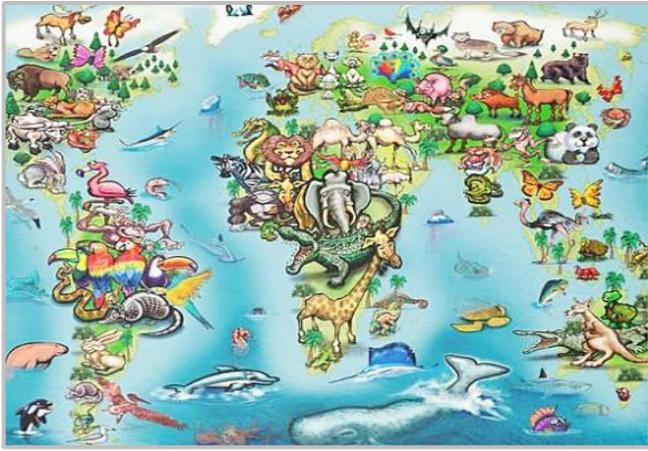


Adventure Club

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'Let the Earth be Filled with Animals'

'Then God said, "Let the earth be filled with animals. And let each produce more of its own kind. Let there be tame animals and small crawling animals and wild animals. And let each produce more of its kind." And it happened. So God made the wild animals, the tame animals and all the small crawling animals to produce more of their own kind. God saw that this was good.'



Genesis 1:24-25, *International Children's Bible*



Leviathan (possibly the Crocodile?)

'Can you pull in the sea beast, Leviathan, with a fly rod and stuff him in your creel [fishing basket]? Can you lasso him with a rope, or snag him with an anchor? Will he beg you over and over for mercy, or flatter you with flowery speech? Will he apply for a job with you to run errands and serve you the rest of your life? Will you play with him as if he were a pet goldfish? Will you make him the mascot of the neighbourhood children? Will you put him on display in the market and have shoppers haggle over the price? Could you shoot him full of arrows like a pin cushion, or drive harpoons into his huge head? If you so much as lay a hand on him, you won't live to tell the story. What hope would you have with such a creature? Why, one look at him would do you in! If you can't hold your own against his glowering visage, how, then, do you expect to stand up to me? Who could confront me and get by with it? I'm *in charge* of all this — I *run* this universe! But I've more to say about Leviathan, the sea beast, his enormous bulk, his beautiful shape. Who would even dream of piercing that tough skin or putting those jaws into bit and bridle? And who would dare knock at the door of his mouth filled with row upon row of fierce teeth?' Job 41:1-14, *Message*



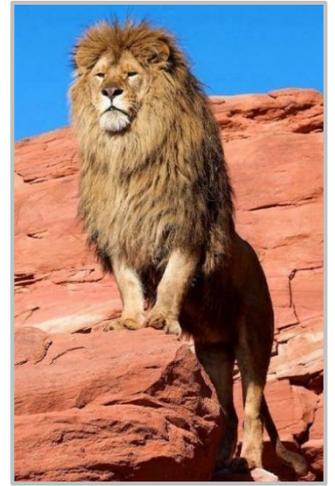
- 1 Did Rebekah give water to ten of Abraham's servant's camels? Gen. 24:10-20
- 2 Did frogs ever get into people's beds, ovens and kneading bowls? Exodus 8:3
- 3 Is the chameleon in the Pentateuch? Lev. 11:30. (Some translations use different names.)
- 4 Did Samson find bees and honey inside the carcass of a lion? Judges 14:8
- 5 Did Samson catch 300 foxes? (These may have been jackals.) Judges 15:4
- 6 Did Solomon have 4,000 stalls for his chariot horses? 1 Kings 4:22
- 7 Did King Solomon have apes? 1 Kings 10:22



Lions

'Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the One sitting on the throne. The scroll had writing on both sides. It was kept closed with seven seals. And I saw a powerful angel. He called in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But there was no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth who could open the scroll or look inside it. I cried and cried because there was no one who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. But one of the elders said to me, "Do not cry! The Lion from the tribe of Judah has won the victory. He is David's descendant. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." '

Revelation 5:1-5, *International Children's Bible*



'The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.'

Proverbs 28:1, *NIV*

'King Darius gave the order. They brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May the God you serve all the time save you!" A big stone was brought. It was put over the opening of the lions' den. Then the king used his signet ring to put his special seal on the rock. And he used the rings of his royal officers to put their seals on the rock also. This showed that no one could move that rock and bring Daniel out. Then King Darius went back to his palace. He did not eat that night. He did not have any entertainment brought to entertain him. And he could not sleep. The next morning King Darius got up at dawn. He hurried to the lions' den. As he came near the den, he was worried. He called out to Daniel. He said, "Daniel, servant of the living God! Has your God that you always worship been able to save you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "My king, live forever! My God sent his angel to close the lions' mouths. They have not hurt me, because my God knows I am innocent. I never did anything wrong to you, my king." King Darius was very happy. He told his servants to lift Daniel out of the lions' den. So they lifted him out and did not find any injury on him. This was because Daniel had trusted in his God.'



Daniel 6:16-23, *International Children's Bible*

'Control yourselves and be careful! The devil is your enemy. And he goes around like a roaring lion looking for someone to eat. Refuse to give in to the devil. Stand strong in your faith.'

1 Peter 5:8-9, *International Children's Bible*



'Then wolves will live in peace with lambs. And leopards will lie down to rest with goats. Calves, lions and young bulls will eat together. And a little child will lead them. Cows and bears will eat together in peace. Their young will lie down together. Lions will eat hay as oxen do. A baby will be able to play near a cobra's hole. A child will be able to put his hand into the nest of a poisonous snake. They will not hurt or destroy each other on all my holy mountain. The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the sea is full of water.'

Isaiah 11:6-9, *International Children's Bible*



Deuteronomy 14:5 mentions seven animals in the *NIV*: the ¹deer, the ²gazelle, the ³roe deer, the ⁴wild goat, the ⁵ibex, the ⁶antelope and the ⁷mountain sheep. (Some translations use other names.)

Snakes



Pictured is the poisonous Saw-sealed Viper. It lives where Moses and the Israelites were.

'The LORD sent poisonous snakes among the people. The snakes bit the people, and many of the Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We know that we sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD. Ask him to take away these snakes." So Moses prayed for them. The LORD said to Moses, "Make a bronze snake and put it on a pole. If anyone is bitten by a snake, that person should look at the bronze snake on the pole. Then that person will not die." So Moses made a bronze snake and put it on a pole. Then when a snake bit anyone, that person



looked at the bronze snake on the pole and lived.'

Numbers 21:6-9, *Easy-to-Read Version*

'Moses lifted up the snake in the desert. It is the same with the Son of Man. He must be lifted up too. Then everyone who believes in him can have eternal life.' John 3:14-15, *Easy-to-Read Version*

Agur couldn't understand several amazing things including: 'how a snake glides over a rock'. Proverbs 30:1, 18-19.

'Paul gathered a pile of sticks for the fire. He was putting the sticks on the fire, and a poisonous snake came out because of the heat and bit him on the hand. When the people living on the island saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said, "This man must be a murderer! He did not die in the sea, but Justice does not want him to live." But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and was not hurt.'

Acts 28:3-5, *Easy-to-Read Version*



Behemoth (possibly the Hippopotamus?)



'Look at the land beast, Behemoth. I created him as well as you. Grazing on grass, docile as a cow — Just look at the strength of his back, the powerful muscles of his belly. His tail sways like a cedar in the wind; his huge legs are like beech trees. His skeleton is made of steel, every bone in his body hard as steel. Most magnificent of all my creatures, but I still lead him around like a lamb! The grass-covered hills serve him meals, while field mice frolic in his shadow. He takes afternoon naps under shade trees, cools himself in the reedy swamps, Lazily cool in the leafy shadows as the breeze moves through the willows. And when the river rages he doesn't budge, stolid and unperturbed even when the Jordan goes wild. But you'd never want him for a pet — you'd never be able to housebreak him!'

Job 40:15-24, *Message*



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1 Did two female bears maul 42 youths after they called Elisha a 'baldhead'? 2 Kings 2:23-24

2 Although elephants are not mentioned in the Bible, ivory is. Is an ivory throne possible? 2 Chronicles 9:17

3 What is a gold ring in a pig's snout likened to? Proverbs 11:22

4 The rock badger (hyrax) is not strong, but does it make itself a secure home? Prov. 30:26

5 Do locusts have a king? Proverbs 30:27. Did John the Baptist eat locusts? Matthew 3:4

6 Can a leopard change its spots? Jeremiah 13:23

7 If a son asked his father for an egg, would the father give him a scorpion? Luke 11:12



The Animal School

Once upon a time, some animals decided to start a school. There was a rabbit, a bird, a squirrel and a fish. Some teachers worked with them to create a curriculum. The rabbit insisted that burrowing-in-the-ground should be in the curriculum. The fish was adamant that swimming had to be included. The squirrel insisted on perpendicular-tree-climbing and the bird wanted flying. They put all the courses together and recommended everybody take all of the classes. Although the rabbit began by getting 'A's in burrowing, perpendicular-tree-climbing was a real problem for him; he kept falling over backwards and getting rather badly bruised. Consequently, instead of making 'A's in burrowing, he was now only getting 'C's, while still getting 'E's in perpendicular-tree-climbing. The bird was really good at flying, but when it came to burrowing-in-the-ground, as hard as he tried, he couldn't do it very well at all, in fact he was rubbish at it. He kept breaking his beak and his claws, also his feathers got terribly muddy. Pretty soon he was making a 'C' in flying and continued to get 'E's for burrowing. The squirrel was terrific at perpendicular-tree-climbing, however, he was so afraid of the water that he failed swimming altogether. The fish was easily the best in swimming, but absolutely refused to get out of the water to attempt any of the other classes. The teachers were all delighted about the school because they said it was a broad-based educational curriculum. (Based on a story by Tony Campolo in *Hot Illustrations for Youth Talks*, Wayne Rice.)

Lesson: We are all gifted at some things, however, we can't be good at everything.

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Deer

See if you can memorize some, or all, of these words:

'As a deer thirsts for streams of water, so I thirst for you, God. I thirst for the living God.'

Psalm 42:1-2, *New Century Version*

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Ants



'You lazy people, you should watch what the ants do and learn from them. Ants have no ruler, no boss, and no leader. But in the summer, ants gather all of their food and save it. So when winter comes, there is plenty to eat. You lazy people, how long are you going to lie there? When will you get up? You say, "I



need a rest. I think I'll take a short nap." But then you sleep and sleep and become poorer and poorer.'

Proverbs 6:6-11, *Easy-to-Read Version*

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A Talking Donkey!

'Balaam got up the next morning. He put a saddle on his donkey. Then he went with the Moabite leaders. But God became angry because Balaam went. So the angel of the Lord stood in the road to stop Balaam. Balaam was riding his donkey. And he had two servants with him. The donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road. The angel had a sword in his hand. So the donkey left the road and went into the field. Balaam hit the donkey to force her back on the road. Later, the angel of the Lord stood on a narrow path between two vineyards. There were walls on both sides. Again the donkey saw the angel of the Lord. So the donkey walked close to one wall. This crushed Balaam's foot against the wall. So he hit her again. The angel of the Lord went ahead again. The angel stood at a narrow place. It was too narrow to turn left or right. The donkey saw the angel of the Lord. So she lay down under Balaam. Balaam was very angry and hit her with his stick. Then the Lord made the donkey talk. She said to Balaam, "What have I done to make you hit me three times?" Balaam answered the donkey, "You have made me look foolish! I wish I had a sword in my hand! I would kill you right now!" But the donkey said to Balaam, "I am your very own donkey. You have ridden me for years. Have I ever done this to you before?" "No," Balaam said. Then the Lord let Balaam see the angel. The angel of the Lord was standing in the road with his sword drawn.'



Numbers 22:21-31, *International Children's Bible*

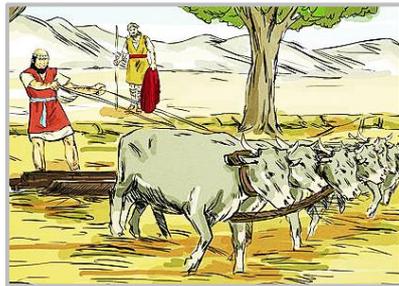


A Colt On Which No One Had Ever Sat

‘Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!” And he entered Jerusalem.’



Mark 11:1-11, *ESV*



The Twelfth Team of Oxen

‘Elisha was ploughing with the twelfth team of oxen. Elijah came up to Elisha. Elijah took off his coat and put it on Elisha. Then Elisha left his oxen and ran to follow Elijah. Elisha said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother good-bye. Then I will go with you.” Elijah answered, “That is fine. Go back. I won’t stop you.” So Elisha went back. He took his pair of oxen and killed them. He used the wooden yoke for the fire. Then he cooked the meat and gave it to the people. And they ate it. Then Elisha went and followed Elijah and became his helper.’

1 Kings 19:19-21 *International Children's Bible*

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