

BIBLE ADVENTURE 6:
CREATION - Fishes and Fowl
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Genesis 1:20-23

And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was morning—the fifth day.

Discovery Treasures:

Did you know that God really did create all of the things that live in the water, and all of the birds too? That's very cool!

All right, get your creative thinking caps on...and think about all of the words God might have spoken to create these living creatures. Do you think He might have spoken each fish scale and each bird feather into being one at a time? Do you think He might have spoken exactly how He wanted each shape of the fish fins and bird beaks to be? What about their eyes? Do you think God spoke each shape of every eye that was first created on the water creatures and the birds? And what about all of the amazing color combinations—do you think that God may have spoken each color on the bird's feathers and the fish's fins into existence?

When you look at the water-creatures and the birds, you'll notice one thing is pretty common among them all. They almost all have feathers or fins that make them camouflaged. Because fish and fowl have natural predators, each one needs to be able to blend in so they stand a better chance of not being eaten.

CAMOUFLAGE: Camouflage is a technique used to create a sort of invisibility. By painting colors in certain patterns an item will blend in with its surroundings.

Now let's take a look at a couple of the fish and birds that use camouflage to catch their food.

The Stone Fish is the camouflage master! They blend in so well their predators have trouble seeing them. The venom found in their dorsal fin spines is so venomous it is capable of killing a human in less than an hour. While in "hiding" they wait for another smaller sea creature to swim by. Then CHOMP! They spring lightning fast, and gobble them up.

American Bittern birds are known as stealth predators to fish. A fantastic technique that an American Bittern bird uses to capture food is standing completely motionless with its beak straight up in the air. Along with their streaked brown and cream color feathers, this pose allows them to appear as the marsh vegetation. They also wobble their necks to cast shadows so they can see the fish. When they do this, it also has a similar look like that of a "dancing" reed in the wind. If you want to see some cool photos and a video of an American Bittern, visit the Nature and Kayaking Adventure Station at LadyVioletAdventures.com

Take a moment and reflect on just how big God is...and we know He's really big because he created the entire universe, space, the stars, suns, and moons. I often marvel at the fact that God is so big, yet He made humming bird feet...and those are really tiny! I think about how God is so big, yet He made shrimp legs! Now it's your turn. What do you marvel at in God's creation of water creatures and birds? God is so big, yet He made_____!

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CREATION ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES:

Memorize Genesis 1:20-23 *(take simple steps: memorize verse 20 first. After you have that one memorized, go for verse 21. Now say 20 and 21 aloud from memory. Once you can do that, memorize verses 22-23, and just like that...you've memorized verses 14-19! Way to go!*

1. Google each water creature below to see pictures of each, and write what you find most fascinating about God's creation of them:

1. Seaweed Dragon
2. Mandarin Fish
3. Mantis Shrimp
4. Sarcastic Fringehead Fish
5. Manta Ray

2. Google each bird below to see pictures of each, and write what you find most fascinating about God's creation of them:

1. Cassowary

2. Painted Bunting
3. Bird of Paradise
4. Booted Racket-tail Hummingbird
5. Puffin

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