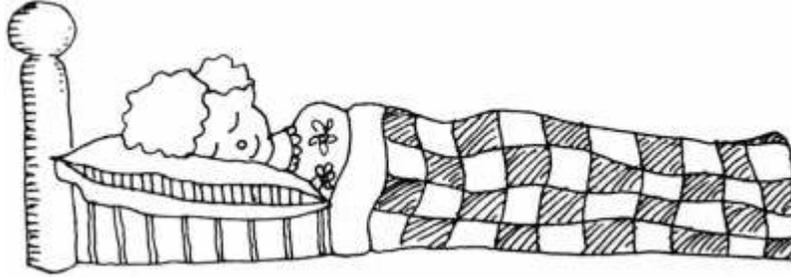
1. We can see where to go.
2. We will not stumble so often, fall, and get hurt.
3. We can see people—our parents, our friends.
4. We can see to play and work.
5. We can see the beautiful trees and flowers.
6. We can see our food.
7. We can see to read.

Can you tell some other reasons you are glad God made light that first day of His creation?



Aren't we glad God made darkness? It is the time to rest and sleep.

Can you think of other reasons you are glad God made darkness?



So one day of God's creation had gone by. Evening and morning at the beginning of the earth.

Questions:

1. What was everywhere?
2. What did God make the first day of creation?
3. How did God make light? (By speaking.)
4. What did he call the light?
5. What did he call the darkness?
6. What was the shape of the earth at the beginning?
7. How useful was the earth?

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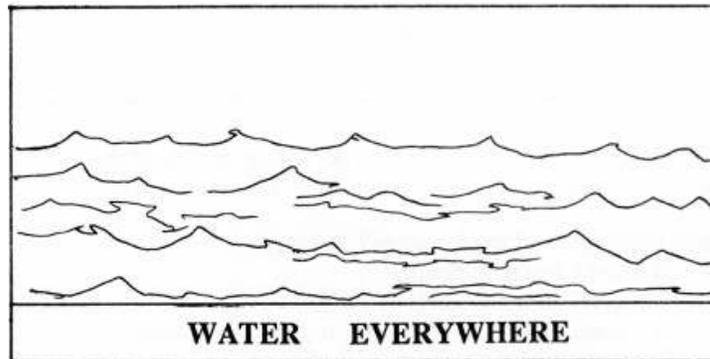
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The Second Day of God's Creation

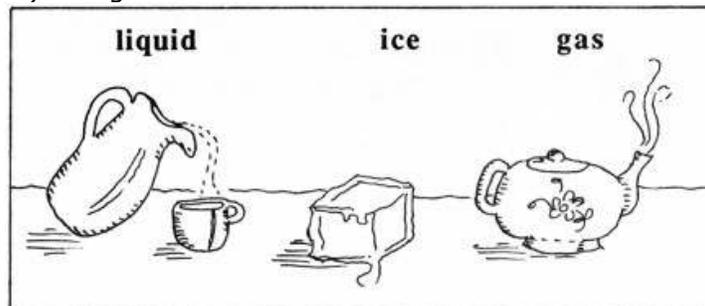
Memory Verse: Psalms 111:2a
"The works of the Lord are great."

Now let's say the first verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1.
What did God make the first day?

It seems that water was everywhere.

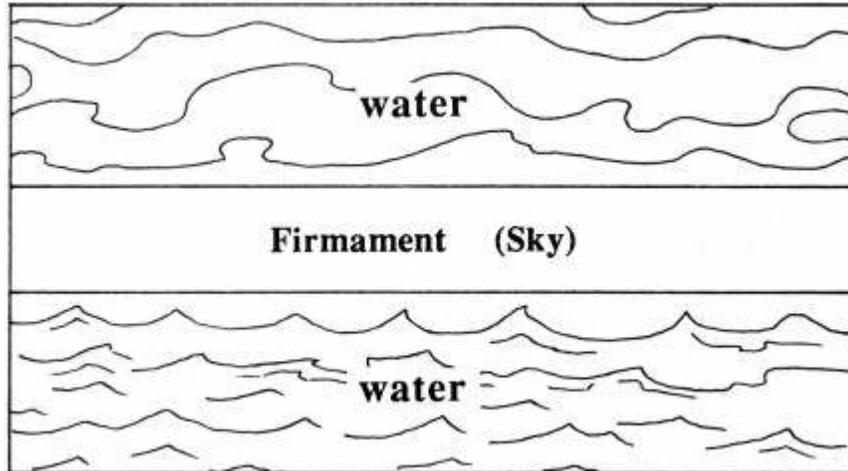


Water can be in three forms: liquid (it pours), ice (when water freezes) and gas.



"And God said, 'Let there be a firmament [space, sky, expanse] in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters'

And God made the firmament and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so" (Genesis 1:6-7).

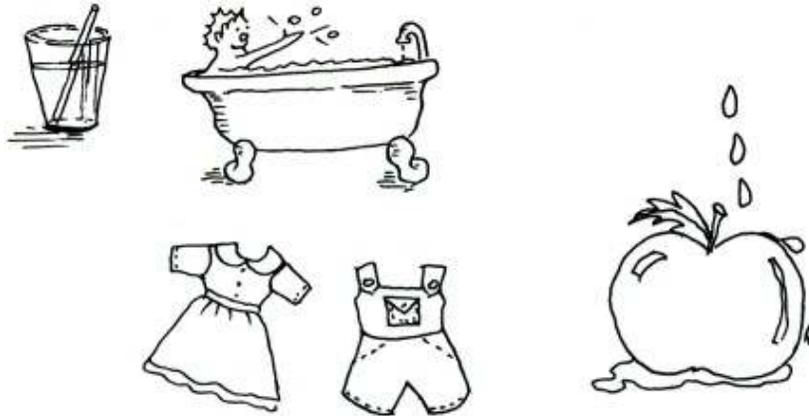


"And God called the firmament [sky] Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day" (Genesis 1:8).

Aren't we glad God made water? Why?

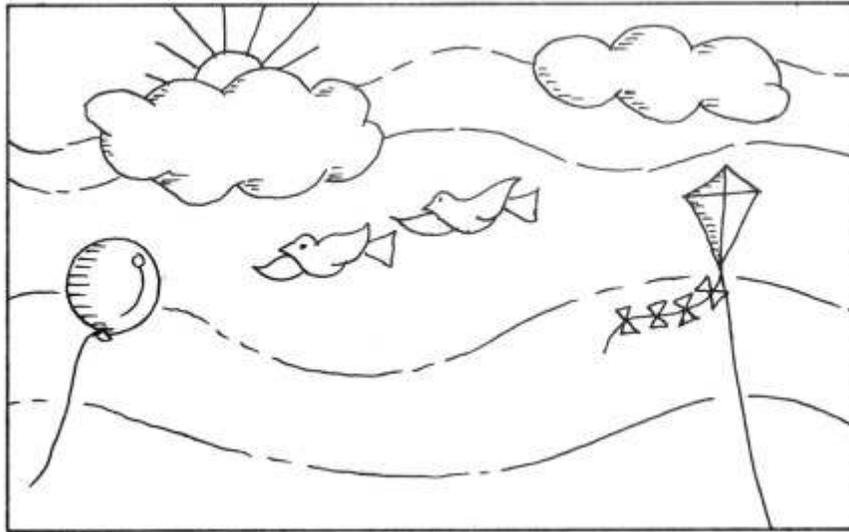
1. We need water to drink.
2. We need water to keep us clean.
3. We need water to wash our clothes and dishes.
4. We need water so plants will give us food.

Can you think of other reasons why you are glad God made water?



Aren't we thankful God made the sky?

1. Without the firmament (sky) there probably would be too much water on earth. 2. The sky is pretty to see. Now birds fly in the sky. So do airplanes. Can you think of other reasons you are thankful God made the sky on the second day of creation?



So two days of God's creation had passed.

Questions:

1. What was everywhere?
2. What did God make on the second day of creation?
3. Then where were the waters?
4. What did God call the firmament or sky?
5. How did God make the firmament (sky)? (By Speaking.)

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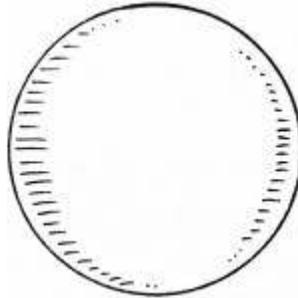
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The Third Day of God's Creation

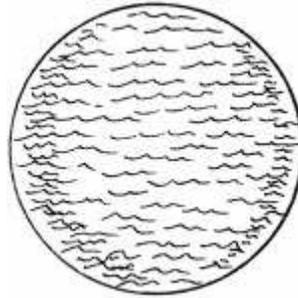
Memory Verse: Ecclesiastes 3:11a
"God has made everything beautiful in his time."

Now lets all say Genesis 1:1.
What did God make the first day?
The second day?

By the third day or on the third day God gave the earth a shape. He made the earth round like a ball. In Isaiah 40:22 we are told that God sits on the circle of the earth. Of course, we know a circle is round.



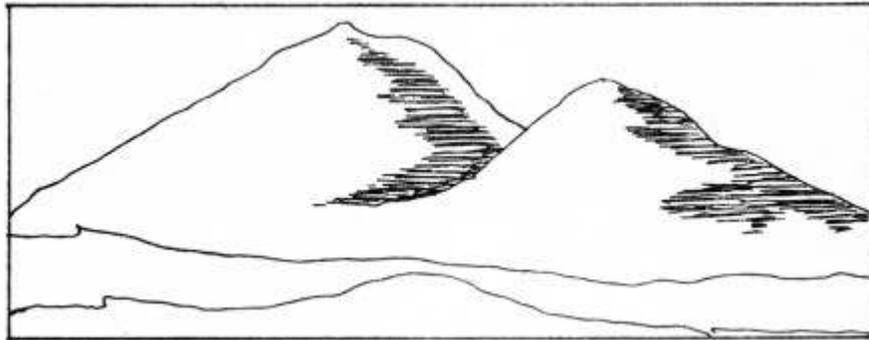
The earth was covered with water. Water was all over the earth.



"And God said, 'Let the waters under the heaven be gathered in one place, and let the dry land appear:' and it was so" (Genesis 1:9).



God called the dry land Earth, and the waters be called Seas. Today we call those waters oceans. Then the earth had a shape and was useful. God saw that it was good. He liked what he had made. God made the mountains, too (Psalms 104:5-9).



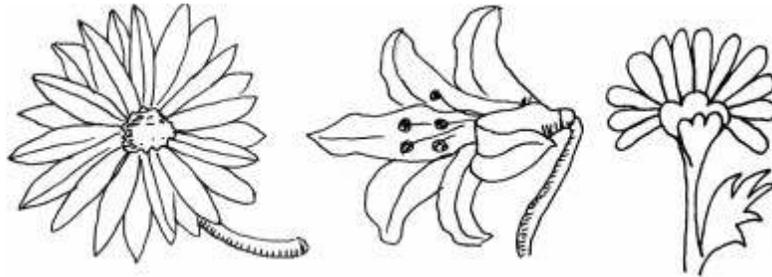
God spoke and made all kinds of plants. He made all kinds of vegetables.



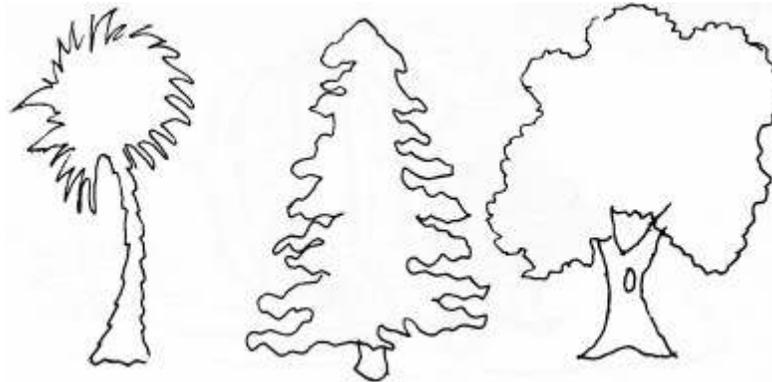
He made all kinds of fruit trees and vines to produce fruit.



God made all kinds of flowers.

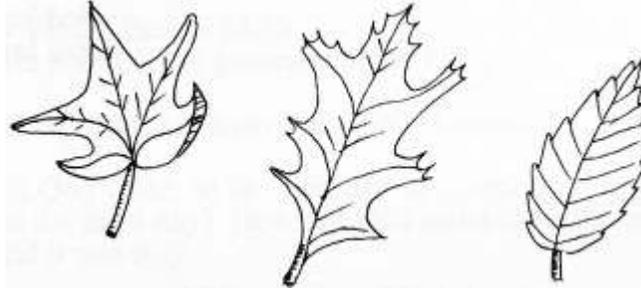


He made all kinds of trees.

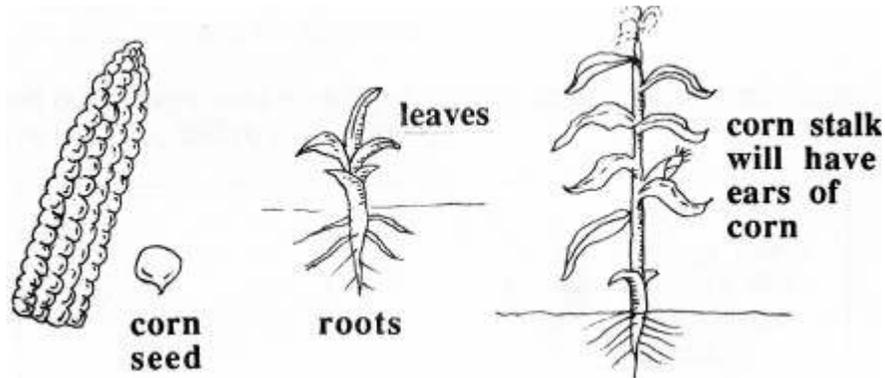


Can you give us the names of some plants God made on this third day of creation? Did you name some trees, too?

Each kind of tree has a different type of leaf.



God made the plants to produce seeds. From the seeds more plants would grow just like the ones that had the seeds. The seeds fell into the soil of the earth and more plants grew.



Then the earth was useful and the third day of God's creation had passed.

Questions:

1. What shape did God make the earth?
2. At first, what covered the earth?
3. God gathered the waters into one place. What did He call them?
4. Then what happened?
5. What did God make to grow on the earth?

6. What do we get from plants?
7. What did God cause the plants to produce?
8. When the seeds are put in the soil what will grow?
9. When an orange seed is planted, what will grow?
10. When bean seeds are planted, what will come up and grow?

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LESSON 4

The Fourth Day of God's Creation

Memory Verse: Psalms 33:5b

"The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord."

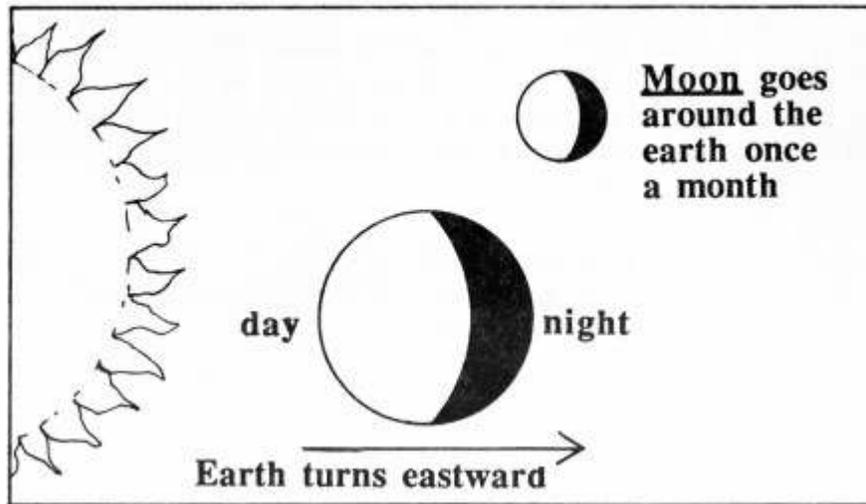
Let us all say the first verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1.

What did God make on the first day of creation? The second day? The third day? How did God make these things? (He spoke and it was so.)

On the fourth day of God's creation He said, "Let there be lights in the firmament [sky] of the heaven to divide the day from the night" (Genesis 1:14).

God made the sun to rule the day, and the moon to rule the night, and he made the stars also.

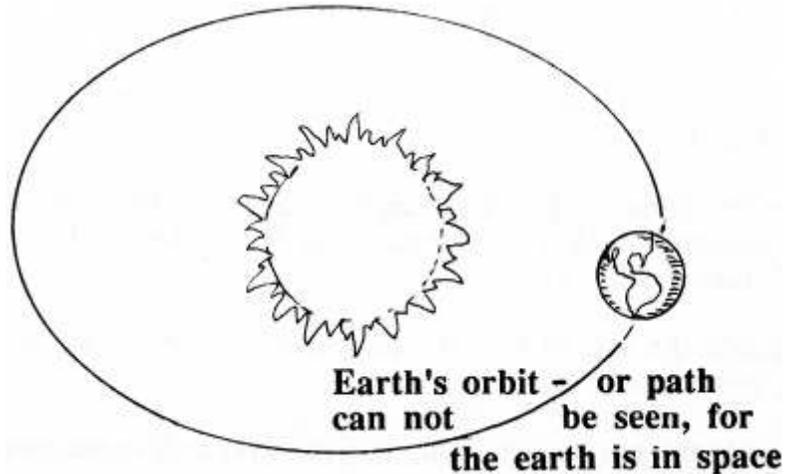
God made the sun to give light, to give days, to give warmth, to give seasons, and to give years.



God made the earth to turn on its axis once every twenty-four hours. That part of the earth that faces toward the sun, has daytime. It is night in that part of the world that is turned away

from the sun. Of course, as the world turns, every part of the world has day and night.

Not only does the earth turn on its axis from the sun to give us day and night, but the earth travels around the sun. The traveling of the earth one time around the sun makes a year. The earth travels in its own orbit or path each year. How many times have you traveled around the sun?



A long time ago, people thought that something was holding up the earth. Some thought a big strong man was holding it up. Others thought the earth was resting on a huge turtle. In Job 26:7 (in God's Bible), we are told that God hangs the earth on nothing. He has made the earth to go in its orbit or path around the sun year after year.

The sun gives us warmth or heat. God has placed the sun at the right distance from the earth so that life can exist on earth. We are told that if the earth were any closer to the sun, nothing could live on the earth because of the heat. If the earth were farther from the sun, the air would be too cold for anything to live. You see that God knew what He was doing.

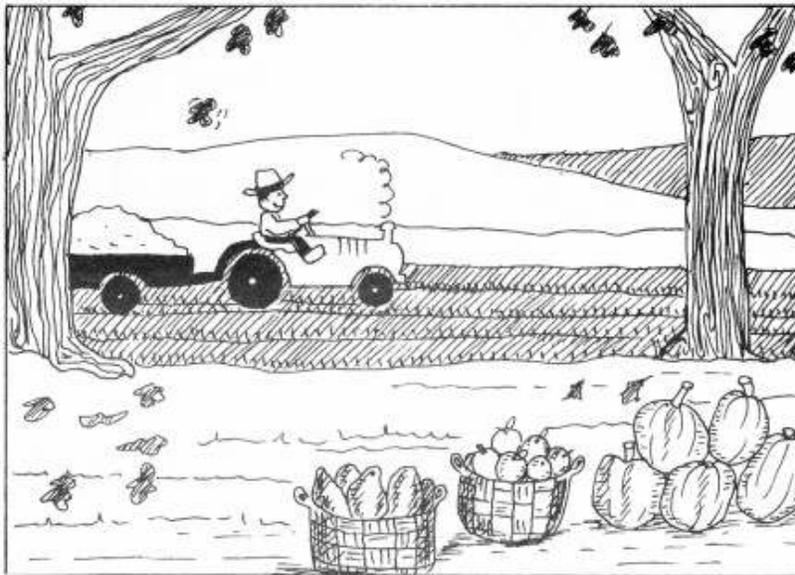
God said the sun would give us seasons. This happens because the sun gives us heat. Also, as the earth travels around the sun, different parts of the earth are closer to the sun for a time. Other parts of the earth are farther from the sun for awhile. Many

part of the earth enjoy four seasons: summer, autumn or fall, winter, and spring.

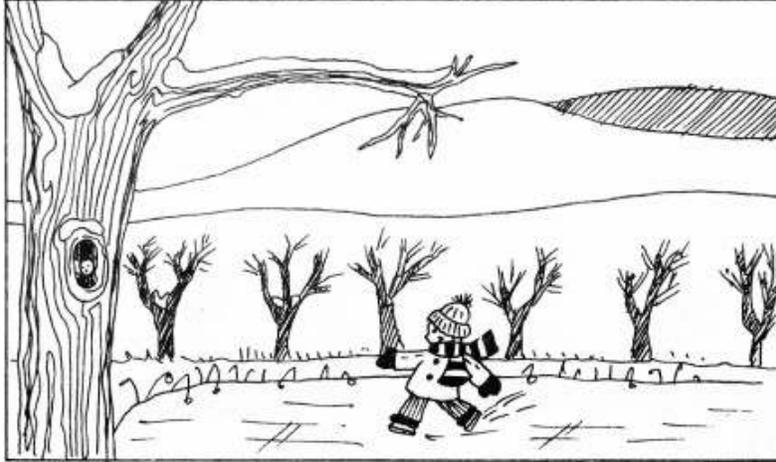
In summer, when the air is the hottest, plants are green and growing.



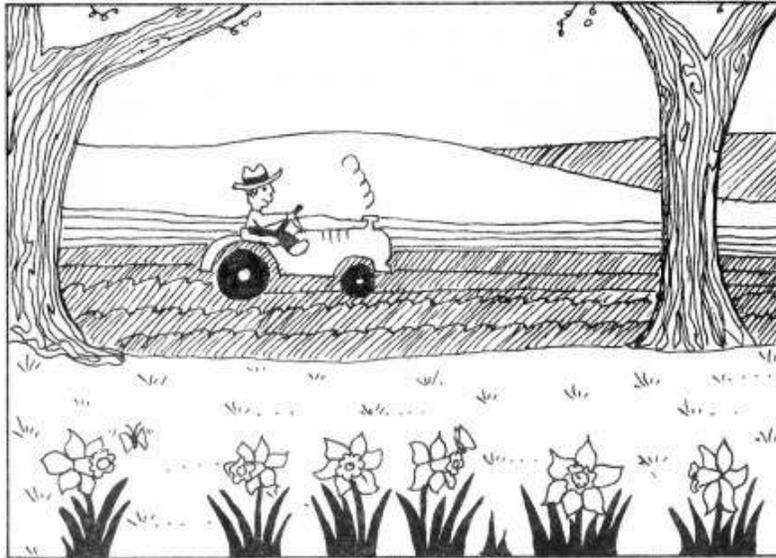
In fall or autumn, the air begins to be cooler. Crops are harvested. Most small plants begin to die. Leaves of many kinds of trees turn different colors and fall to the ground. The trees look as if they are dead, but they are not.



In winter, the air is cold. Many kinds of trees have no leaves. Not many small plants grow. Water freezes into ice. In some places, snow falls.



In spring, the air is getting warmer. The trees are beginning to bloom and grow leaves again. Small plants come up and begin to grow.



All are seasons that God has given us by making the sun are beautiful and lovely.

Some parts of the earth where it is warm most of the time may not have four seasons. How many seasons do you have?

"And God set the sun, moon, and stars in the firmament [sky] of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:17–18).

So, the fourth day of creation had passed.

Questions:

1. What did God make on the fourth day?
2. What was the purpose of these lights?
3. What does the sun give us besides light?
4. How did God make the sun, moon, and stars? (He spoke and it was so.)

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LESSON 5

The Fifth Day of God's Creation

Memory Verse: I Timothy 6:17b

"Trust in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy."

Now let us say Genesis 1:1.

What did God make on the first day? On the second day? On the third day? On the fourth day?

On the fifth day, "Then God said, 'Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.'

"So God created the great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

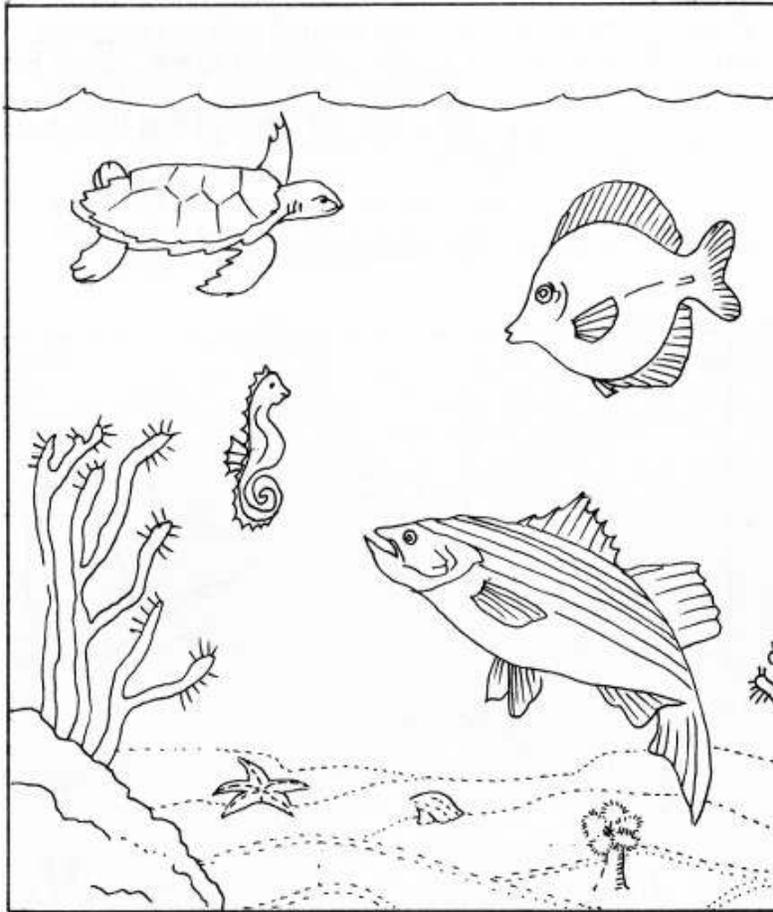
"And God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth' " (Genesis 1:20-22).

God liked the seas he had made. He wanted some animals to live in his seas. So he made many kinds of sea creatures. He made big animals and he made very tiny animals to live in the seas. He made them just right to live in water. He made them to swim.

He had already made plants to grow in the seas. Do you remember on which day? So the sea creatures had food. God gave each sea animal ways to protect itself. He gave them eyes that could see in water.

God made all kinds of fish, whales, sharks, porpoise, starfish, shell creatures. Can you tell us some more sea animals?

God blessed his sea creatures. He wanted them to increase (be more and more of them) and fill the sea. He made them so that each animal's baby would look like its parents.



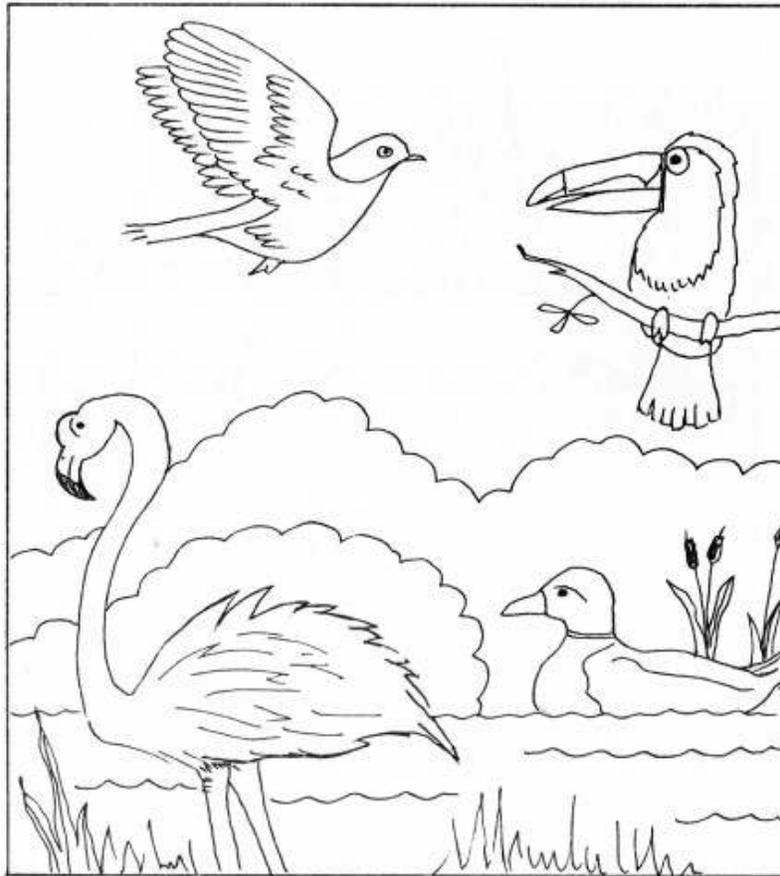
On this fifth day, God also made all the different kinds of birds in the whole world. He gave them the kinds of bodies, feathers, and wings so they could fly in the sky. He gave them their beautiful colors. He gave them their songs and calls. Can you listen to the songs of some birds and know what kind of birds they are?

God made the birds to build nests. Each kind of bird has its own way of building a nest. Some birds make their nests on the ground, some in bushes, some in trees, and some on cliffs.

God made big birds like the ostrich. He made very small birds. The hummingbird is the smallest of all. Ducks and some other birds can swim.

God made some birds with long, pointed bills to eat insects. To others He gave short bills so they could eat seeds. Some birds have bills just right for catching fish. God has taken care of every creature's needs. He made the birds so that their babies would look like their parents.

Can you tell us several different kinds of birds?



So the fifth day of God's creation had passed. God's earth was becoming more interesting each day.

Questions:

1. What two groups of animals did God create on the fifth day? (Water animals and birds.)
2. Where was each group to live?
3. What were the baby animals to look like?
4. What were the baby birds to look like?
5. What did God want the sea creatures to do?
6. How did God make the sea animals and the birds?
(He spoke and it was so.)

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LESSON 6

The Sixth Day of God's Creation

Memory Verse: "God has made his wonderful works to be remembered" (Psalms 111:4a).

Let us all say Genesis 1:1.

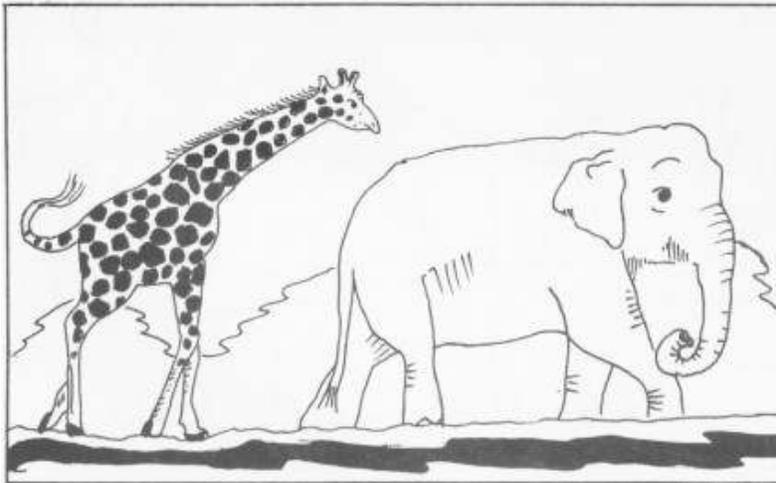
What did God make on the first day? On the second day? On the third day? On the fourth day? On the fifth day?

God had animals living in His seas, and birds flying in His sky. Then, He wanted some animals to live on His earth on the dry land.

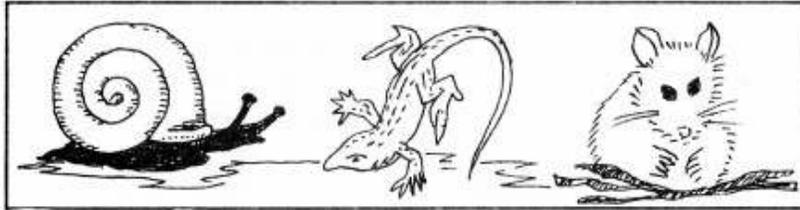
So, on the sixth day, "God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind,' and it was so.

"And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps upon the earth after its kind, and God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:24-25).

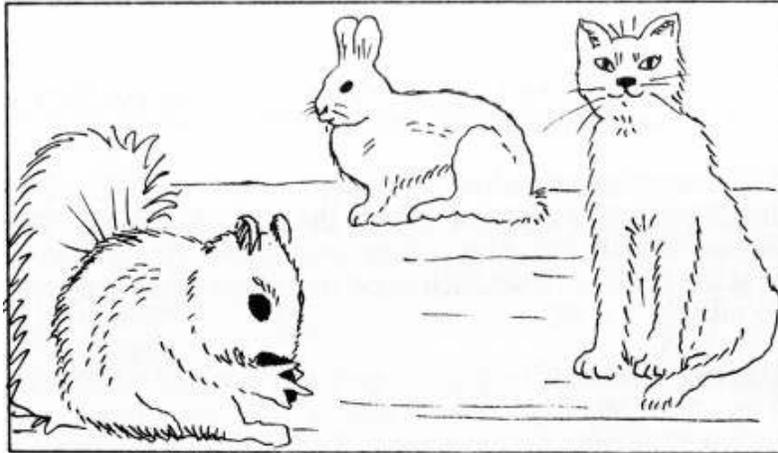
So, on the sixth day, God made very kind of animal that lives on the land. He made big ones like elephants, hippopotamus, and giraffes.



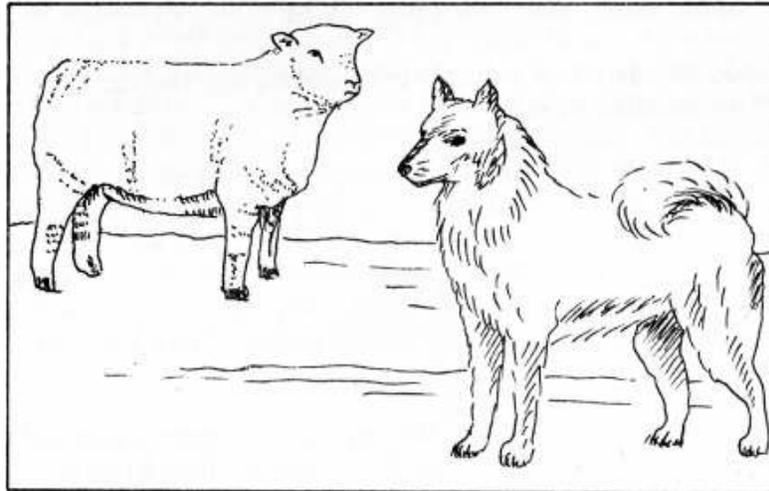
He made little animals like snails, lizards, and mice.



He made some middle sized ones like rabbits, squirrels, and cats.



He made animals that could be tamed to be useful to people, like horses, cows, sheep, and dogs.



Can you tell us some animals God made on the sixth day?

Many of these kinds of animals God gave hair or fur on their bodies to keep them warm. In summer their fur is not as thick as it is in winter. The mothers of these kinds of animals give milk to their babies.

God gave plants to the animals for food (Genesis 1:30). Without plants to eat, no animal could live. Some animals eat plants only. Some animals eat other animals only, but those animals they eat, eat plants. For example, dogs eat rabbits, but rabbits eat plants.

God gave each animal ways of getting his food. He made their teeth and paws just right for getting the food they need. They know how to stalk the animals they want to eat. Some animals, such as the squirrel, store their food for winter when there will be no plants.

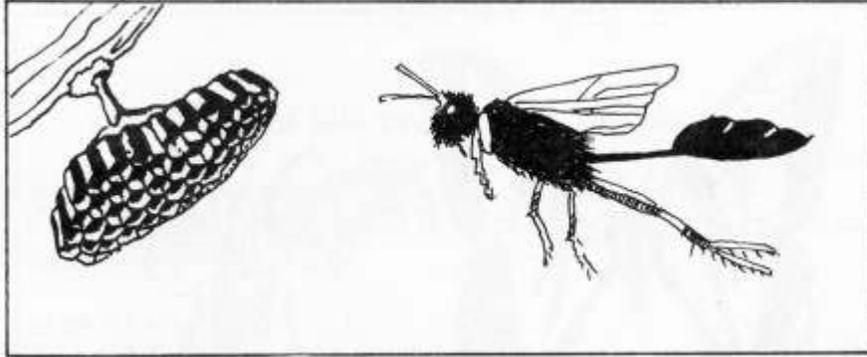
God gave his animals very good eyes and ears and whiskers to find their food and to protect themselves. So the animals could protect themselves, He gave them teeth for biting, paws and sharp claws for fighting, slender legs for running fast to escape their enemies. They use their colors to look like rocks and the ground. Some animals "freeze" (stay very still) so their enemies will not see them. Some even play "dead."

Can you tell us some animals that protect themselves in these ways, or in other ways?

Also, God made everything that creeps on the earth. That surely means there must be all kinds of insects. We are told there are more than two million kinds of insects. Would you want to count them? Insects have three parts to their bodies, wings, two feelers, and six legs. They most definitely eat plants. However, some insects eat other insects that eat plants. They are food for birds.

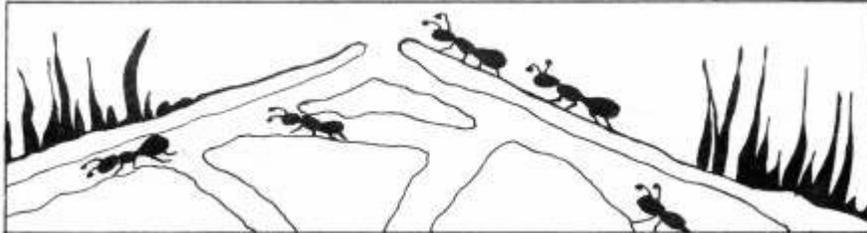
God gave insects the instinct (knowledge) to make places to lay their eggs. They know what to do and exactly how to do it.

The paper wasps were the first paper factory. They make their nests of paper they have made by chewing wood.



The mud daubers make their nests of mud on walls.

Some insects, such as ants, make their homes underground.

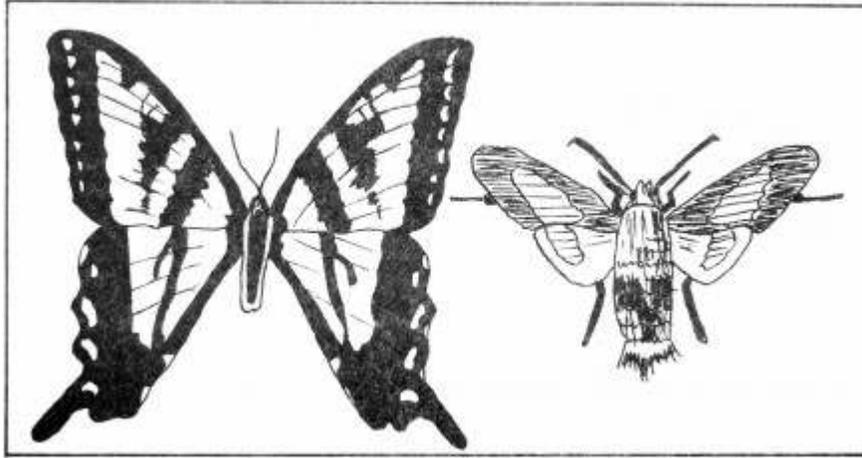


Some other insects lay their eggs in hard cases they have made on stems of bushes. The praying mantis does this.

Long before people knew how to make sugar from sugar cane, honey bees made pure honey. They make honey from nectar, a sweet liquid, they get from flowers. As bees and other insects fly into the flowers, they help the flowers to make seeds so there can be more flowers. This is not just something that happens, but God intended that the insects and the flowers help each other.



Then, of course, God made many kinds of butterflies and moths. Most of them are very pretty, aren't they?



How do some insects protect themselves?

Can you name some more creeping things God made? Have you named spiders? Their bodies have two parts and eight legs. God gave them the knowledge of how to make a web to catch their food.

God made all these animals to live on land, not in the seas. Each baby animal was to look like its parents.

God liked what He had made on the sixth day. He was pleased with the animals, but He was not finished with His work on this day. He still had something else He wanted to make.

Questions:

1. What kinds of animals did God create on the sixth day?
2. Where were they to live?
3. What were the baby animals to look like?
4. How did God make these animals?
(He spoke and it was so.)

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LESSON 7

God Finishes His Creation on the Sixth Day

Memory Verse: Psalms 100:3a.

"Know that the Lord Himself is God. It is he who has made us, and not we ourselves."

Let us all say Genesis 1:1.

What did God create on the first day? On the second day? On the third day? On the fourth day? On the fifth day? On the sixth day—so far?

But God was not finished with his creation. He saved the best for the last. On the sixth day, after making the land animals, he made man. He called him Adam.

"So God created man in his own image; in the image of God he created him, male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27)

God wanted some creatures who were very intelligent, who were smart and who could think. He wanted some creatures He could talk with.

"He formed man of the dust of the earth, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and he became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). He made the body of man out of the dust of the ground just as he did the animals of land and sea, but man is very different from them. Man has a soul that will live forever.

God saw that man should not live alone, so he performed an operation. Have you known anyone who had an operation? God performed the first operation on the sixth day. He put Adam soundly to sleep. He took one of his ribs from his side. Then He closed his flesh where He took his rib. So, you see, that was the first operation.

What did God do with Adam's rib? From the rib, He made a woman. He brought her to Adam to be his wife. Her name was Eve.

God blessed Adam and Eve. He told them to multiply (to have children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren) and to fill the earth. Their children would look like their parents. He wanted them to subdue the earth; to control it. He wanted them to take things of the earth and make them useful. He told them to rule over the other creatures He had made.

God brought all the animals of the land and the birds of the air to Adam. He told him to name these animals. God was anxious to see what Adam called them. Whatever Adam called each kind of animal, that was its name. Can't you, in your imagination, see all the animals passing by while Adam gave them names?

So, Adam and Eve were able to talk. He gave them a language to speak.

God made a beautiful garden for Adam and Eve to live in. It was called the Garden of Eden.



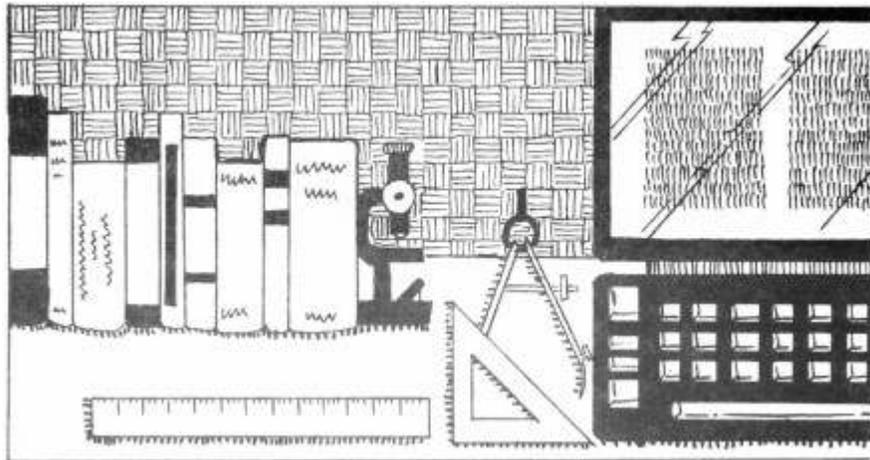
Adam and Eve were different from the animals of the sea, air, and land in many ways. They stood and walked upright on two legs and feet. They could think well. God gave animals of the land and of the sea instincts (knowledge) and varying degrees of intelligence so they could make their homes and find their food. But He gave man good brains so they could learn how to do many things that needed to be done.

Adam and Eve could talk and speak a language. People can learn all kinds of things. They can learn to speak many kinds of languages. Can you tell us some different languages? Do you think it is fun to learn new things?

Human beings can invent things such as cars and airplanes. Can you tell us some other inventions that people have invented? Of course, animals cannot invent.

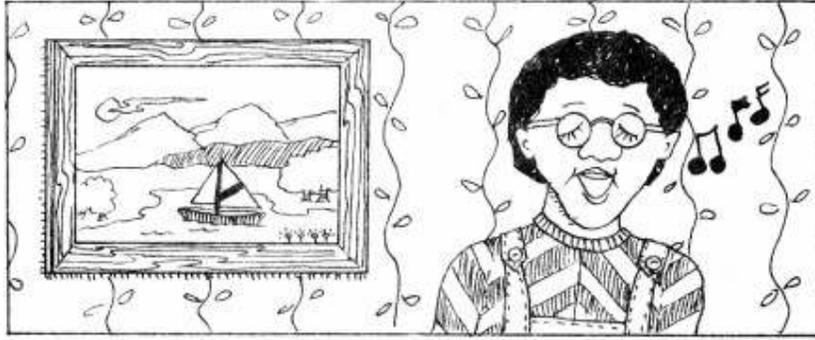
People can write books. Can you imagine how many books there are in the world? There are billions of them. It is difficult to think how many a billion is. It is so many. Of course, animals cannot write.

People can read those books and learn what they write already had learned. God made so many interesting things in this world that we must learn from others who have learned from others. Still, there is more to learn.

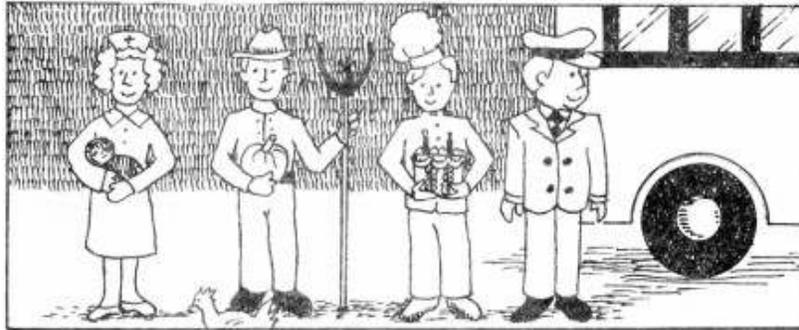


Birds sing the songs God gave them the ability to sing. But people can not only sing songs that people have written, but human beings have made musical instruments and can play them.

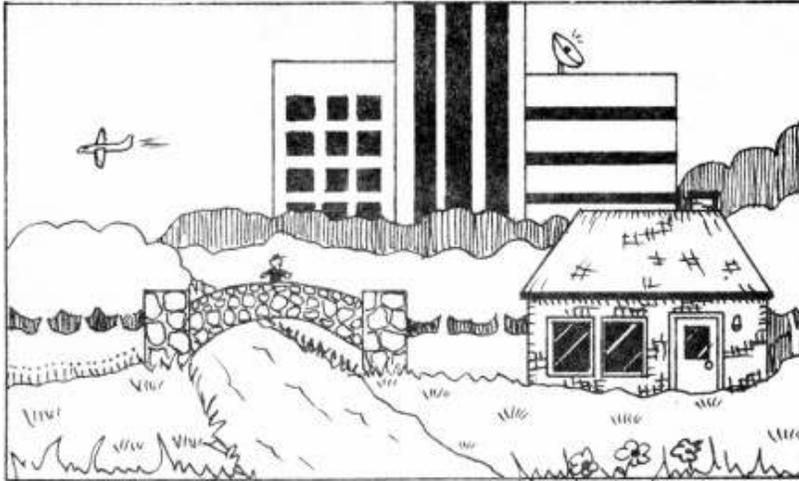
Have you seen any beautiful pictures some one has painted?



People work at different kinds of jobs. Some people are carpenters or farmers or bus drivers. Can you tell some other works that people do?



Men can build bridges, houses, and even very tall buildings.



Human beings can hope for a better life and for better things to happen. How often do you say, "I hope" or "I wish?" They can love. They show their love to their children and friends by helping them and doing nice things for them. Would you like to tell us some ways someone has shown their love for you?

God made human beings so they can be either good or bad. He wants us to be good, but He wants us to choose to be good. He want us to control our behavior and obey him.

People can worship their Creator, their God. Animals cannot. We realize that we have a great God who has made us and has made a wonderful world for us. Hasn't He given us so many, many blessings? Tell us some of the blessings we have from God.

So, you see, human beings are so much higher and better than the animals of land, air, and sea. Can you think of some other ways that people are different from animals?

Of course, we know that Adam and Eve could not do all these things just as soon as God made them. They were new to this world. They could not write or read books, play musical instruments, paint pictures, or build big buildings. These things must be learned and they had not had time to learn them on the sixth day. But remember that Adam and Eve were human beings like your parents. They could talk, speak a language, hope, love, work, and worship their Creator.

So, the sixth day of God's creation passed. He had finished His creation. He was very pleased with His work. On the seventh day, God rested. Hadn't He done wonderful works? He had created all these marvelous things in six days by speaking and it was so.

Questions:

1. What did God make last on the sixth day?
2. Of what was the body of man made?
3. In whose image was he made?
4. How is man physically (bodily) different from animals of the sea and land?
5. What are some other ways human beings are different

- from animals of land and sea?
6. Of what did God make the woman?
 7. How did God get Adam's rib?
 8. What was the name of the first man? Of the first woman?
 9. What were the human babies to look like?
 10. Who named the animals?
 11. Who gave Adam and Eve the ability to talk?
 12. What did God do on the seventh day?

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God's Creation

LESSON 8

More About God's Glorious Creation and Review

Memory Verse: James 1:17a

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights."

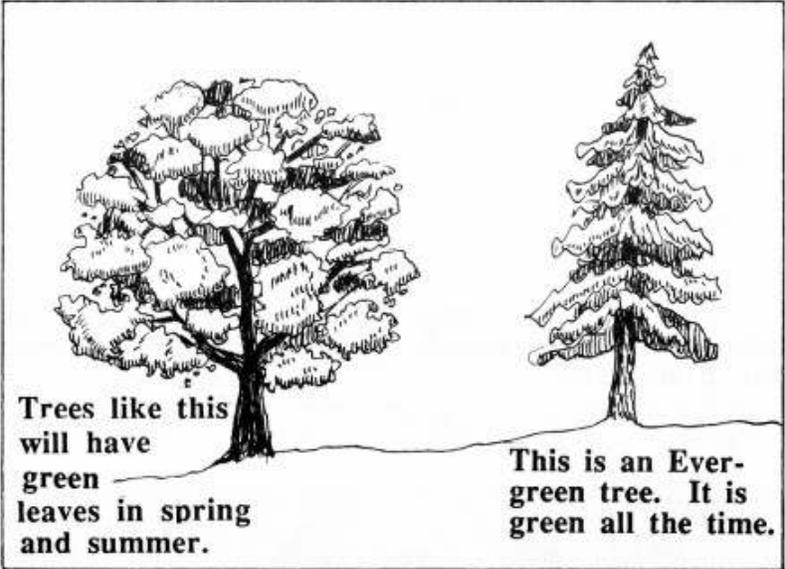
Our creator made such a wonderful world. So many things He made are so interesting they cause us to be very astounded.

God made many, many kinds of plants. He made very small plants that cling to the ground. He made big, tall trees that reach way up into the sky.

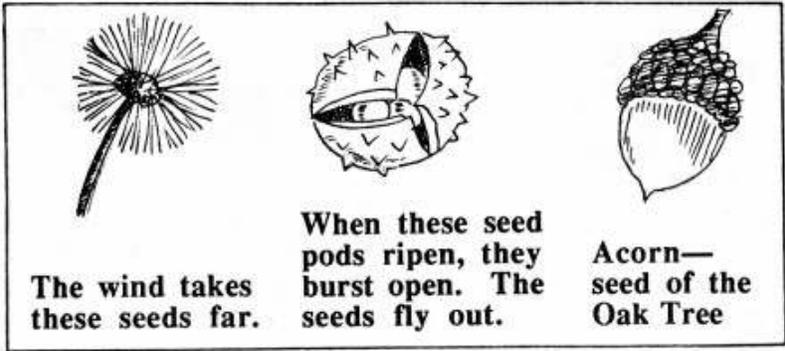


Some trees are evergreen. Their leaves or needles stay green all year. Other trees lose their leaves in the fall or autumn and are

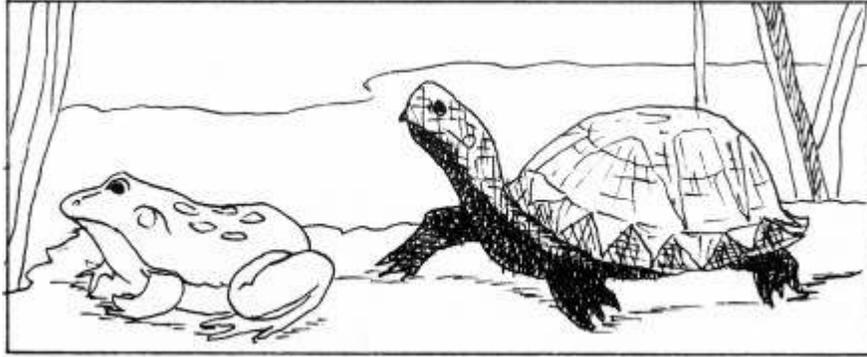
bare (have no leaves) in the winter. They look dead, but will bloom and leaf again in the spring. This happens year after year.



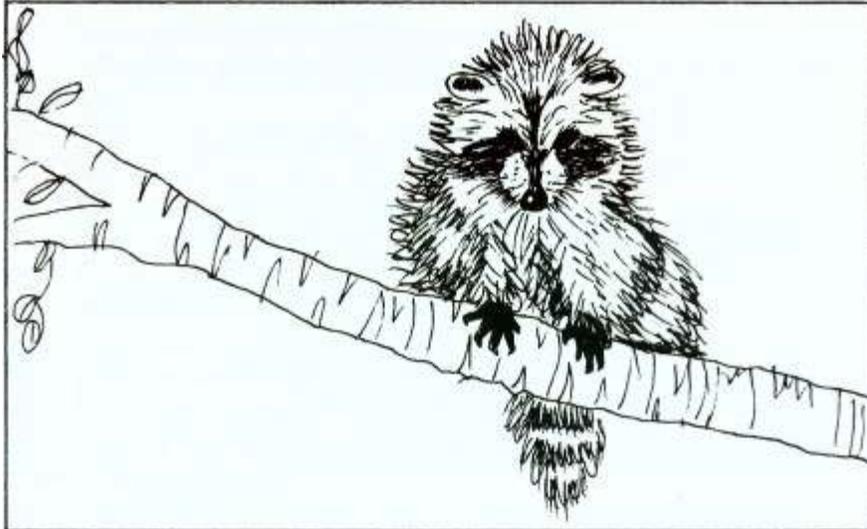
God made the plants so they could produce many, many seeds so there would be enough seeds to fall to the ground to make new plants. He knew many of the seeds would be eaten by birds and other animals. He provided for the seeds to spread a good distance from the plant that produced the seeds. Some seeds are carried by the wind. Some, like, like the cocklebur, cling to the fur of animals and get to travel a long way from home. Some seed pods burst open when they are dry and throw their seeds a long way.



God made some animals so they do not need protection or food from their mothers. Turtles, frogs, and lizards are some animals that lay eggs and never see their babies. When the babies hatch they go their way following the instincts their Creator gave them.



The animals that have fur or hair take care of their babies using the knowledge God gave them. Many of these kinds of animal babies are able to stand and walk soon after they are born. The baby horse (colt), the cow's baby (calf), and the baby deer (fawn) stand walk soon after birth. They are taken care of by their mothers. These mothers train their young to get their food and protect themselves. God gave this knowledge to them.



As you know, birds bring food to their young and teach them to fly.

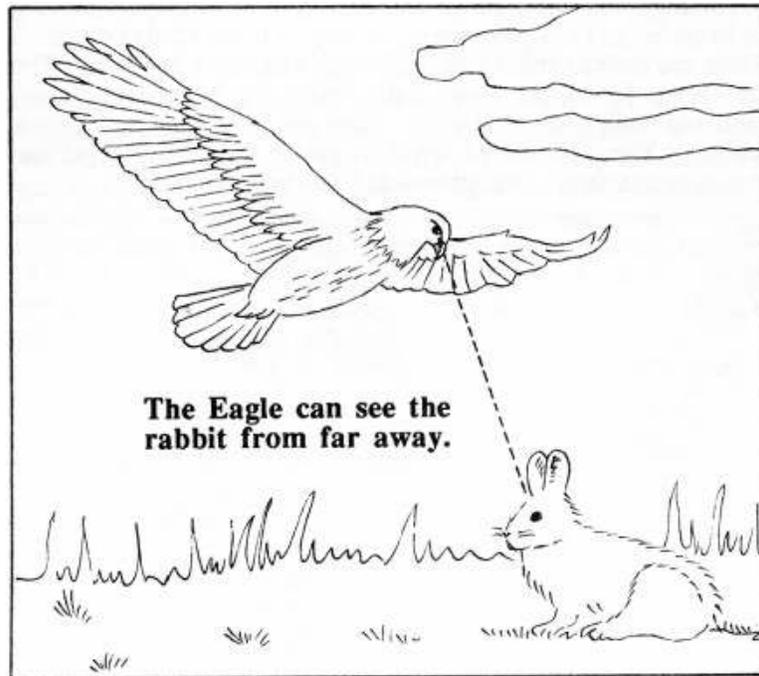
Human babies are the most helpless of any creature. God has left them in the care of the smartest creatures who are to love, care for, protect, and teach their children.

God gave each kind of animal the kind of eyes needed to find their food and to see their enemies. Because their eyes are on either side of their head, some animals such as birds and squirrels can see on both sides of them. How does this help them?

Most birds can see a long way, especially those birds like the hawks and eagles that eat other animals. When they are very high in the air, they can see a rabbit or mouse on the ground. Then, they swoop to the ground and snatch the small animal in their claws.

Owls and cats can see well at night when they hunt for food.

The alligator's eyes and nose are above the water as he floats quietly through the water. How does this help him?



We all know that dogs hear sounds humans cannot hear. Many animals are given good hearing and a keen sense of smell so they can know where their enemies are. What do humans have greater than animals of the sea, land, and air to help them with protection?

Review:

1. Who created everything?
2. When did He create heaven and earth?
3. What was everywhere? (Darkness & water.)
4. What did God make on the first day?
5. What did He call the light?
6. What did He call the darkness?
7. What did God make on the second day?
8. What did the firmament (sky) divide?
9. What was above the firmament? Under the firmament?
10. What shape did God make the earth?
11. At first, what covered the earth?
12. On the third day, God gathered the waters into one place? What did He call the waters?
13. Then what appeared?
14. What did God make on the third day to grow in the soil?
15. What did God cause the plants to produce?
16. What will grow when the seeds fall into the soil and sprout?
17. What did God make on the fourth day?
18. What was the purpose of these lights?
19. What does the sun give us besides light?
20. What two groups of animals did the God create on the fifth day?
21. Where was each group to live?
22. What were the baby sea animals to look like?
23. What were the baby birds to look like?
24. What kinds of animals did God make on the sixth day?
25. Where were they to live?
26. What were these baby animals to look like?
27. What did God make last on the sixth day?
28. Of what were the bodies of humans and animals made?
29. In whose image was man made?
30. How is man physically (bodily) different from sea and land animals?
31. What are some other ways humans are different from

animals of the land, sea, and air?

32. Of what did God make woman?
33. How did God get the man's rib?
34. What was the first man's name? The first woman's name?
35. What were the human babies to look like?
36. Who named the animals?
37. Who gave Adam and Even the ability to talk?
38. How did God make all these things? (By speaking: Psalms 33:6-9.)
39. What did God do on the seventh day?

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LESSON 9

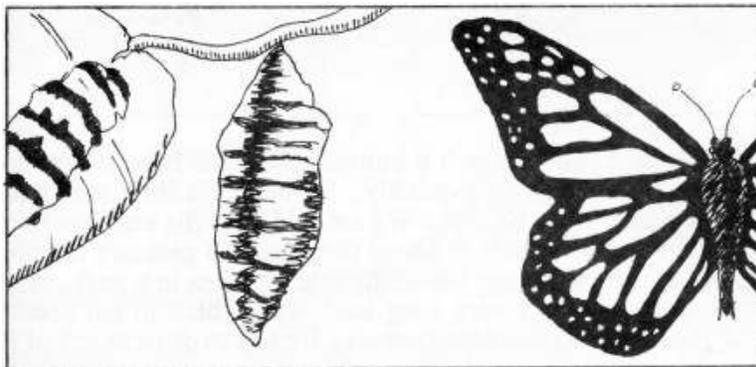
Some of God's Wonderful Works

Memory Verse: "Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God" (Job 37:14).

God made so many wonderful creatures and things that we cannot mention them all. Let us consider a few more of them.

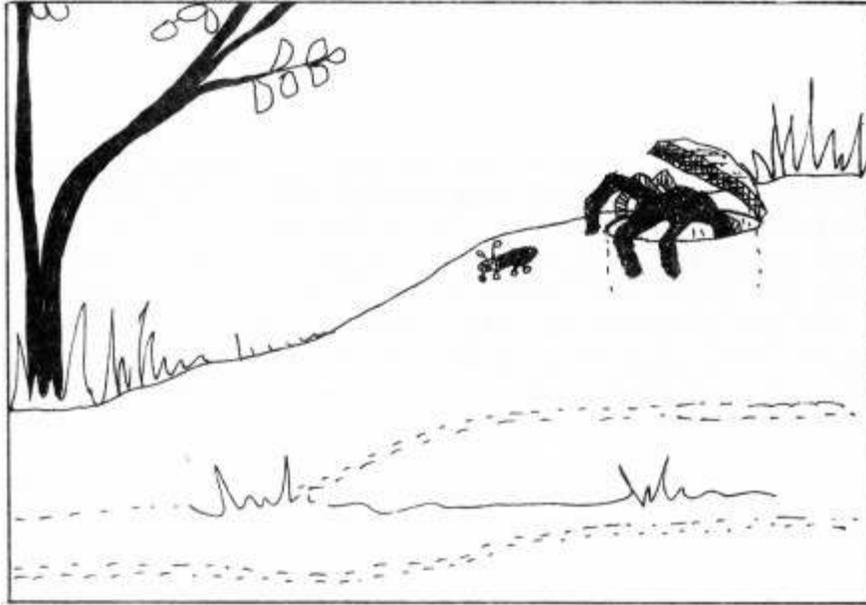
Mother butterflies lay tiny eggs on leaves. Caterpillars hatch from these eggs. The caterpillars are very hungry and eat and eat and eat the leaves of plants. They shed their skins several times before they are fully grown. Then, they spin a chrysalis and hang it on a plant. Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar is changing to a butterfly. In due time the butterfly comes from the chrysalis and flies away.

Many kinds of butterflies do not live very long, however Monarch butterflies take a long journey. After laying their eggs, the parent butterflies die, but the young ones know just where their parents spent the winter, even though they have never been there. They fly a long distance south where it is warmer. There, they stay in the same trees as their parents stayed in. When spring comes, they fly back north to the same area where they were hatched. How do they know where to go? They have not been shown by other butterflies. Isn't this a marvelous work of God?



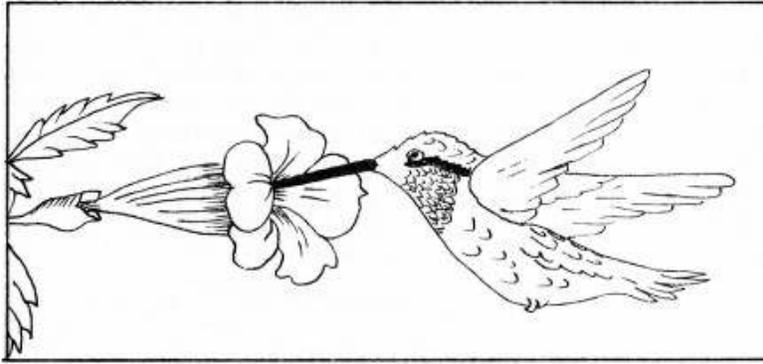
Did you ever watch a spider spin her web with silk threads from her body? How does she know how to make her web so perfectly? God made her and gave her the ability to do this.

The trap-door spider finds a little "hill" to make her home so the water will drain off. She digs a hole in the ground and lines it with silk threads from her body. She needs a lid for her home, so she uses some of the dirt she has dug from the ground to make it. She knows just the right size to make the lid to fit the opening of her home. She covers the under side of the lid with her silk threads. She makes a hinge of her threads to attach the lid to the hole she has dug. Then, she crawls in her home and closes the door. When some creature comes walking across her door, she quickly opens it and snatches the creature and has a good meal. God likes interesting creatures, too! He has made so many of them.

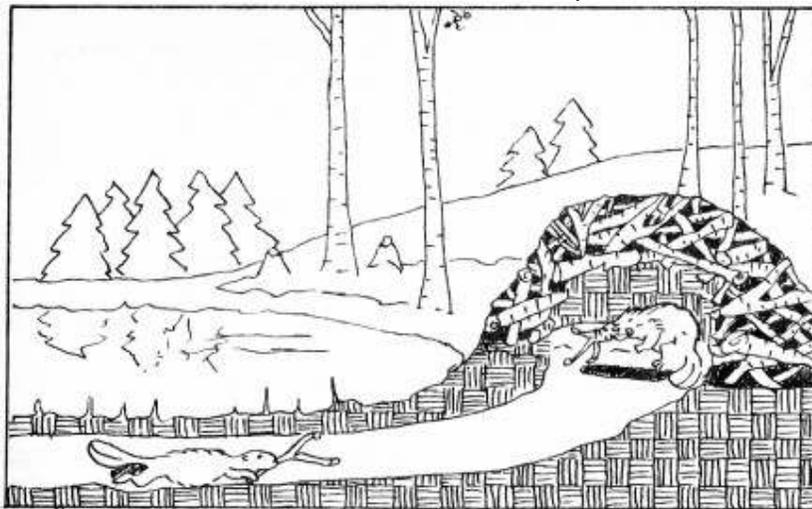


It is so much fun to watch a hummingbird flit from flower to flower. He does so, so very quickly. He beats his little wings so fast they can hardly be seen. We are told he is the smallest bird in the world. His body is about the size of a person's thumb. He hatched from an egg about the size of a pea in a very, very small nest. He has a very long beak with which to get nectar (sweet substance) from the flowers. He has to drink a lot of it

for he is such a busy little fellow. He can fly backwards. Didn't God make him just right?



Beavers are very good builders. With their sharp teeth they gnaw down trees. They use the logs to make a dam across a stream. This dam holds back the water of the stream and a lake is formed. Now they are ready to make their homes in the lake. Using small limbs from the trees and the mud they build their homes, making a mound. The entrance to their home is under the water. That part of the house where they live is above water and is dry. They eat bark they have taken from the trees. Their broad, flat tail is used as a hammer in building their houses. Also, when a beaver sees danger, he slaps his broad, heavy tail on the water to warn the other beavers. Hasn't God taken care of the beavers in a wonderful way?

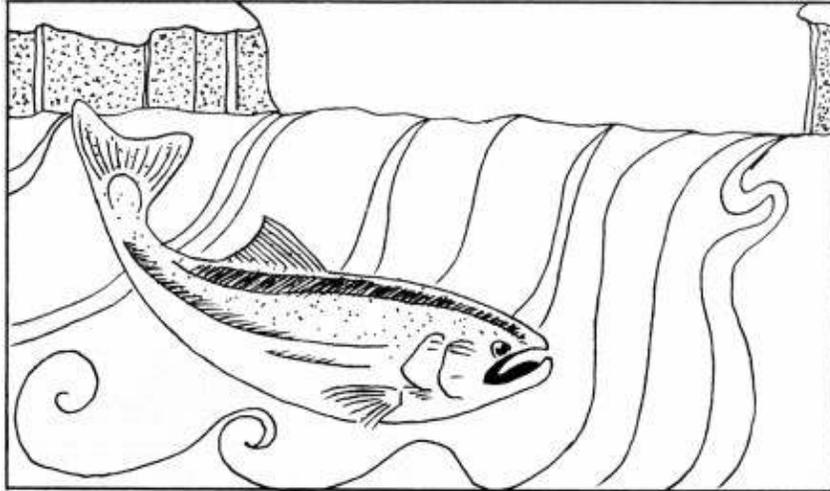


Has a bee ever stung you? It was only protecting itself. Bees like nectar, too. They use it to make honey in its body. They are a honey factory. while some bees gather nectar, other bees in the hive are making a cone of many cells to store the honey. The hundreds of bees in the hive work together for the good of all the bees. As the bees fly into the flowers they gather pollen, a yellow substance, on their back legs. They use this for food, too. Some of this pollen comes off their legs and goes on other flowers they fly into. In this way bees help flowers to make seeds so there can be other flowers. God has made his creatures so marvelously well!

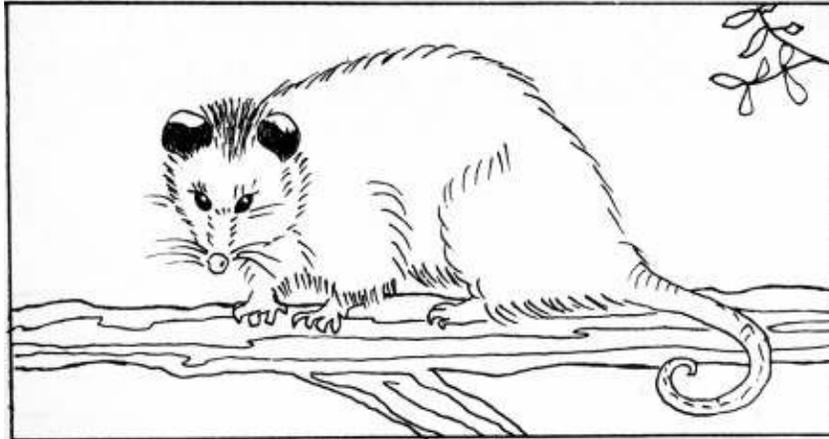


Salmon are fish that do something unusual. Most of their lives are spent in the big, deep ocean where the water is salty. When they are ready to lay their eggs, they go into the river where they were born. There are many rivers that flow into the ocean. How are they able to find their own river? The answer has to be that God gave them that instinct and ability. The salmon swim up stream against the rushing water. They even jump up waterfalls in the river to come to their birthplace. There, they lay their eggs and die. When the salmon hatch and become big enough they

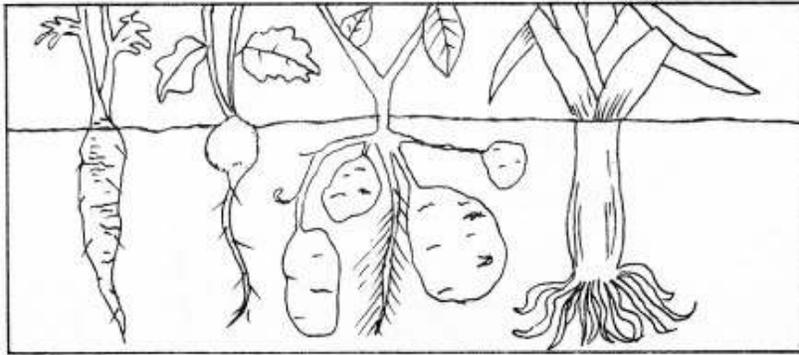
swim out into the ocean like their parents did. In a few years, they will swim back into their own river.



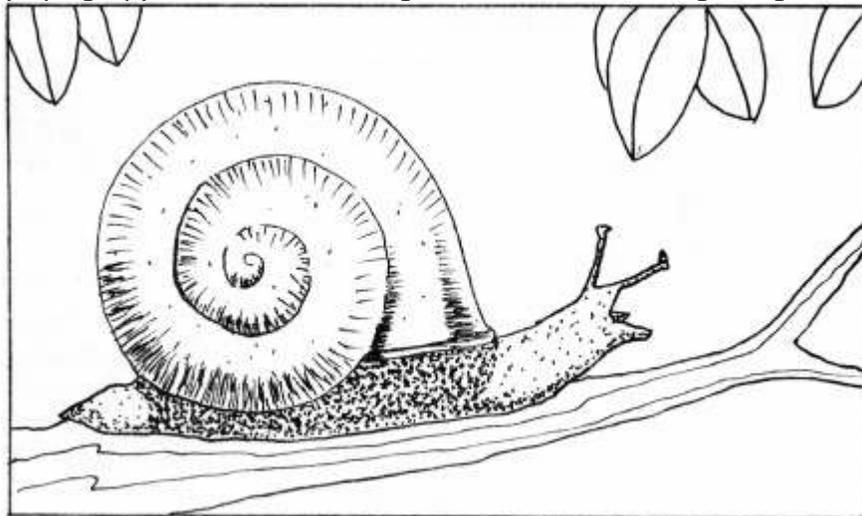
The opossum is quite a funny animal. The mother usually gives birth to four babies. Then they live in her pouch (pocket) which is underneath her body until they are big enough to walk and climb. The mother allows them to ride on her back. Sometimes they cling to her long, slick tail. Opossums can climb trees and hang upside down having wrapped their tails around a tree limb. They escape some of their enemies in this way. When attacked by a fox or a wolf, they lie down and "play dead," knowing the enemy will not be interested in him if he is not alive. Hasn't God made an interesting world?



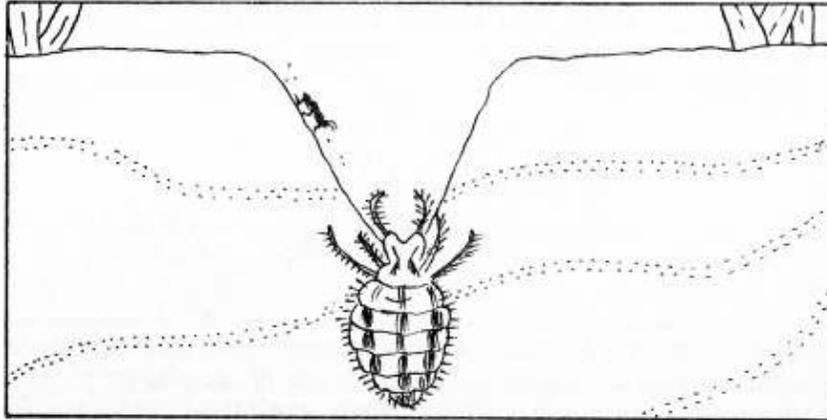
Isn't it wonderful that although plants we eat grow in soil, soil does not get into plants? Carrots and potatoes grow down in the ground. Roots of all plants grow in the soil. Dirt will get on the food, but not in it. Only God could have made it all so wonderfully well.



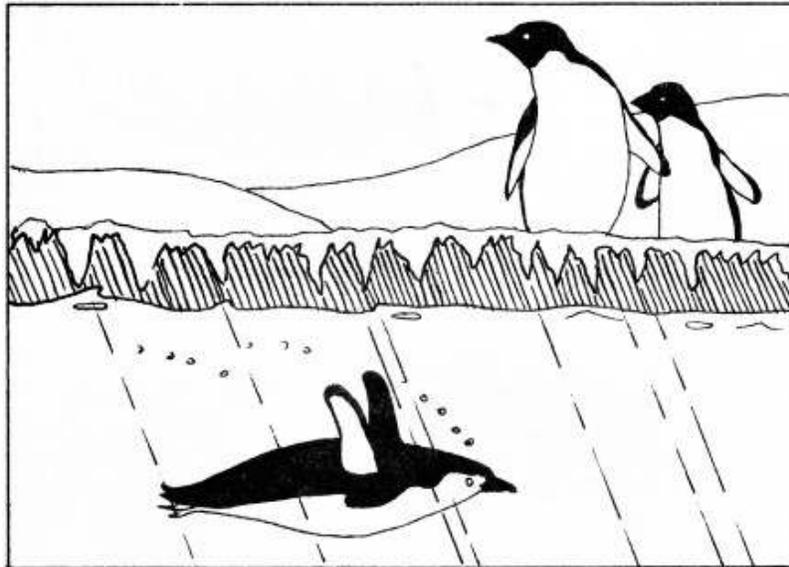
Snails are little but so interesting! A snail has only one foot, but manages to get where it is going, though slowly. Its eyes are on two "stems." The snail can pull its eyes down the stems or tubes into its head. The snail carries his house on his back and can draw himself into it whenever he wants to. That is how he escapes his enemies. In time of drought (when there is not enough moisture) he goes into his shell and seals the opening. In this way he keeps the moisture in his body from evaporating (drying up). Isn't that amazing? God can do amazing things!



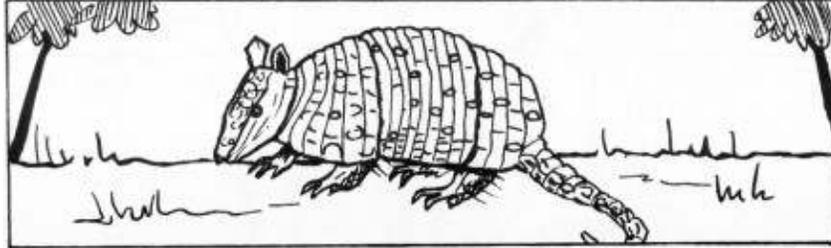
The ant lion eats ants. How does he catch them? He digs a pit in the sand. The ant is noisy, always looking for food. When it enters the sandy pit, the ant lion at the bottom of the pit makes the sand move. Then, the ant tumbles into the clutches of the hungry ant lion. God made the small creatures, too!



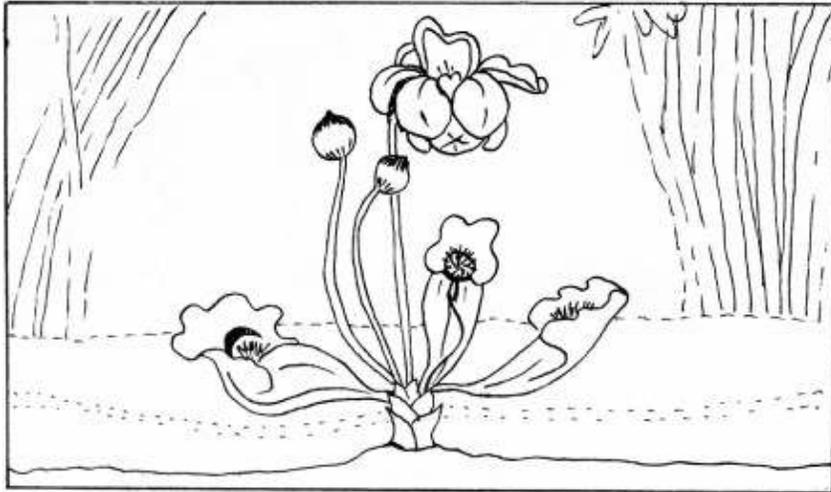
Many penguins live at the bottom of the world where it is very, very cold. They cannot fly, but they are good swimmers. Although they waddle as they walk, they lie on their stomachs and slide very fast on the ice. They seem to have so much fun! God created so many different kinds of birds.



The armadillo is a fortunate fellow. God gave him a bony armor over his body to protect himself. His enemies find it quite difficult to bite into his armor. The under part of his body is not covered with the bony structure and can be bitten by foxes and wolves. What does the armadillo do then? He can roll into a ball, thus protecting his body. He has several bony plates in the middle of his body that enable him to turn his body. So amazing! God takes care of His creatures!

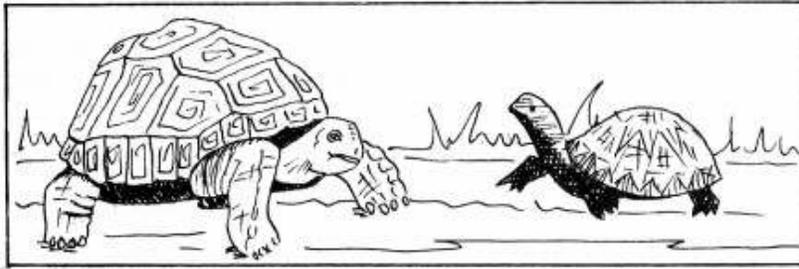


A plant that eats insects! How strange! But, God made the pitcher plant to do just that. In the bottom of the pitcher plant is a sweet-smelling liquid. When insects smell the liquid, they go to the plant to get some. They crawl inside the "pitcher" and hairs on the walls which go downward will not allow the insect to crawl out. In fact, the insects tumble right into liquid. The plant absorbs the insects. This is how the pitcher plant gets its food. Isn't that strange!

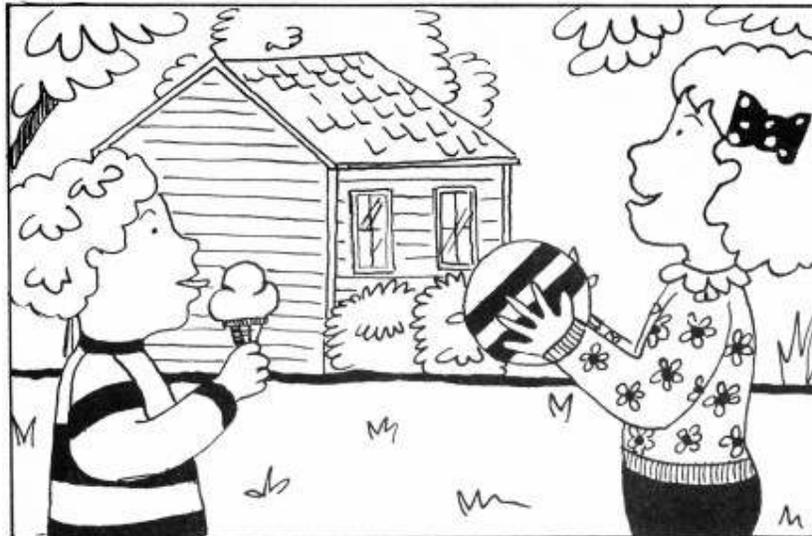


The turtle and the tortoise are other animals God has given an armor for protection. When in danger, they pull their necks, heads, and feet into their shells. It is very difficult for an animal

to bite them. Turtles and tortoises can bite really hard and hold firmly to their enemies.



You! You and your friends! You and all people are the most amazing and wonderful creatures God created! Your body is made wonderfully well. All that you need to do is to eat properly, take exercise, sleep, and your body grows and develops. Your heart is pumping blood to all parts of your body. Your stomach digests your food. You breathe with your lungs. You see with your eyes, hear with your ears, taste with your tongue, smell with your nose, and feel with your fingers. Of course, God has done this for all his creatures. But God gave you a brain that develops daily as you grow. You can think. You can talk with your tongue. You can read and write. You can laugh and love. God gave you a soul to take care of so you live with Him now and in heaven some day. Always remember God created you in His image! Show him how you appreciate that by doing the things God has asked us to do.



Everything was made by somebody. Someone made your clothes. Someone made your house. Someone made your dishes. Someone made this book. These things did not just happen to be. So, certainly all these creatures did not just happen to be here. They were made by someone. That someone is God. He is all powerful. He tells us about Himself and His creation in His Word, the Bible.

Can you tell us about other wonderful works of God that we haven't mentioned?

Open your eyes daily and look at God's wonderful world. See the interesting creatures He has made.

God loves you dearly!
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LESSON 10

God Takes Care of His Creatures

Memory Verse: Psalms 145:9.

"The Lord is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all his works."

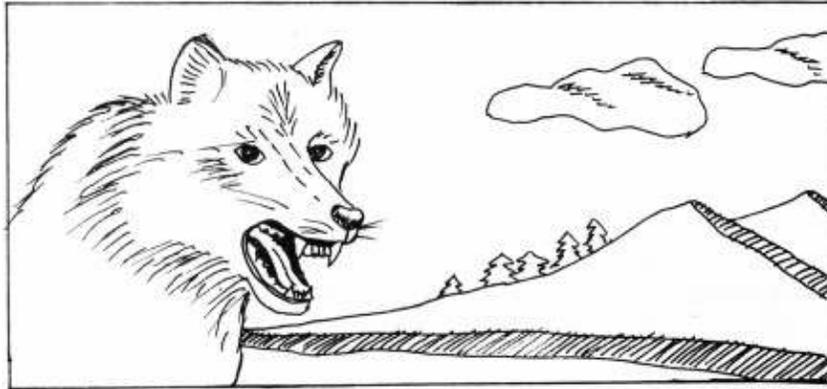
God, our Creator, loves all His creatures. He has given them the things they need. We have seen some of the ways God has made His creatures to be able to take care of themselves.

Humans and all the animals need food more than anything. God has provided food for all of His creatures and ways to get that food. What did He give for food? Without plants there would not be anything to eat. We eat chickens, but chickens eat plants, so, if there were no plants, we could not eat chickens. God has provided the seeds, the soil, and the rain so people can grow their own food. He has also given intelligence to humans so they would know how to grow plants and animals for food. We have learned to cook, can, dry, and store food for future use.

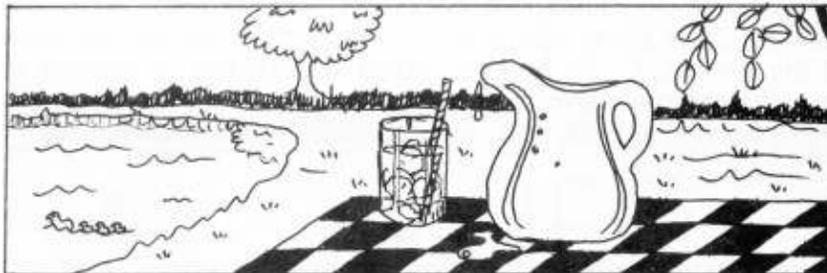


God gave teeth with which to chew food. Think about your teeth. Your front teeth are for biting your food, but your other teeth are flat, just right for chewing. Have you noticed the teeth of dogs and cats? Some of their teeth are longer and sharper

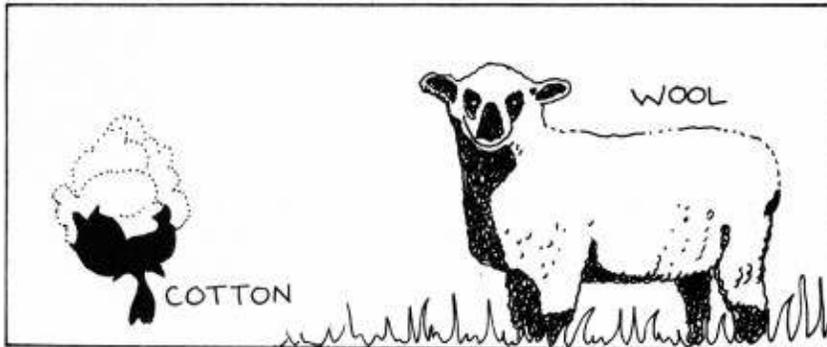
than their other teeth. Why? These long, sharp teeth enable them to catch and hold smaller animals and eat them.



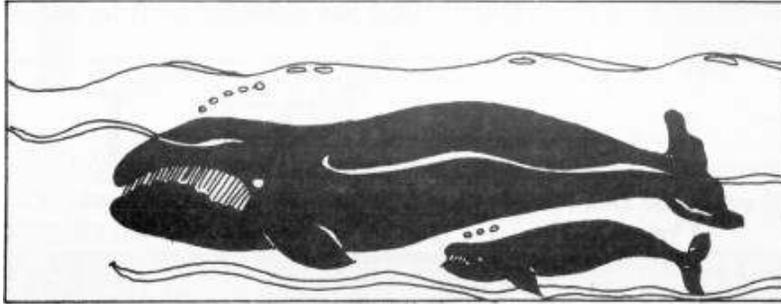
We get thirsty. A large part of our body is water. So we must have water to drink. God has provided pure water to satisfy our thirst. We should keep our water supply pure. Do you agree?



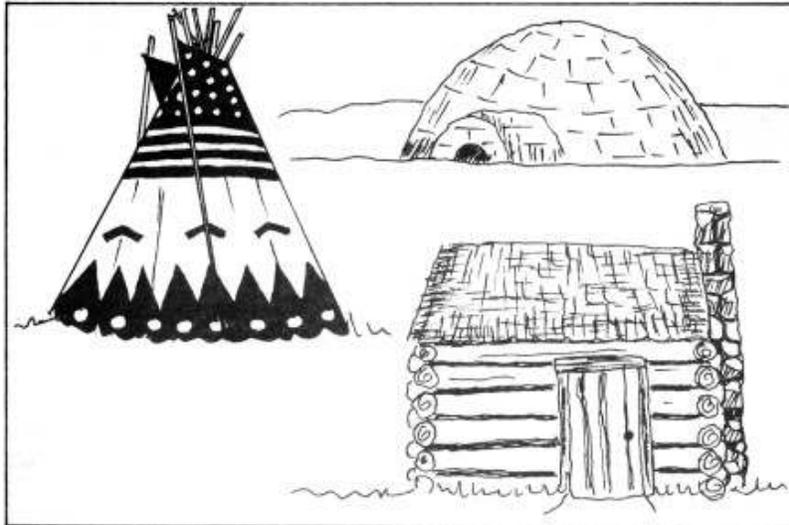
We need clothes for our bodies to protect us from the hot sunshine and from the cold in winter. God made clothes of animal skins for Adam and Eve. He made some plants from which cloth can be made. Long ago people learned to make cloth of cotton and flax, as well as from wool for the sheep.



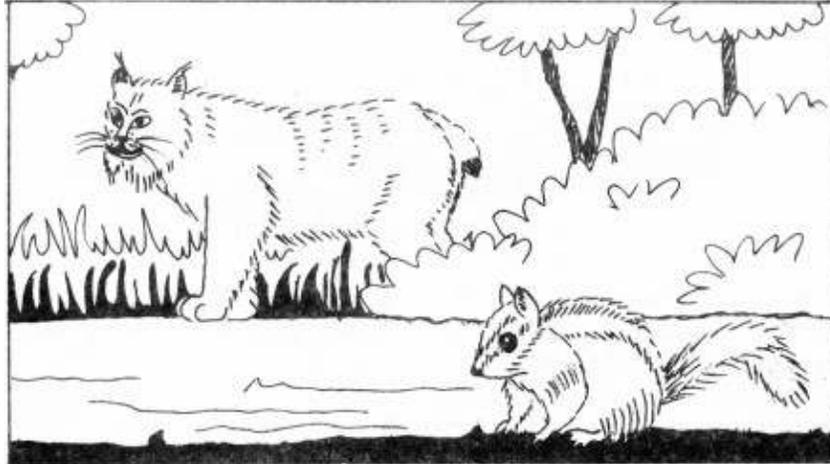
God gave fur to many kinds of animals to protect them from the cold, heat, and scratches from rocks and sand. Think of the turtles and armadillos. Didn't God give them wonderful "clothes?" To some animals, like whales, elephants, and alligators, he gave very thick skin for their covering. Didn't God give beautiful "clothes" to birds? Did you ever see a bird fluff its feathers to keep warm in the winter?



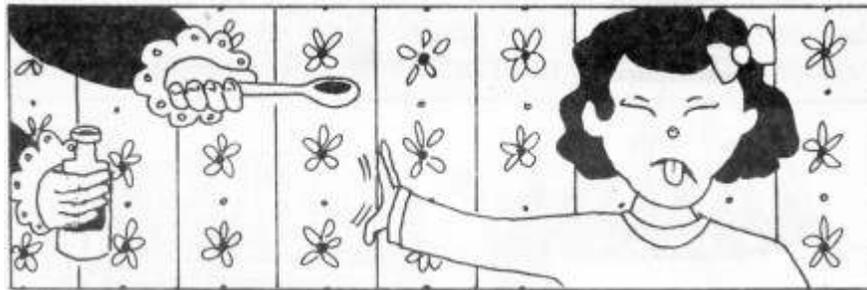
People need houses to live in, to sleep and rest in, to keep out of the hot sunshine in summer and the cold in winter, and to keep themselves safe. People have made houses of animal skins, of frozen snow, and of big pieces of cloth. Long ago, people made log houses after cutting down trees God had made. They learned to make lumber from tree trunks. Then, they built the houses of the lumber. God has provided all of these materials and the intelligence to use them to make homes. Can you think of houses made of other materials?



Birds make their nests in trees and shrubs of different kinds of materials they have collected. So do squirrels. Think of the animals that live in the forests and woods and find protection there: tigers, lions, bears, and deer. You tell us some others that hide among the trees. Chipmunks, woodchucks, and ants make their homes down in the ground. Do you know of other animals that live underground? What are some animals that can climb trees and even sleep there? God has provided well for all of them.

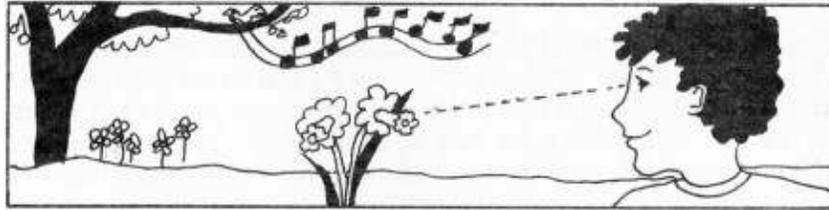


When we become sick, we need medicine. It may not taste good to us, but we need it. God has given us some plants that are good for medicine. Dogs, cats, squirrels, and many other animals eat grass when they become sick. If we keep healthy, God made our bodies so they will get well quickly when scratched or cut.

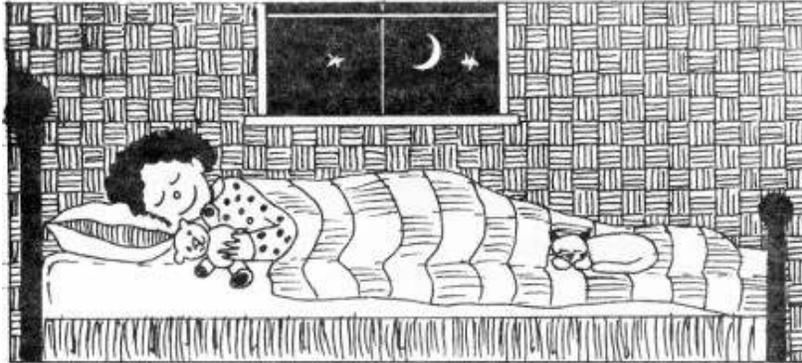


Do you like to see beautiful things? Our Creator made so many pretty things to see: flowers, trees, green hills, mountains, lakes, oceans, birds, butterflies, animal babies, and human babies. What do you think is pretty?

Do you like to hear lovely sounds? Wind blowing through the trees, music, birds singing, laughter, mother and father talking. What do you like to hear? "The hearing ear and the seeing eye, the Lord has made even both of them" (Psalms 20:12). And he has given us so many beautiful sights to see and many lovely sounds to hear.



Isn't it great that we can sleep each night when we get tired? God knew His creatures needed rest each day and, as always, He supplies our needs.

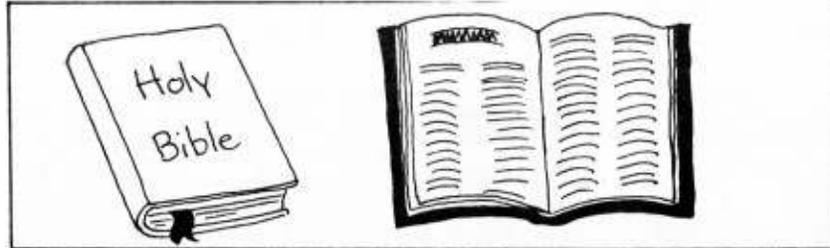


Could you be happy without love? Everyone needs somebody to love. God has given us mothers and fathers, grandparents, friends, and Jesus to love us. We, in turn, can love them.



We begin to understand that God really loves and cares for His creatures. When Jesus lived here on earth, He told us in Luke 12:6-7, that when even one sparrow (bird) dies, it is not forgotten by God. Jesus said, "But even the very hairs of your head are numbered. Fear not therefore. You are of more value than many sparrows." So we know God really loves us.

God knew we needed to know about Him and His Son, Jesus. We need to know of God's love. We need to be told how we should conduct ourselves. We need to know what God wants us to do. Everything he has told us to do is for our good (Deuteronomy 6:24). So, God gave us His Book, the Bible, that we might know.



Since God is so good to us and has given us so many blessings to enjoy, let us thank him every day. Let us "enter into His gates with thanksgiving, into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting and His truth endures to all generations" (Psalms 100:4-5).



What are you thankful for? Have you told God you are thankful?

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