

# Heart Tugs

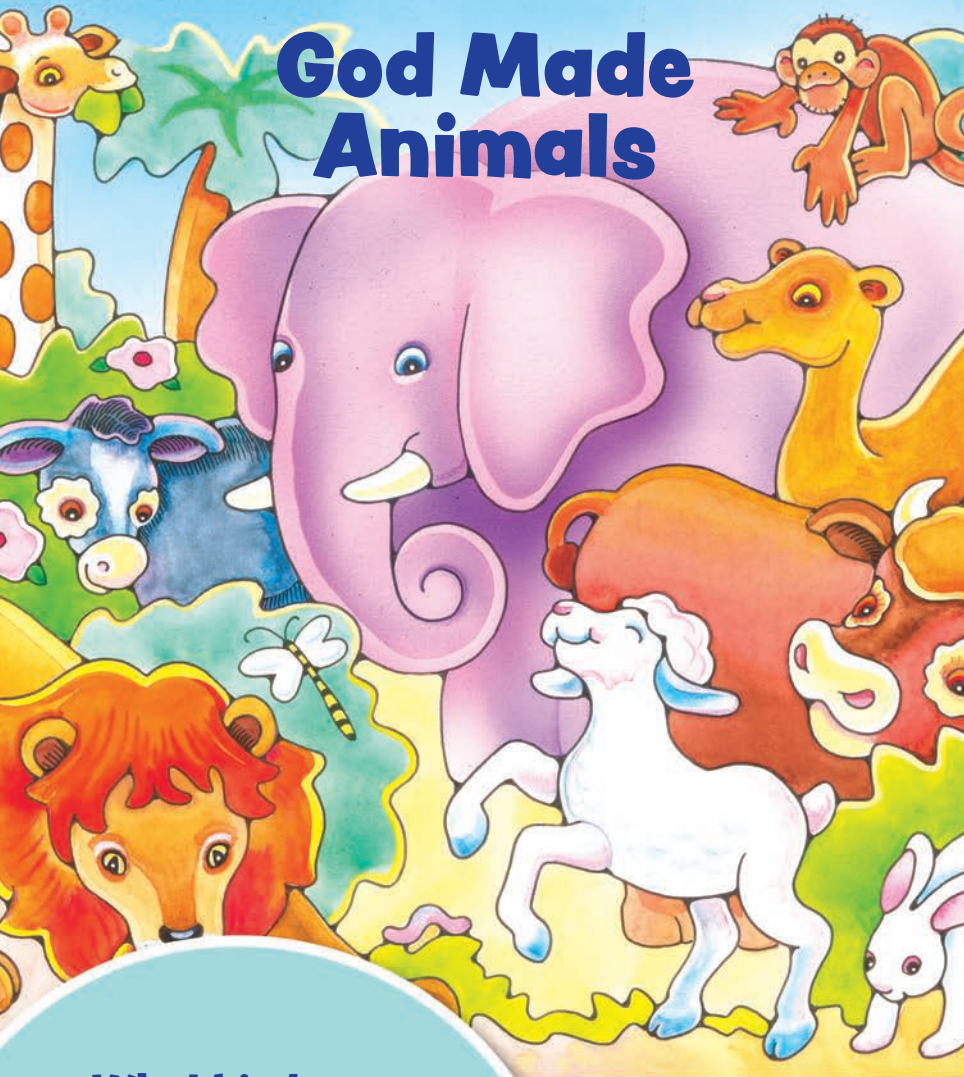
Shaping Hearts with God's Word



A Preschool and Pre-K & K Family Resource

Issue 3

## God Made Animals



**What kinds  
of animals did  
God make?**

**Which is your  
favorite animal?**

### *A Read-to-Me Bible Story*

from Genesis 1:24, 25

The Bible tells us that God made the world. After God had made the land, He made plants and trees to fill the land. After God made the seas and skies, He made fish and birds to fill the seas and skies.

On Day 6, God was ready to fill the land with animals. God made wild animals. He made tame animals. God made crawling animals.

God made all the animals—big and little, tall and short.

When He was finished, God looked at all the animals He had made. All the animals were good. Thank You, God, for animals.

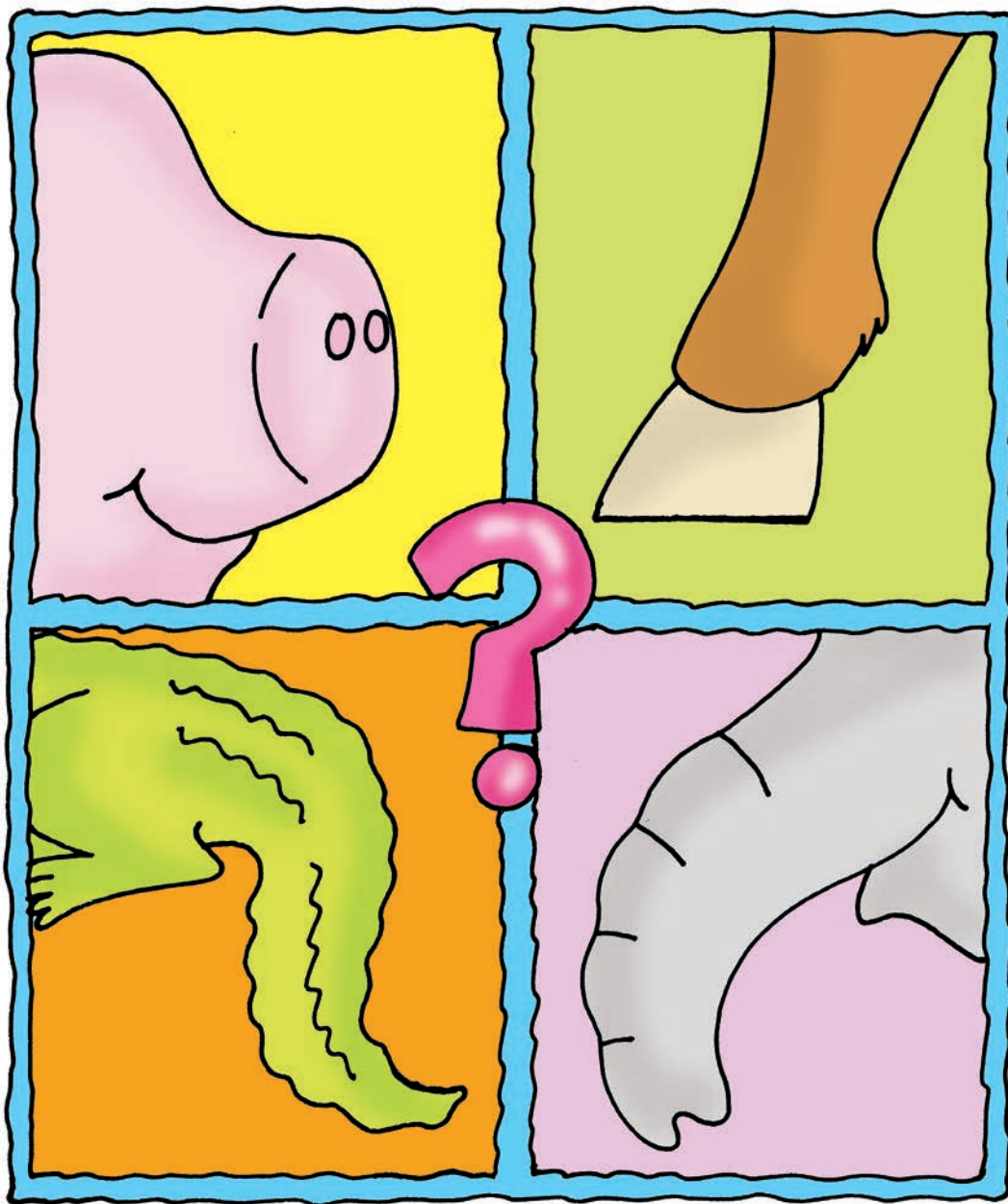


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## Guess the Animals

God made fun animals with many different shapes of body parts.  
Can you guess which animal each of these body parts belongs to?

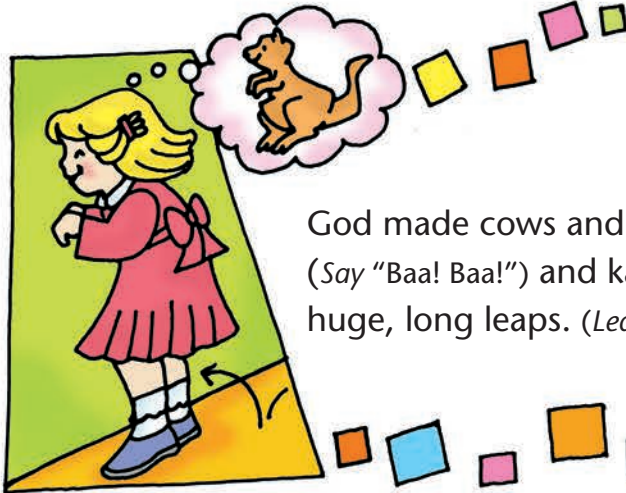


Use drawing paper and crayons.  
Draw your own animal picture.

# God Made the Animals

An action rhyme by Christine Spence

God made elephants with long, gray trunks, (*Hold arms and sway like a trunk.*) grunting gorillas, (*Scratch like a gorilla.*) and stinky skunks! (*Hold nose.*)



God made cows and baaing sheep (*Say "Baa! Baa!"*) and kangaroos with huge, long leaps. (*Leap like a kangaroo.*)



God made lizards and snakes and frogs (*Hop like a frog.*) and snorting, muddy, smelly hogs. (*Snort like a pig.*)



Furry and slimy, large (*Spread arms out.*) and small, (*Hold hands close together.*)  
God, our creator, (*Point to the sky.*)  
made them all!

Act out this fun rhyme with your friends.

# Family Talk

Children have a natural curiosity about the world around them.

Sharp young eyes, questioning minds, and very busy hands automatically explore things from nature. What child can resist bounding after a tiny toad, touching the petals of a sunflower, or collecting lightning bugs on a summer night?

Take advantage of informal opportunities to talk about God the creator when children explore their world. Reinforce the truths of God's presence, goodness, and power. You can significantly impact your child's appreciation of nature and understanding of our wonderful creator during the early years. Take time to "stop and smell the roses" with your child.

## Daily Talks with God

Use these thoughts at mealtimes, bedtimes, or other times when you pray with your child this week.

God, You are good. Thank You for making animals.

God, thank You for making animals that live in water.

Thank You, God, for making animals that live on land.

# Bible Memory FUN

*Genesis 1:1, 31*

Find these verses in a family Bible. Pick a street and name it Bible Verse Lane. Every time you and your child travel down that street, say the Bible verses.

This week, help your child remember:

**God made all the animals.**



## Family Fun...

**Animal Place Mats.** Using old magazines, have your child cut out pictures of animals that God has made. Next, glue the pictures onto sheets of construction paper. Help your child cover the sheets with clear adhesive covering. Make a place mat for every member of your family. During mealtime, have family members talk about the different animals on their place mats. Thank God for all the animals.

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