

ANIMALS



Book Club Kit





DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sheep

- Sheep are mentioned in the Bible more than any other animal. What's the big deal about them?
- Can you remember why sheep were sacrificed in the Bible? What did this represent?
- In what way is Jesus like a lamb?



Sparrows

You've probably seen a sparrow, they're the most common birds on the planet. Sparrows were a common sight in Bible times too.

Jesus talked about them while he was teaching people to trust God. He said:

"Aren't five sparrows sold for two pennies?
But God does not forget even one of them.
In fact, he even counts every hair on your
head! So don't be afraid. You are worth
more than many sparrows." (Luke 12 v 6-7)

 If God counts every hair on our heads (and everyone else's!), what does this teach us about him?



Donkeys

The Bible teaches us that when Jesus took his final journey into Jerusalem, before he would ultimately die, he arrived on a donkey. To announce his triumphant return as King to save his people, you would have expected him to arrive on a horse, like a leader on their way to fight a war. Let's think about why he chose a donkey.

- In what way was Jesus different from other kings?
- What did Jesus come to save people from?

Roosters

Jesus had just arrived in Jerusalem to a king's welcome, but not everybody welcomed Jesus as God's promised Rescuer-King. Some powerful people wanted Jesus dead. He had predicted that by the next morning, he would be betrayed and deserted by his friends—and then put to death.

- Before the rooster crowed, what did Jesus say to Peter would happen?
- How did Jesus respond after Peter had let him down?

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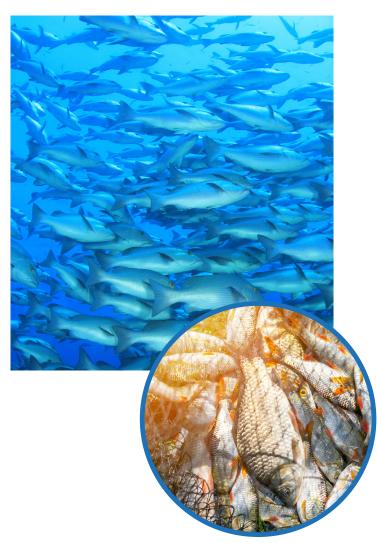
Fish

In the book of Jonah, we read that "the LORD



sent a huge fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and three nights" (Jonah 1 v 17).

- How did Jonah get out of the fish?
- What did Jesus say about the story of Jonah? In what ways is this story similar to what would happen to Jesus?



More Fish

Wherever Jesus went, unusual things happened. The Bible teaches of miracles that he performed, like curing the sick or stopping storms. In Luke's Gospel, we read of an incredible event involving fish:

One day as Jesus was standing by the Sea of Galilee, the people crowded around him and listened to the word of God ... When he finished speaking, he turned to Simon. Jesus said, "Go out into deep water. Let down the nets so you can catch some fish." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught a large number of fish. There were so many that their nets began to break. (Luke 5 v 1, 4-6)

- How do you think you would have felt after fishing ALL NIGHT?
- What did Simon decide to do?
- Simon is known by another name too. Jesus renamed him Peter (sometimes he is called Simon Peter). Simon Peter went on to become one of the founders of the Christian church, teaching people about everything Jesus had done and said. How is Peter's experience of fishing similar to telling other people about Jesus?

QUIZ TIME



This book has over 100 amazing facts about animals in the Bible. How many can you remember? Try this quiz to find out.

- What color was the dove that Noah released from the ark?
 - a) White
 - b) Multicolored
 - c) We don't know
- Which of these is not a specific role in bee colonies?
 - a) King bee
 - b) Queen bee
 - c) Worker bee
- What was the most dangerous opponent David had to fight as a young man?
 - a) A lion
 - b) A bear
 - c) A gigantic man called Goliath
- What kind of birds did God instruct to deliver food to the prophet Elijah?
 - a) Eagles
 - b) Ravens
 - c) Pigeons
- God saved Daniel from being eaten by lions by...
 - a) Providing the lions with other food
 - b) Creating a secret exit for Daniel to escape
 - c) Sending an angel who shut the lions' mouths

- Which animals were there when the news about Jesus' birth was announced by angels?
 - a) Donkeys
 - b) Cows
 - c) Sheep
- Why did Jesus ride a donkey when he entered Jerusalem as King?
 - a) Donkeys were his favorite animal
 - b) To show he came for peace and not war
 - c) To fulfill a prophecy
- Peter had a vision about all kinds of animals. What did the vision mean?
 - a) Peter was really hungry
 - b) Peter should be riend all kinds of animals
 - c) God welcomes all kinds of people to be part of his family



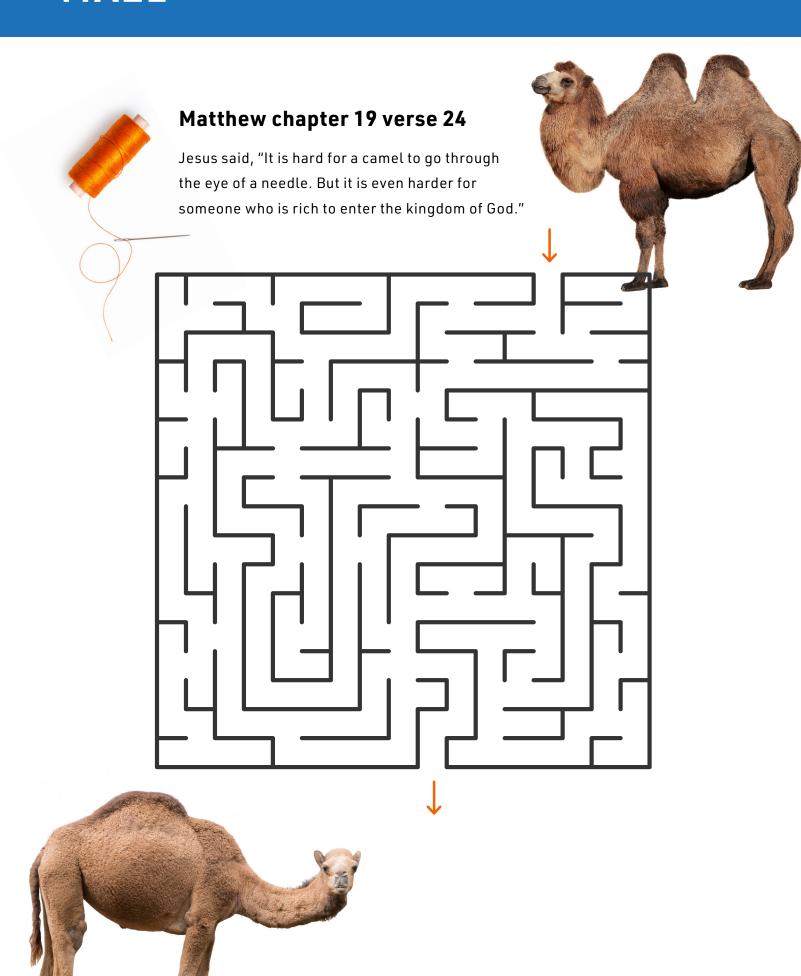


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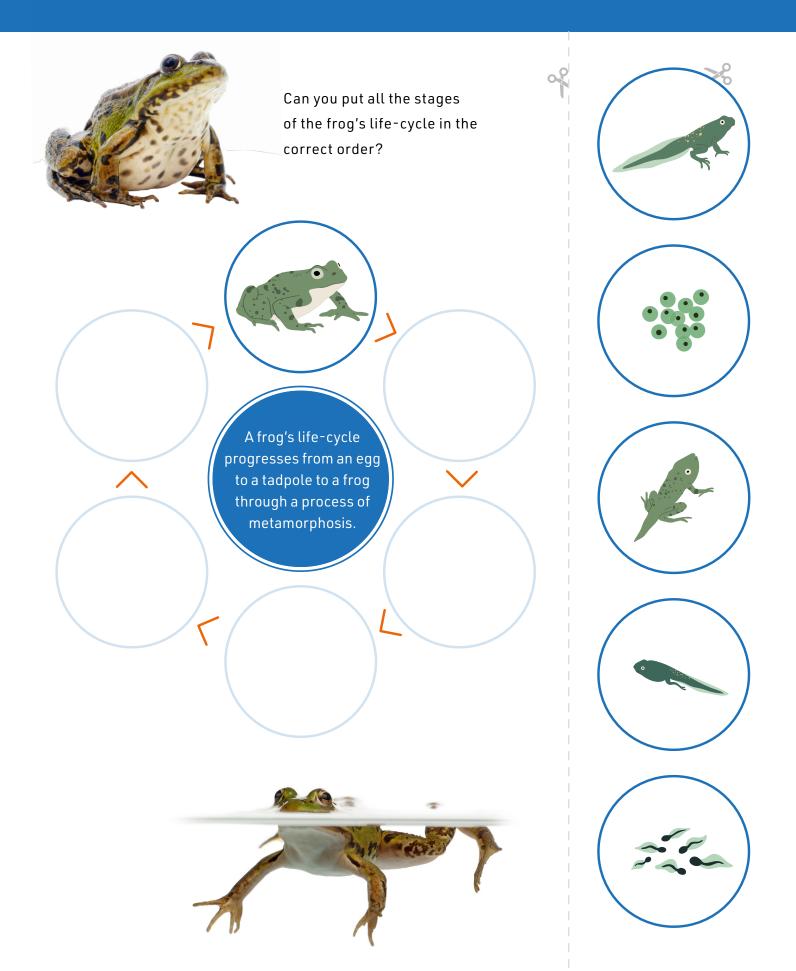
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MAZE



FROG LIFE-CYCLE



ANSWERS

QUIZ

- 1. c. The Bible doesn't tell us.
- 2. a
- 3. c
- 4. b
- 5. c
- 6. c
- 7. b and c
- 8. c



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