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Lesson 5 Day 5 of Creation

Sea Animals and Birds

Memory Verses

Let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

Psalm 104:19

Scripture

Then God commanded, "Let the water be filled with many kinds of living beings, and let the air be filled with birds. So God created the great sea monsters, all kinds of creatures that live in the water, and all kinds of birds. And God was pleased with what He saw. He blessed them all and told the creatures that live in the water to reproduce and to fill the sea and He told the birds to increase in number. Evening passed and morning came—that was the firth day.

Genesis 1:20-23 (GNT)

Lesson

What have we talked about so far in God's creation? What did God create on the first day? (day and night) And what did God create on the second day? (sky) What about the third day? (earth, sea and plants) And the fourth day? (sun, moon and stars)

On day five, God made sea animals and birds. He made all kinds of birds and all kinds of sea animals. What kinds of birds are there? (Wait for or prompt the responses of eagles, black birds, pigeons, parrots, etc.) And what kinds of animals live in the sea? (Wait for or prompt responses like fish, whales, eels, crabs, etc.) Do you know what happened later in the Bible with a big fish? (Wait to see if children remember the story of Jonah.) Well, there was a messenger of God named Jonah who decided He didn't like what God was asking Him to do. So you know what he did? He ran away! (Do you think you can really run away from God? - of course you can't.) Well God found Jonah after he had been thrown off a boat, because He had known where Jonah was all along. God sent a great, big fish to swallow Jonah! But the fish

didn't chew Jonah up because three days later he was spit on to the beach in one piece!

The Bible tells us in Matthew 12:38-41 that this was a miracle - The Miracle of the Prophet Jonah. Guess what else Jesus said! Jesus told them there would be another miracle. He said, "Just like Jonah spent three days and nights in the big fish, so will [I] spend three days and nights in the depths of the earth." Does anyone know what He was talking about? When did Jesus spend three days in the earth (or in a cave/tomb)? Yes, when He died for us! But did He stay there? Not if he only spent three days there. Just like Jonah, Jesus came back. Jonah did not die, Jesus did and - He was resurrected! And back in the book of Matthew, Jesus tells the people listening that they need to "turn from their sins." Have you turned from your sins? Have you decided you would like to follow Jesus instead of running away from Him? If you haven't, come tell me and we will talk about how to follow God instead of running away!

Let's thank God for all the wonderful things He has made. And let's thank Him for giving us a way to follow Him and obey!

Activities

Watch the Jonah Movie (from Veggie Tales).

Play "Go Fish."

Crafts

Make origami fish and birds.

Make paper plate sea animals; beaver, snail, turtle, crab, hermit crab, walrus, jellyfish, swan, etc.

Make bird feeders. If you have access to pinecones, attach a string securely to the top, cover the pinecone with peanut butter and then bird seed. Hang from the nearest tree or balcony.

Go fishing . . . with a dowel rod and paper fish.

Make bumble bees from foot-shaped pieces of paper.

Snacks

Blue gelatin with fish-shaped pineapple or gummi sharks

Sea Animals (like animal crackers)

Goldfish shaped crackers

Fish shaped fishsticks

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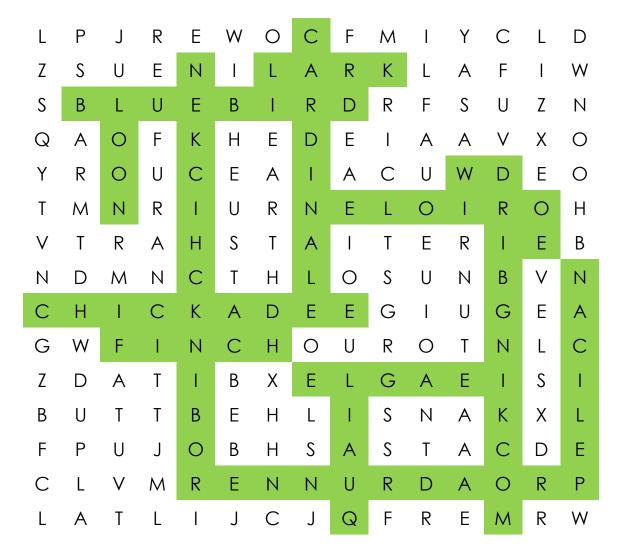
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Sea Animals

Unscramble the following words to find the names of sea animals.

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2. ele	
3. sihf	
4. fashrits	
5. leyjishlf	
6. acbr	
7. bertsol	
8. miprhs	
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14. rahks	



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2. ele	aal
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3. sihf	fish
4. fashrits	starfish
5. leyjishlf	<u>jellyfish</u>
6. acbr	crab_
7. bertsol	lobster_
8. miprhs	shrimp
9. sulmes	<u>mussel</u>
10. tyrose	oyster_
11. hewal	<u>whale</u>
12. nolpdih	dolphin
13. rahseseo	seahorse
14. rahks	shark