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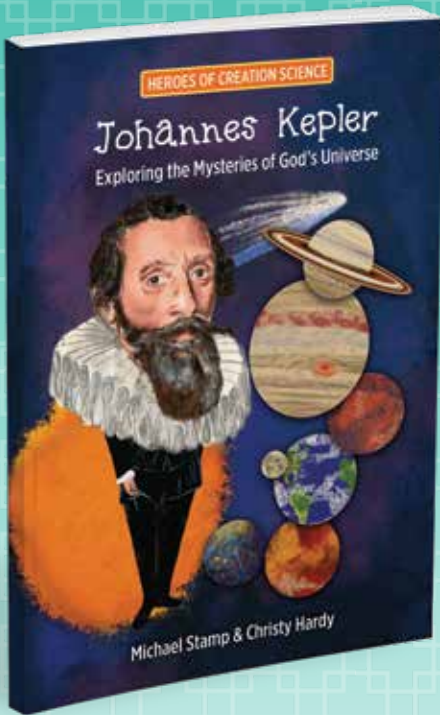
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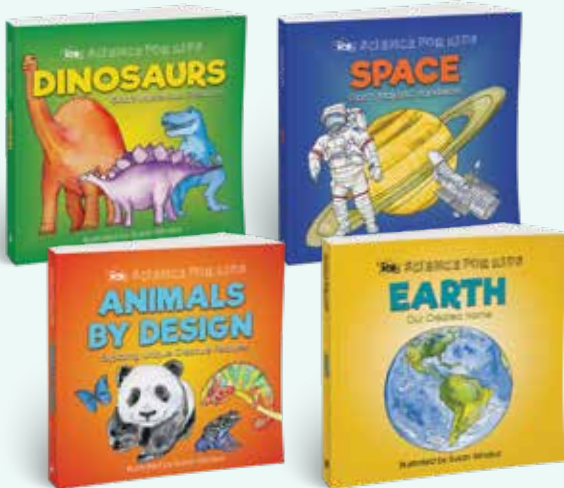
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[Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

(Colossians 1:15-20)

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Just for Kids!

Hi, kids! We created a special *Acts & Facts* as a Christmas gift just for you! In this issue, you'll discover fun facts about dinosaurs and dragons, be amazed by amazing creatures, explore far places in space, and learn much more about God's incredible creation and how unique He made you. We hope you have fun doing the activities while learning how God designed creation just right in the beginning. More than anything, we want you to know how much Jesus loves you.



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Merry Christmas!

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Good Creation & the Fall

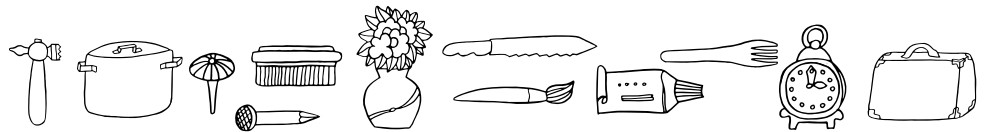
Our Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ, spent six days creating the entire universe, from far-off galaxies to the leaves on our trees. He created plants and animals to fill the earth's land, sky, and sea. He also made the first people, Adam and Eve, in His image.

When Jesus finished making everything during the creation week, He declared it "very good." But Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. Because of their sin, He cursed His beloved creation.

- ✓ God created the heavens and the earth, and He made it all very good.
- ✓ God created humans in His image.
- ✓ God gave Earth special features no other planet has.
- ✓ God cursed the world because of Adam and Eve's sin—this is called the Fall.
- ✓ The Fall caused thorns, thistles, and other harmful things to happen in God's creation.
- ✓ Creation will not be perfect again until Jesus comes back and makes everything new.



Find the hidden objects in the picture below.



Creation Days Word Scramble

Day 1: gtilh

Day 2: tswear

Day 3: ryd nlad

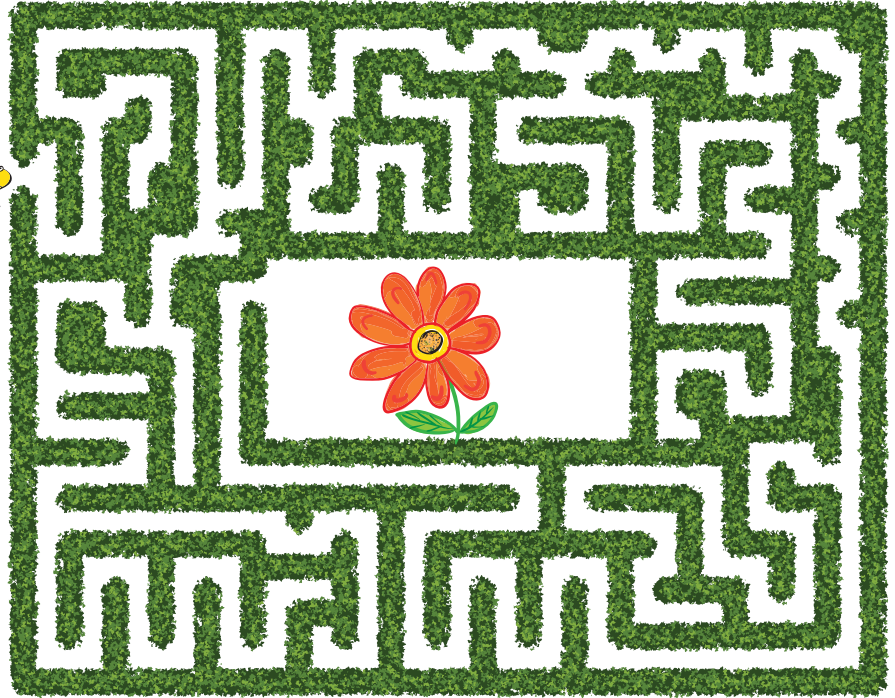
Day 4: nsu, onmo, rssat

Day 5: esa laamsin, rbdsi

Day 6: adln masnlia, snuahm

Day 7: sert

Help the bee find the flower inside the maze.



Creation Word Search

N	D	R	Y	G	R	O	U	N	D	D	A	Y	
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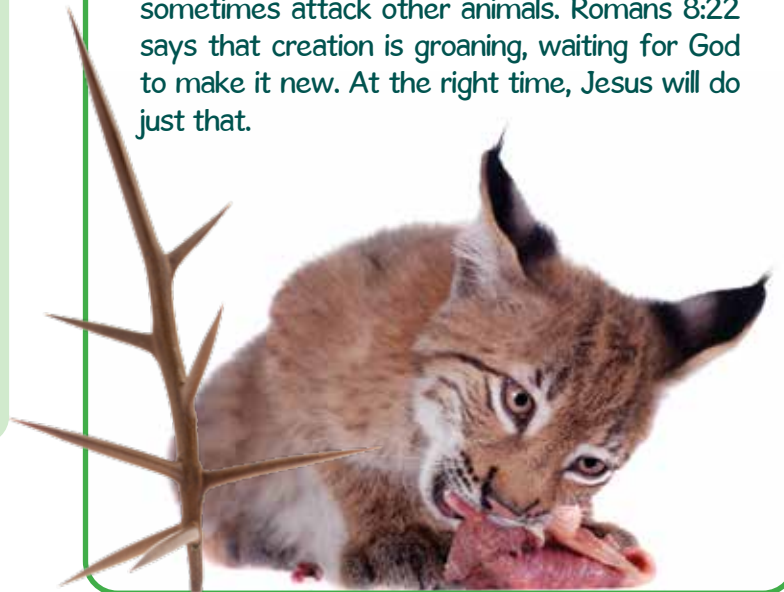
CREATION
EARTH
LIGHT
SKY
WATERS

DRY GROUND
PLANTS
SUN
MOON
STARS

BIRDS
SEA CREATURES
LAND ANIMALS
HUMANS
FALL

The Fall

God's original creation was very good. But sin and death entered the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. God cursed the earth, and that changed the whole creation. People have to fight thorns and thistles and other troublesome plants when they grow food to eat. And people sometimes get sick or behave badly, and animals sometimes attack other animals. Romans 8:22 says that creation is groaning, waiting for God to make it new. At the right time, Jesus will do just that.



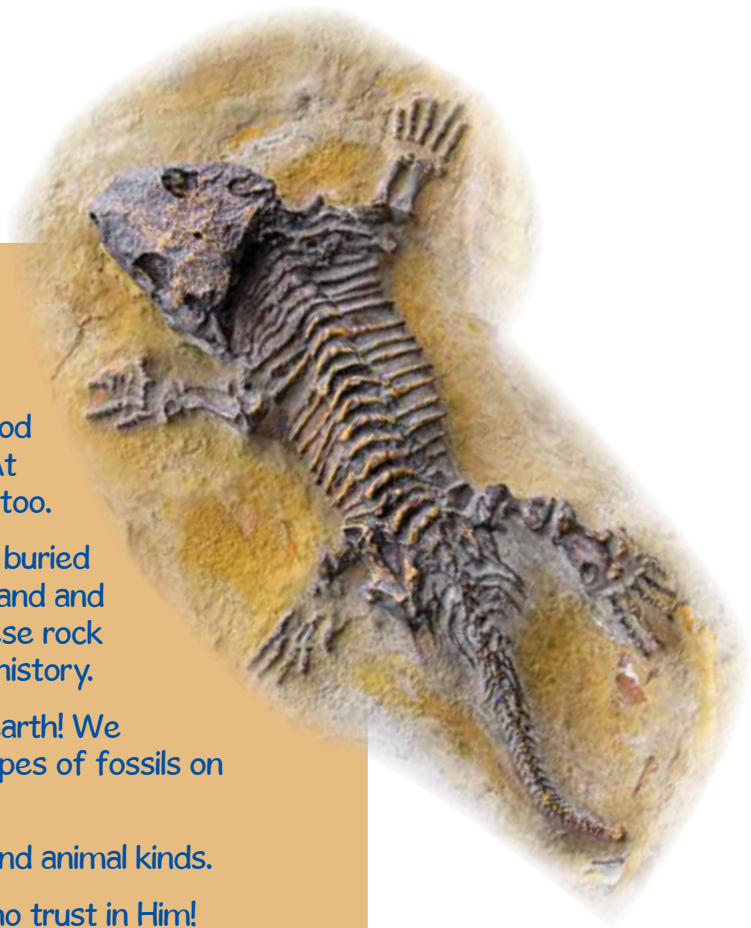
Word Scramble Answers: light; waters; dry land; sun; moon; stars; sea animals; birds; land animals; humans; rest

The Flood & Fossils

About 4,500 years ago, violence filled the earth. So God sent a flood to cover the whole planet. Before that, God told Noah to build a huge boat called an ark, and Noah obeyed Him. When the Flood came, Noah and his family got on board the Ark. At least two of each kind of land animal and bird did, too.

The Flood's waves were full of sand and mud that buried plants and animals to form fossils. The layers of sand and mud then hardened into rock. Scientists study these rock layers to find fossils and discover clues to Earth's history.

- ✓ Evidence for the Genesis Flood is all over the earth! We especially see the clues when we find many types of fossils on every continent, including Antarctica.
- ✓ The Ark saved Noah, his family, and bird and land animal kinds.
- ✓ Jesus is like the Ark—He rescues all people who trust in Him!



Fossil Cookies!

Supplies: sugar cookie or shortbread dough, cinnamon and sugar, toy dinosaur, and a seashell



Make your favorite sugar cookie recipe or use premade refrigerator dough. Then roll out and cut the cookie dough into circles.



Press the dinosaur and seashell—or other items—into each cookie.



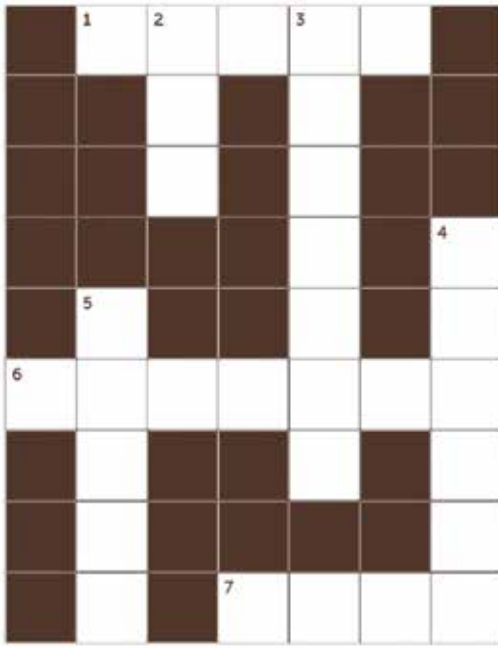
Bake the pressed cookies.



Once the cookies are out of the oven, you may choose to dust your new footprint or seashell print cookies with cinnamon and sugar.

Enjoy!

Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. What the Flood's waves were made of
6. The first book of the Bible
7. A fossil fuel that comes from plants

Down

2. The giant boat that held Noah's family and the animals and birds
3. The tallest mountain in the world
4. The remains of a creature or plant buried in mud long ago
5. The Creator and Savior of all people who accept Him

Did you know?

Coal is a fossil fuel made from plants that were buried during the Flood.



When you go outside and walk around, you're probably walking on ground laid down by the Flood.

Scientists sometimes dig in dirt or rock to look for fossils. Plants and animals must be buried quickly and deeply to become fossils.

Fossils rarely form today. If an animal dies today, it will decay or be eaten by other critters.

Fossils are found all over the world because the whole world was flooded. There are even fossils on Mount Everest—the tallest mountain in the world!

Fossils don't show evolution. There aren't any "in between" fossils. Except for small variations, creatures have basically stayed the same over time. Each fossil creature shows up with all its parts, according to its own kind, just as God made it.



Mount Everest



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Answers: Across 1. water, 6. Genesis, 7. coal, Down 2. Ark, 3. Everest, 4. fossil, 5. Jesus

Dinosaurs & Dragons

Dinosaurs, great and small, fascinate people of all ages. The word "dinosaur" wasn't invented until 1841. Before then, people called the great reptiles they saw "dragons." Here are some basic dinosaur facts.

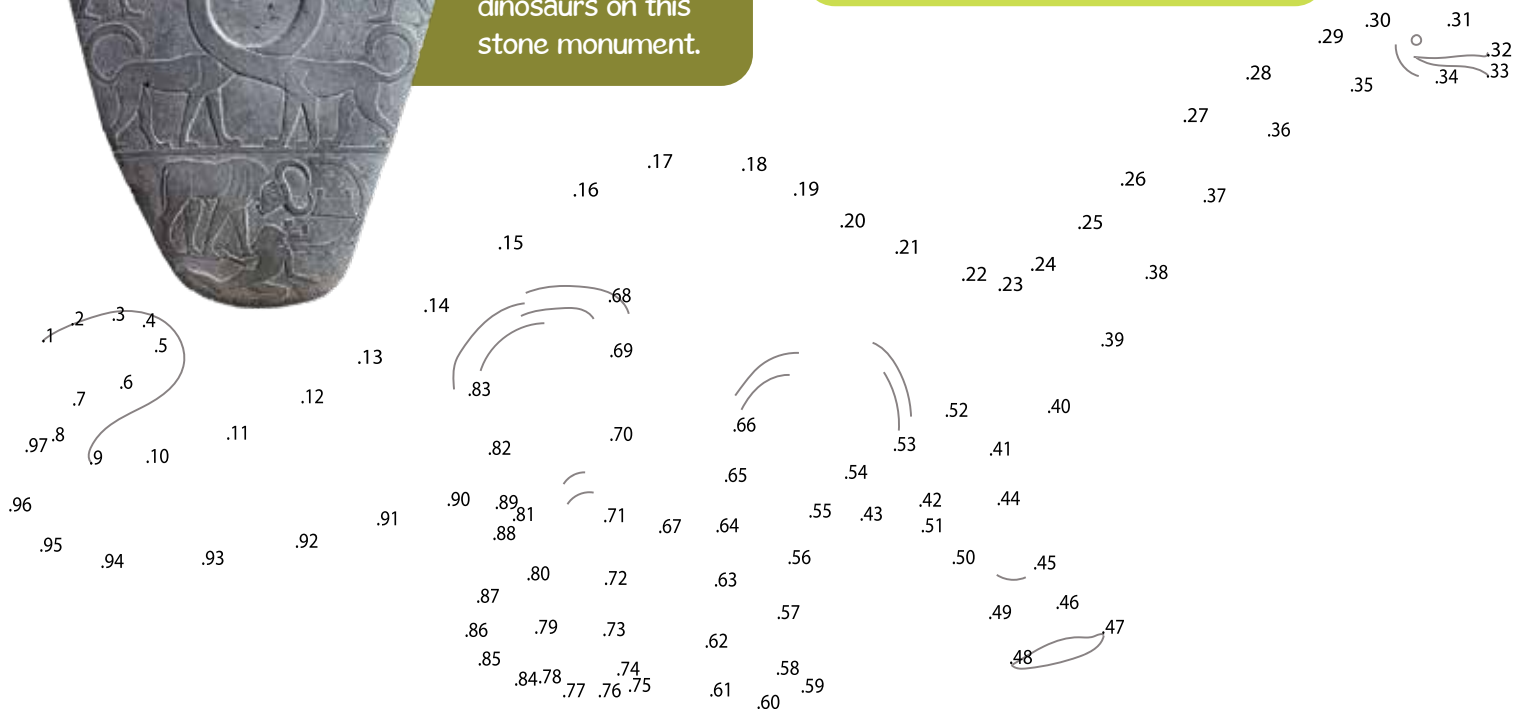
- ✓ Dinosaurs were created on Day 6 of the creation week.
- ✓ The Flood killed most dinosaurs, and many became fossils.
- ✓ Dinosaurs were on the Ark, and their descendants roamed the earth for many years after the Flood.
- ✓ For centuries, people all over the world reported seeing dragons. They even made dragon carvings and paintings.



About 4,000 years ago, Egyptians carved a pair of what look like long-necked sauropod dinosaurs on this stone monument.

Dragons in the Bible

The word "dragon" is used 22 times in the Old Testament. The book of Job says that a dragon called behemoth "moves his tail like a cedar" (Job 40:17). What do you suppose this creature was? Connect the dots to reveal what behemoth might have looked like.



Which one is not a dinosaur?

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2.



3.



4.

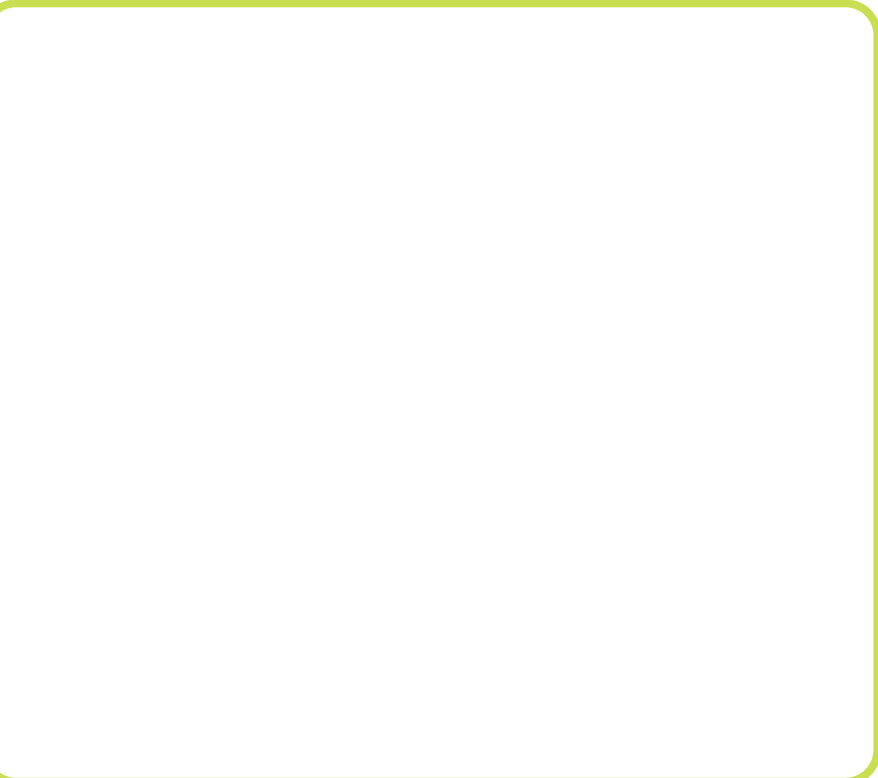


Answer: 3. The pterodactyl was a flying reptile. Dinosaurs were land reptiles.

This is the head of a dinosaur named *Dracorex hogwartsia*. Doesn't it look like a dragon?



Time to Draw! Draw a picture of what you think *Dracorex hogwartsia* looked like with skin and eyes.



Enter your drawing for a chance to win a copy of *God Created T. rex!* Just post your photo on Facebook or Instagram, tag @ICRscience, and use the hashtag #ICRcreationkids. Contest ends December 31, 2022.

Kinds & Cats

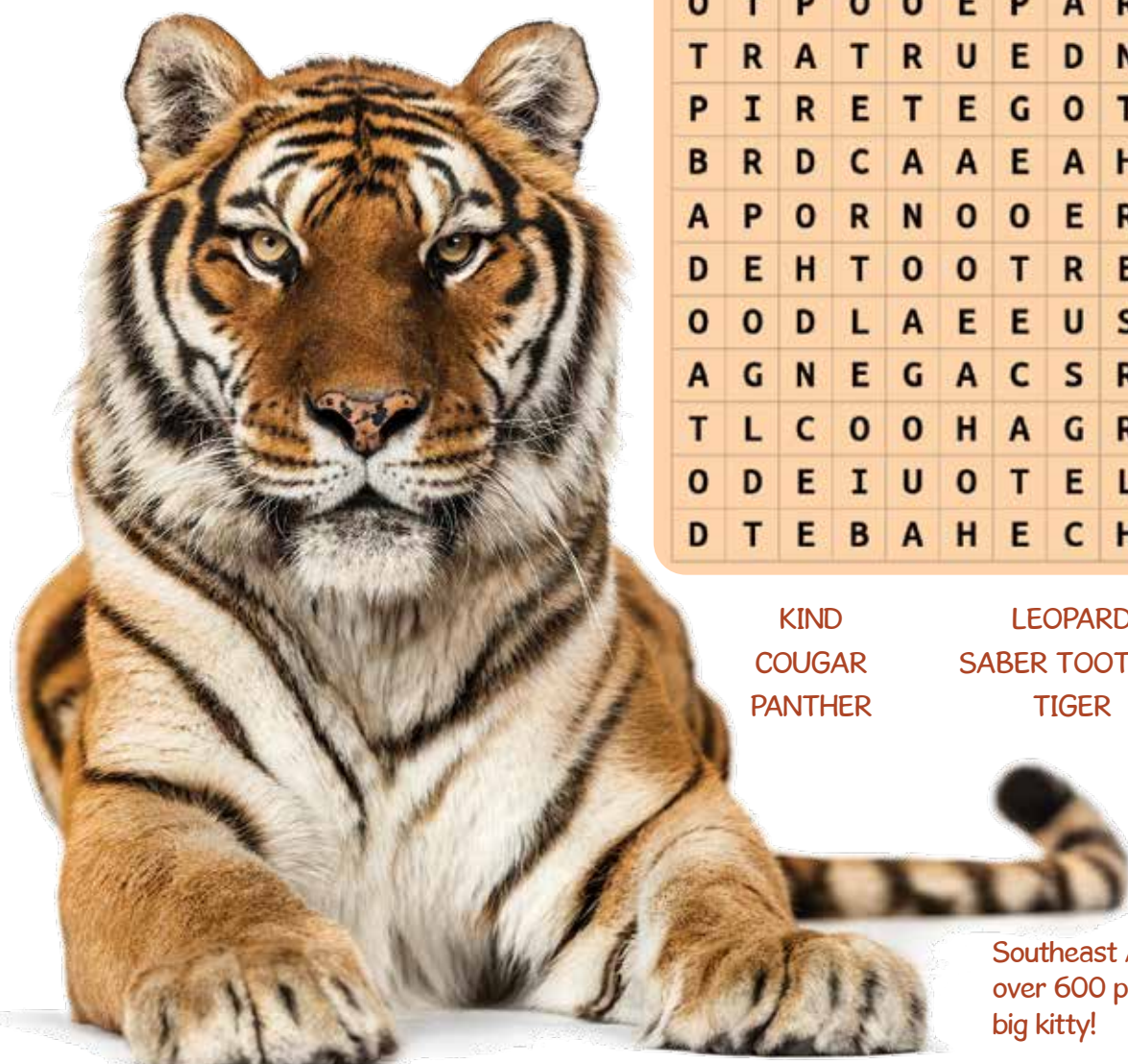
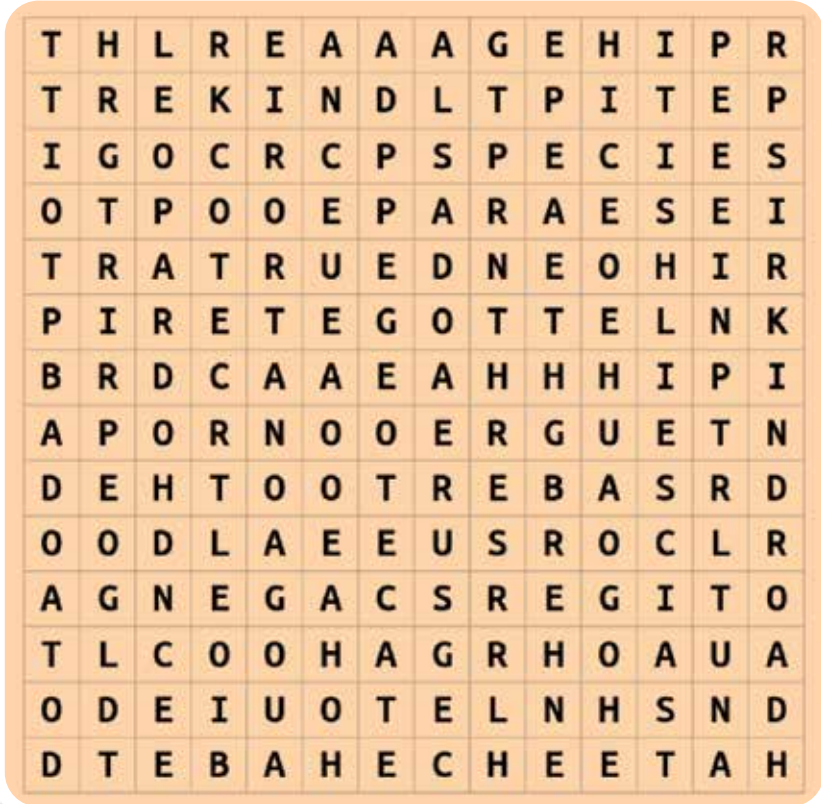
Our world is full of animals. Our Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ, made about 1,500 different kinds of animals. Each land animal kind was saved on the Ark and repopulated Earth after the Flood.

- ✓ Air and sea animals were created on Day 5 of the creation week.
- ✓ Land animals were made on Day 6, the same day as people.
- ✓ Each animal kind can have a great variety of species. One such kind is the cat kind.
- ✓ God created animals with the ability to fill environments all over Earth, and now there are over two million species of animals!



House cats usually weigh about 10 pounds.

Find the cat kind words below.



- | | | |
|---------|---------------|---------|
| KIND | LEOPARD | CAT |
| COUGAR | SABER TOOTHED | SPECIES |
| PANTHER | TIGER | CHEETAH |
| | | LION |

Most tigers live in India, but some live in Russia and Southeast Asia. Some weigh over 600 pounds. That's one big kitty!

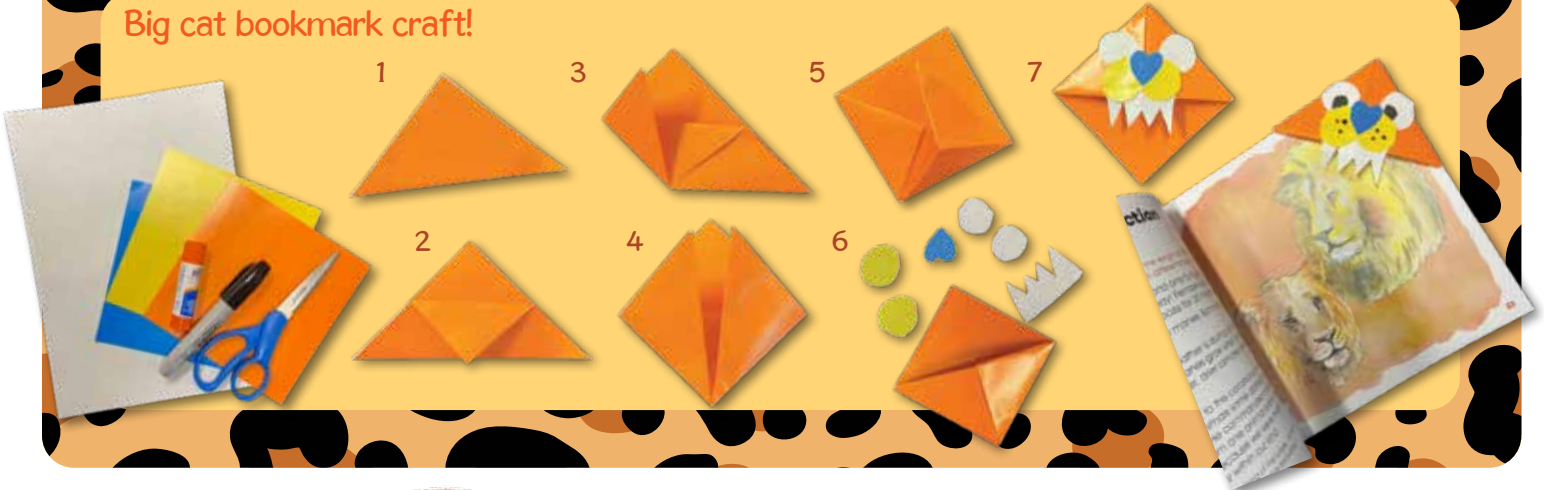


Saber-toothed cats became extinct during the Ice Age about 4,000 years ago.



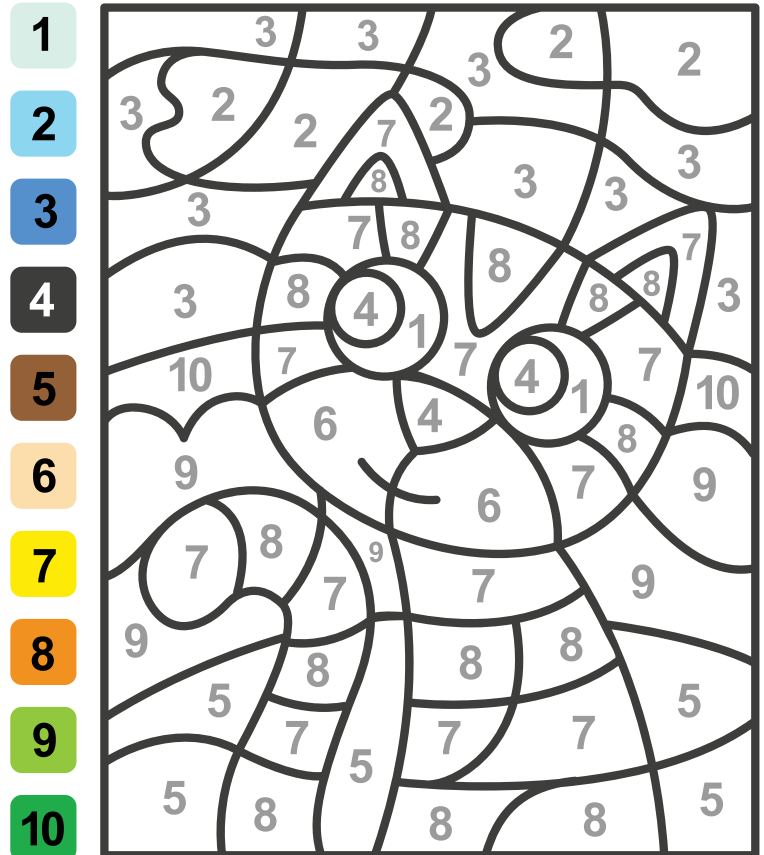
Most leopards live in Africa, but some live in Europe and Asia.

Big cat bookmark craft!



Cougars (also called mountain lions or pumas) live in North and South America. Look at his sharp teeth!

Color the picture below using the color code on the left.



Amazing Creatures



The Bible says God created all animals and their habitats. His design and creativity are on display in each unique creature.

This smiling marsupial is a photo favorite for visitors in Australia. He's known as "the happiest animal on earth." Can you name him?

Did you know?

A marsupial is a mammal that has a pouch to carry its young. When a baby marsupial is born, it's very small and needs time to grow in its mother's protective pouch. Most marsupials are native to Australia. The opossum is the only marsupial found in North America.

Can you name that marsupial?

Use the words below to identify each animal on this page.

- | | | |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|
| koala | quoll | kangaroo |
| wombat | sugar glider | bandicoot |
| opossum | Tasmanian devil | quokka |

1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



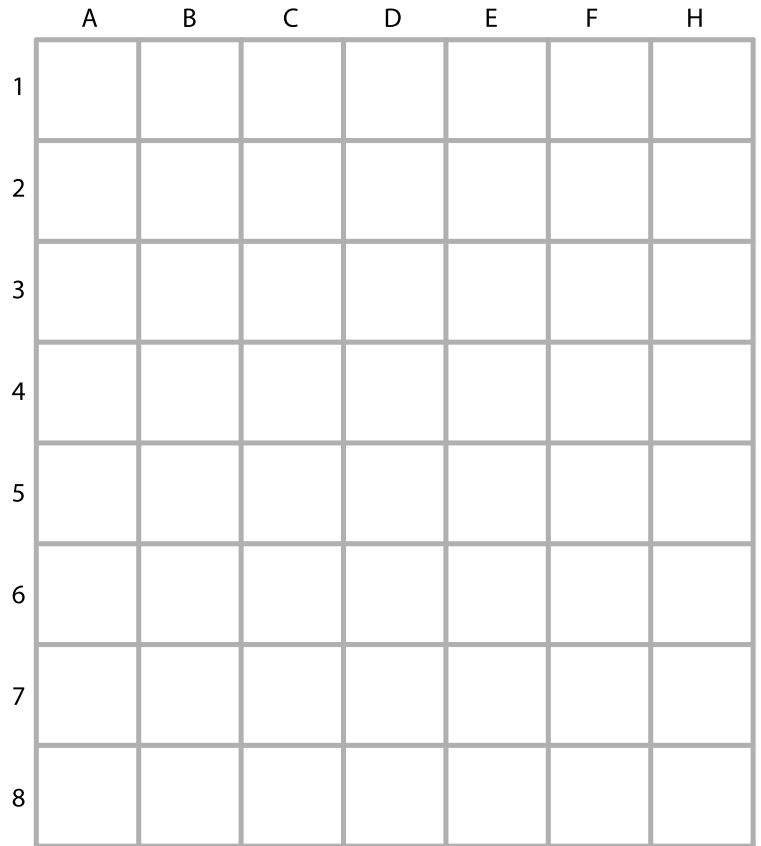
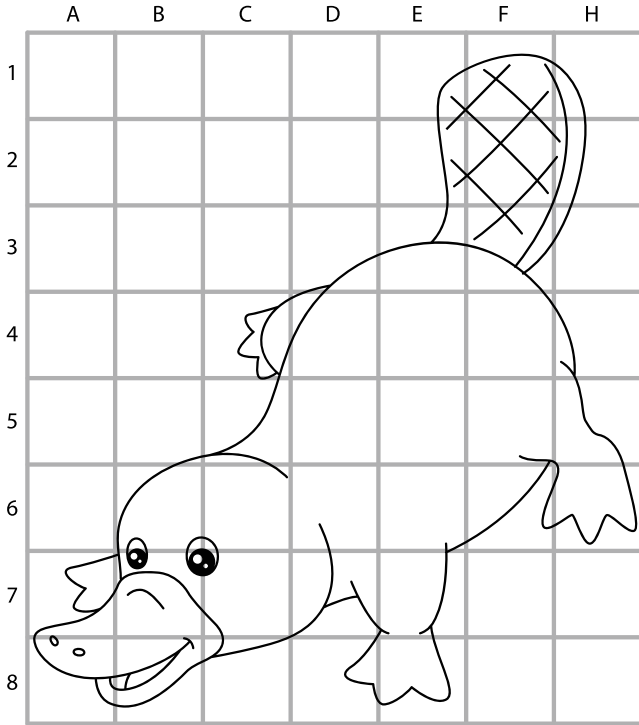
8. _____



9. _____

Answers: 1. quokka, 2. Tasmanian devil, 3. bandicoot, 4. wombat, 5. koala, 6. kangaroo, 7. opossum, 8. sugar glider, 9. quoll

Copy the platypus below using the grid.



An ugly duckling?

Putting animals into categories is usually a simple task for biologists. But the platypus baffles them. It has fur like a mammal, lays eggs like a reptile, and has a bill like a duck. The platypus has spurs like a rooster and a tail like a beaver. How would you categorize the platypus? Is it a bird, a reptile, or a mammal? Or would you make a new category just for this one creature? This unique mammal shows God's creativity.

What's the difference between a kangaroo and a wallaby?

They are both marsupials, bounce as they run, and live in Australia. The biggest difference is their size. At over six feet tall, a normal kangaroo is about twice as tall and weighs three times as much as a typical wallaby. A kangaroo's legs are designed for moving fast. The wallaby has more compact legs. The kangaroo is usually reddish brown or gray, while his little cousin has a glossier coat that can be red, gray, brown, black, or white.



Yellow-footed rock wallaby

Horses, of Courses



Horses display our Creator's amazing design. These hooved mammals can run fast to escape predators. They have excellent balance. They can even sleep standing up!

Horses can live more than 30 years. There are over 300 horse breeds in the world. For 4,000-plus years, horses were the fastest way to travel over land—they can run more than 30 miles per hour. Did you also know...

- ✓ Horses are really smart.
- ✓ They can see, smell, and hear very well.
- ✓ Like the cat kind, horse varieties are found all over the world.

Przewalski's (pronounced sheh-VAHL-skees) horses are from central Asia. They are a unique type of wild horse.

CRAFT TIME: Make your own hobby horse!



You will need: 1 sock, buttons, old pillow), felt, bandana, yarn, twine or cord, scissors, hot glue gun, and a dowel rod



Stuff the sock with the batting.



Cut circles out of the felt for nostrils. Also cut triangles for ears.



Have an adult help you glue the felt nostrils, ears, and eye buttons in place.



Wrap a bunch of yarn around a piece of cardboard.



Glue a strip of felt to one end of the yarn bundle.



Cut the other end of the yarn across the bottom and remove the cardboard.

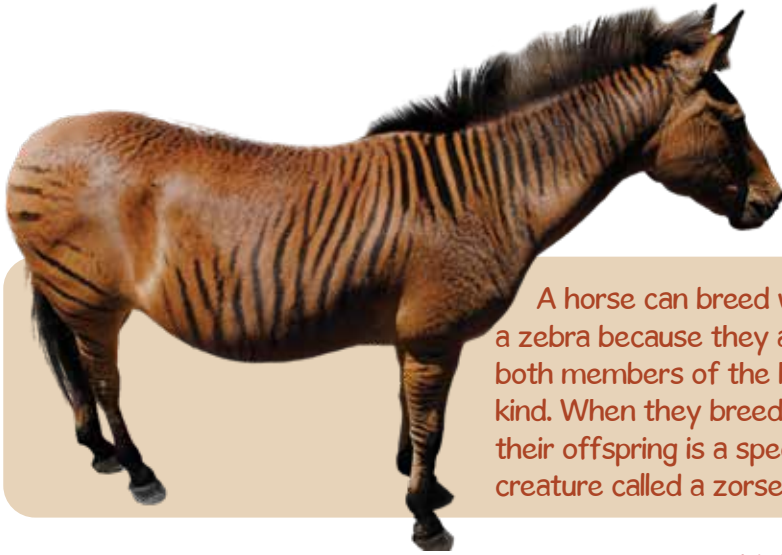
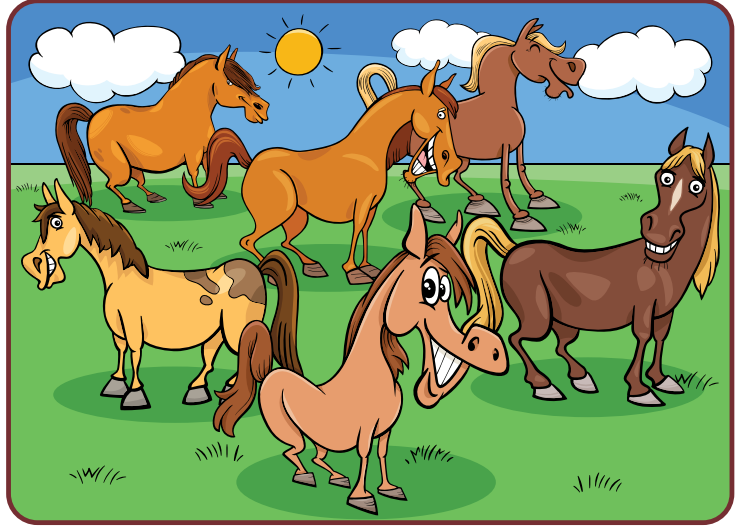
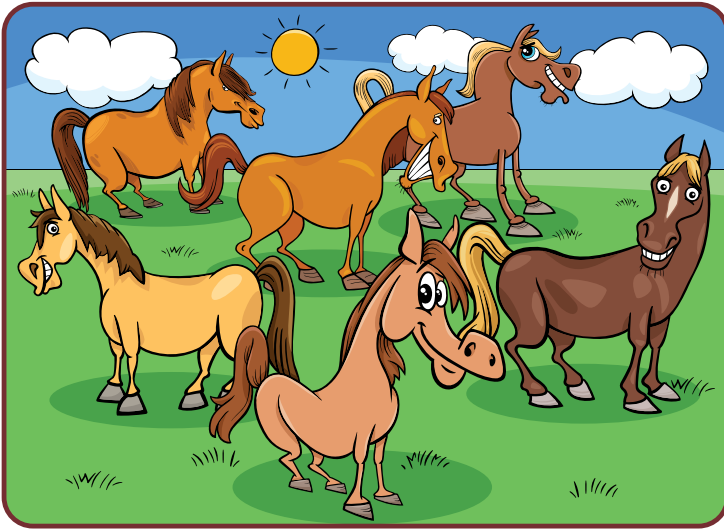


Glue the felt strip and yarn mane to the back of the horse head.

Tie twine around the nose and cheeks of the horse. Tie on twine for reins. Glue the head onto the dowel. Tie the bandana around the neck and giddy up!



Circle the five differences between these two horse pictures.



A horse can breed with a zebra because they are both members of the horse kind. When they breed, their offspring is a special creature called a zorse.



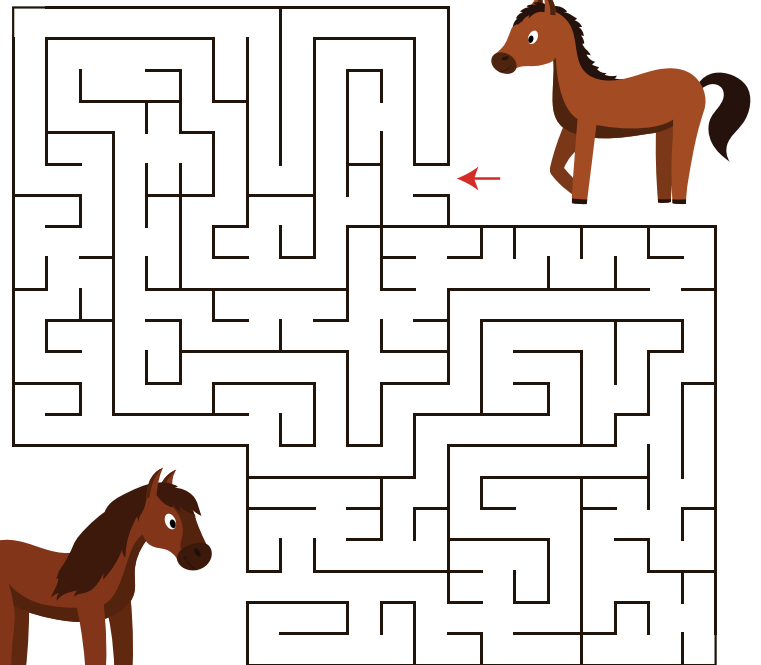
Do you know?

The offspring of a zebra and a _____ is called a zedonk.



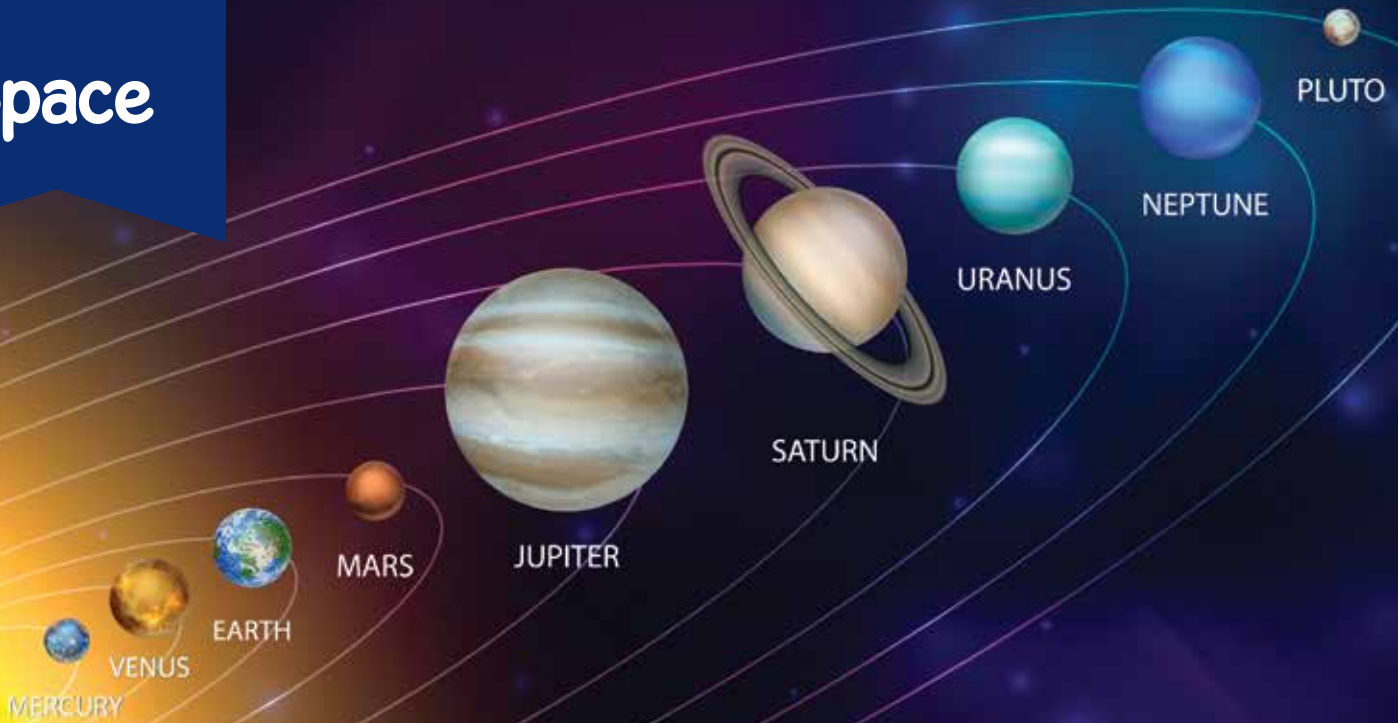
In ancient times, horses made chariots fast. Chariots were the racecars of their day.

Help the foal find his mother.



Answer: donkey

Space



Christ Jesus created the universe in only six days about 6,000 years ago. On Day 4 of the creation week, He made the sun, moon, stars, and planets.

Our earth and seven other planets orbit the sun; they circle the sun all the time. Together, the sun and planets are called the solar system. They display design, order, and balance because our Creator made them that way.

- ✓ Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars, the first four planets, are smaller than the others. They are hard and rocky.
- ✓ Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune are called gas giants because they're huge and made up of gases.
- ✓ Pluto, the farthest from the sun, stopped being an official planet in 2006. It's now called a dwarf planet.
- ✓ Asteroids and comets also orbit the sun. They're all part of our wonderful solar system!

Did you know?

Several of our solar system's planets have more than one moon.



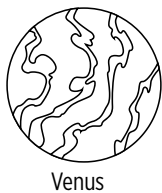
Circle the five differences between these two space pictures.



Color the eight planets in our solar system.



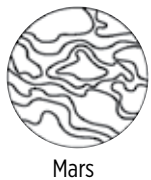
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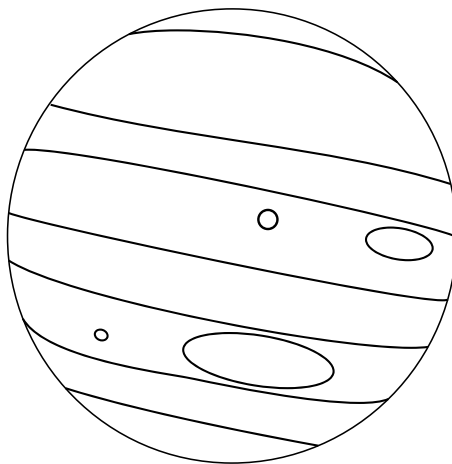
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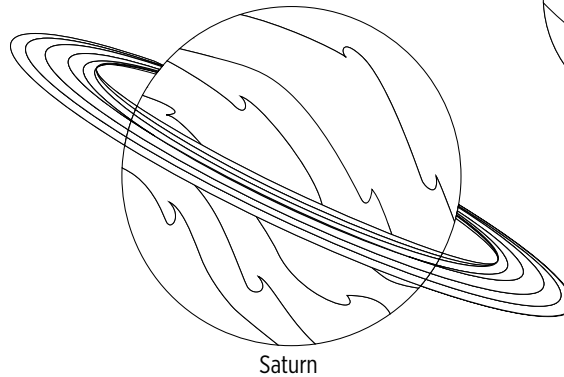
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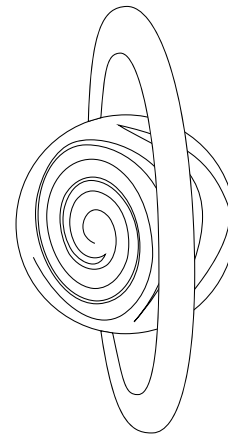
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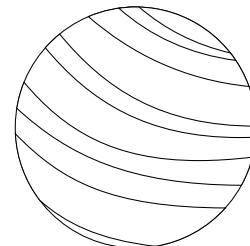
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Saturn

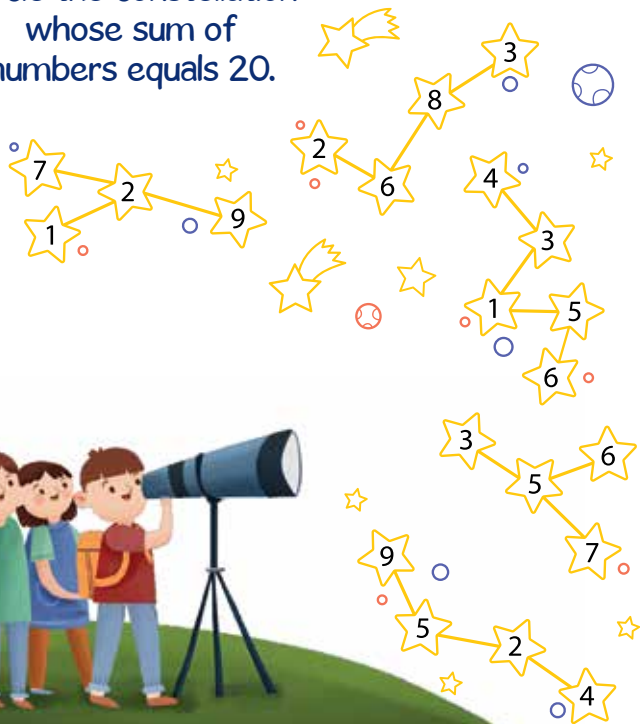


Uranus



Neptune

Circle the constellation whose sum of numbers equals 20.



Help the astronaut get back to Earth!



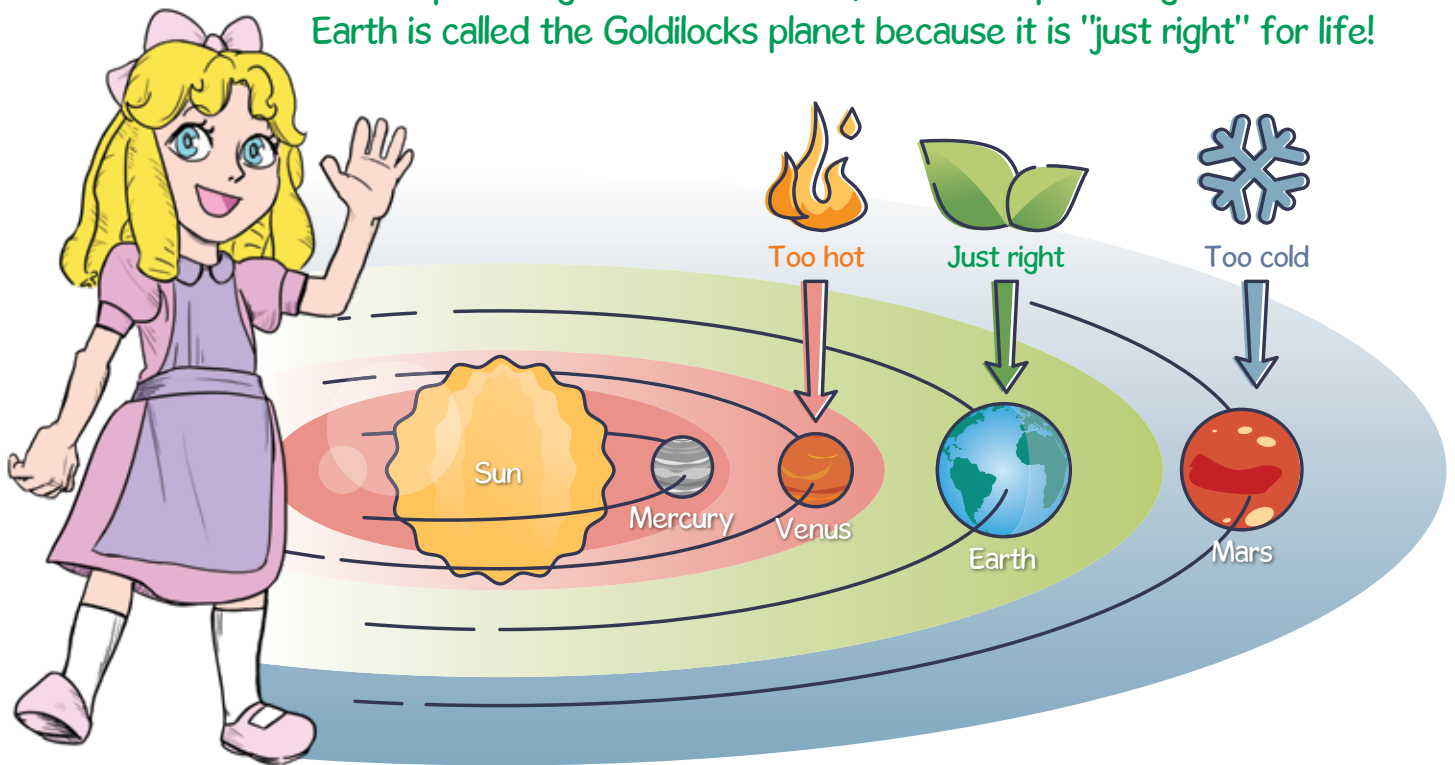
Goldilocks Planet

The creation declares the glory of the Lord Jesus, including Earth's design. We see His power in making the earth from nothing. We see His wisdom in putting Earth in the right place in our galaxy. We see His provision in giving Earth a perfect overall temperature, along with everything else needed for life here.



- ✓ Earth is called the Goldilocks planet because its temperature, distance from the sun, and size are "just right" for life to flourish.
- ✓ The tilt of Earth's axis at 23.5 degrees means the sun's heat hits the earth just right. The moon's gravitational pull makes sure the tilt stays stable.
- ✓ Earth's atmosphere maintains the temperature range needed for life. That's why Earth isn't too hot or too cold for us to survive.
- ✓ The winds and water on Earth help keep the temperature just right too!

Some planets get too hot for life, and some planets get too cold. Earth is called the Goldilocks planet because it is "just right" for life!



Paper Maché Globe Craft

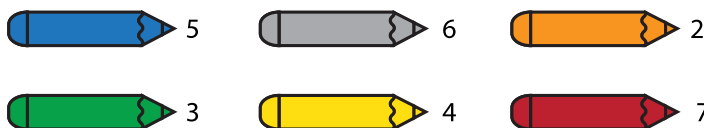
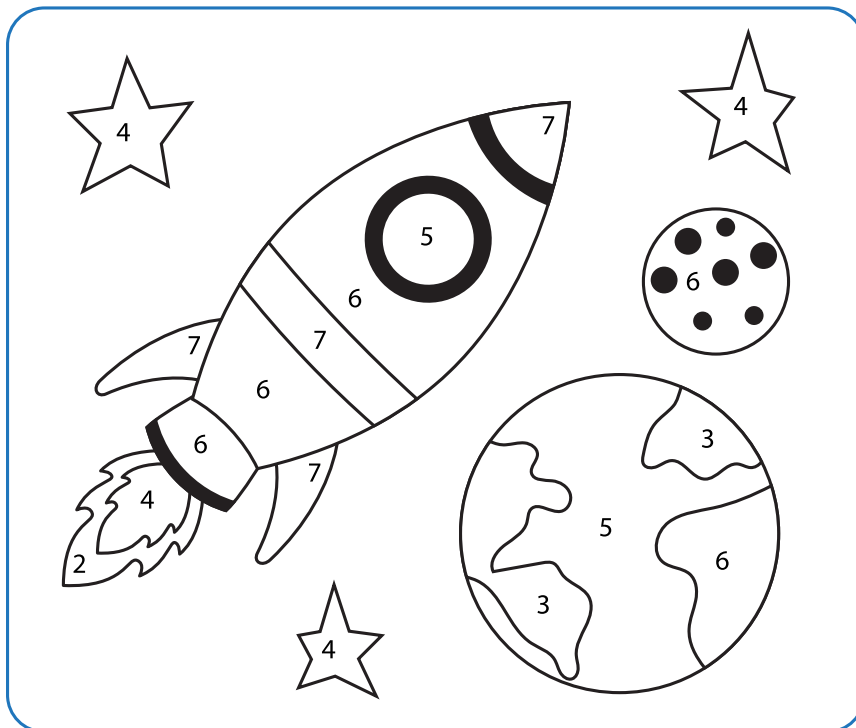
Materials needed: newspaper (torn in strips), 1 cup flour, 2 cups water, 1 tsp. salt, 1 whisk, 1 bowl, 1 balloon or bunch of plastic bags, black marker, and white, blue, and green acrylic paints.

Directions:

1. Mix the flour, water, and salt in a bowl with a whisk.
2. Dip individual strips of newspaper into the mixture, wiping off the excess with your fingers.
3. Apply the strips of wet newspaper randomly onto the bunch of plastic bags or balloon, overlapping and smoothing over each one so that it lies flat. Cover the entire shape, smoothing as you go.
4. Put the globe on top of a small bowl for a day or two so it can dry.
5. Once dry, paint the globe with white acrylic paint and let it dry. Draw the outline of the 7 continents onto the globe. Paint each continent green and the water blue.



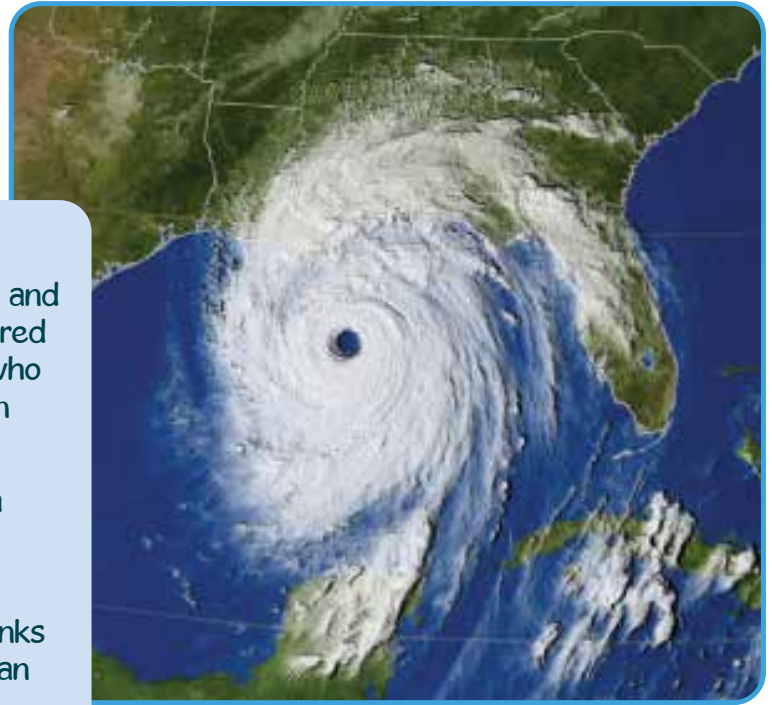
Color the picture using the color code below.



Weather

Earth can have wild weather—lightning, hail, tornadoes, hurricanes, thunderstorms, heatwaves, and blizzards. Many extreme conditions can be monitored and forecast by scientists called meteorologists, who study weather. In the middle of a storm, stay calm and follow safety tips.

- ✓ Lightning is a bright flash of electricity during a storm. Thunder is the sound of air collapsing.
- ✓ When powerful, upward-moving winds freeze water in midair, it falls to the ground as icy chunks called hail. Most hailstones are tiny, but some can grow to the size of a softball or larger!
- ✓ Snowflakes form when tiny water droplets freeze and stick together. Air temperature and humidity determine a snowflake's shape. Most likely, no two snowflakes are exactly the same.



Hurricane Katrina is shown off the Gulf Coast of the United States in 2005. Hurricanes are large, swirling storms with powerful winds. They can flood and damage cities and countryside. A hurricane's calmest part is its "eye" near the center.

Write the weather words under the correct picture.

lightning
rainy

foggy
windy

sunny
cloudy

tornado
rainbow

partly cloudy
snowy

stormy
mixed precipitation



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____



9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____

Answers: 1. sunny, 2. cloudy, 3. rainy, 4. stormy, 5. snowy, 6. lightning, 7. foggy, 8. mixed precipitation, 9. tornado, 10. windy, 11. rainbow, 12. partly cloudy



Tornadoes are violently twisting currents of air, also called twisters, cyclones, and funnels. The tornado's strong winds pick up dust and debris. If the winds are fast enough, they can pick up trees, roofs, cars, cows, and even more!

Find these hidden objects in the tornado picture.



Created in God's Image



Made in His Image

For us, Jesus saved His greatest creative skill and craftsmanship! He breathed life into our bodies and gave us the honor of bearing His image. We are the crown of His creation.

We were made in God's image to reflect God on Earth. We were made to love and do good. And we were made to talk with God—He hears our prayers!

Fill in the Blanks

"For You _____ my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise
You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
_____." (Psalm 139:13-14)

"And the LORD God formed man of the
_____ of the ground, and
breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;
and man became a _____ being."
(Genesis 2:7)

a
b
c

Secret Number Code Puzzle

Code: 1 = a 2 = c 3 = d 4 = e 5 = g 6 = h
7 = i 8 = k 9 = l 10 = m 11 = n 12 = o
13 = p 14 = r 15 = s 16 = t 17 = u 18 = y

12	11	9	18	6	17	10	1	11	15		
2	1	11		16	1	9	8	15	7	11	5
13	9	1	18	10	17	15	7	2	1	11	3
10	1	8	4	1	14	16					

1
2
3

Answers to verses: formed, made, dust, living
Answer to number code: Only humans can talk, sing, play music, and make art!

Are Humans and Chimps Related?

- ✓ Some people say humans and apes are closely related, but there are huge differences between us and all animals—including apes.
- ✓ Humans speak, but apes do not. Our brains, throat, vocal cords, and lungs are designed to work together for speech and even singing.
- ✓ Jesus built humans for walking and running, but apes are built for climbing. When apes walk, they prefer to walk on their knuckles.
- ✓ Look at a chimp's feet—it has hands for feet!
- ✓ Humans are made to walk upright. Our heads are right on top of our spines. Chimps are bent over. They were made to climb trees and swing from limbs.
- ✓ Jesus gave us hands that do precise things like write, draw, and play musical instruments. Our Creator is amazing!



All Things New

God's once "very good" creation has been cursed by sin. People fight with each other, and so do many animals. All creatures eventually die.

Thankfully, Jesus loves us. His death on the cross paid the penalty for our sin. If we put our trust in Jesus, He gives us a new heart and comes to live in it. And one day, we can live with Him forever in a new world. Will animals be there? The Bible says yes!

All of creation waits for the Creator, Jesus Christ, to return and make things new. The good news is we will then be at peace with God and live forever in harmony with each other and animals. Will you trust Jesus as your Savior today?

Unscramble the Bible verse

H T E _____

O L F W _____

L A O S _____

H L S L A _____

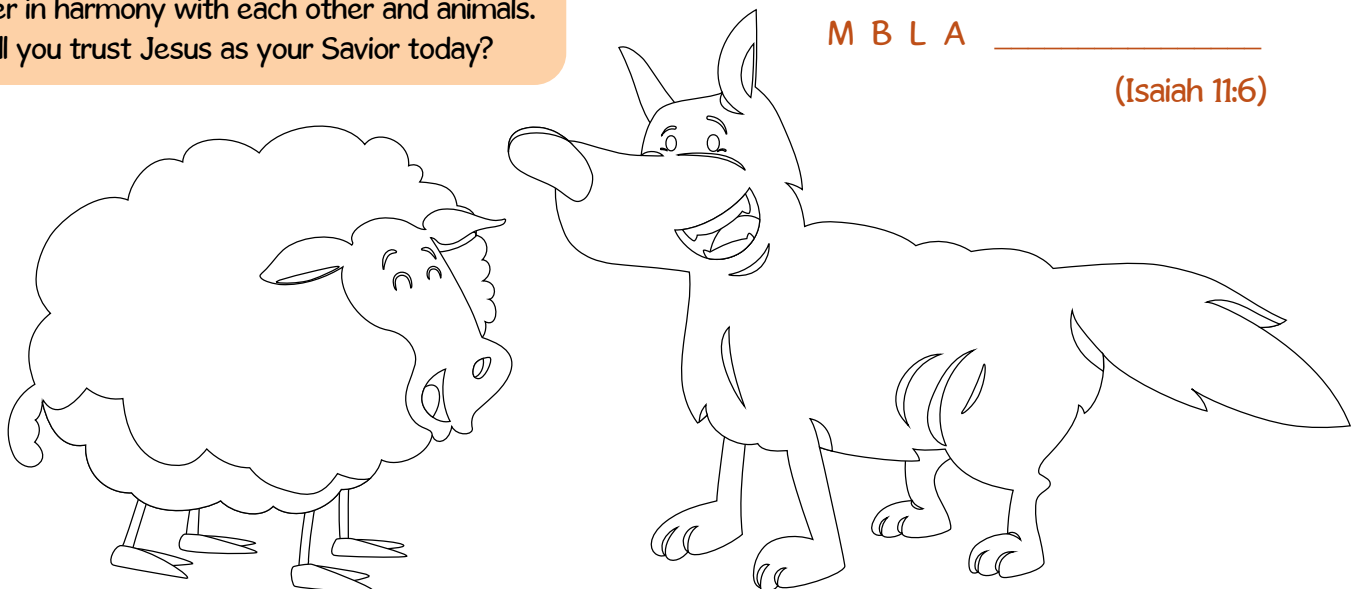
L E L W D _____

W T I H _____

H T E _____

M B L A _____

(Isaiah 11:6)



Answer: The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb.

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