



Made by God (Grades K-2)

When we look at the world around us, we see an amazing variety of plants and animals. Where did they come from? Did everything somehow create itself? Today we are going to look at three amazing creatures and answer the following questions:

- How can we tell if something was created by someone really smart?
- How do we know God created everything?
- Why do some people think everything created itself?

Are you ready? Let's get started!

How can we tell if something was created by someone really smart?

It is easy to tell when something was created because it shows purpose and design. Smart people have created all kinds of things that can be used for different purposes. For example, people use hammers to drive nails. Please look at the objects below. Can you tell what they are? Do you know what they are used for?



Object: _____

Purpose: _____



Object: _____

Purpose: _____



Object: _____

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Purpose: _____

Now that you have looked at these objects, do you think they somehow made themselves? Obviously, they didn't—somebody really smart made them. This same idea applies to living things like plants, insects and animals. They were made by God during Creation Week!

How do we know that God created everything?

So how do we know God created everything? First of all, the Bible says He did in many different places, including these verses:

“In the beginning God created the Heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

“For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” Exodus 20:11

“God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.” Genesis 1:24-25

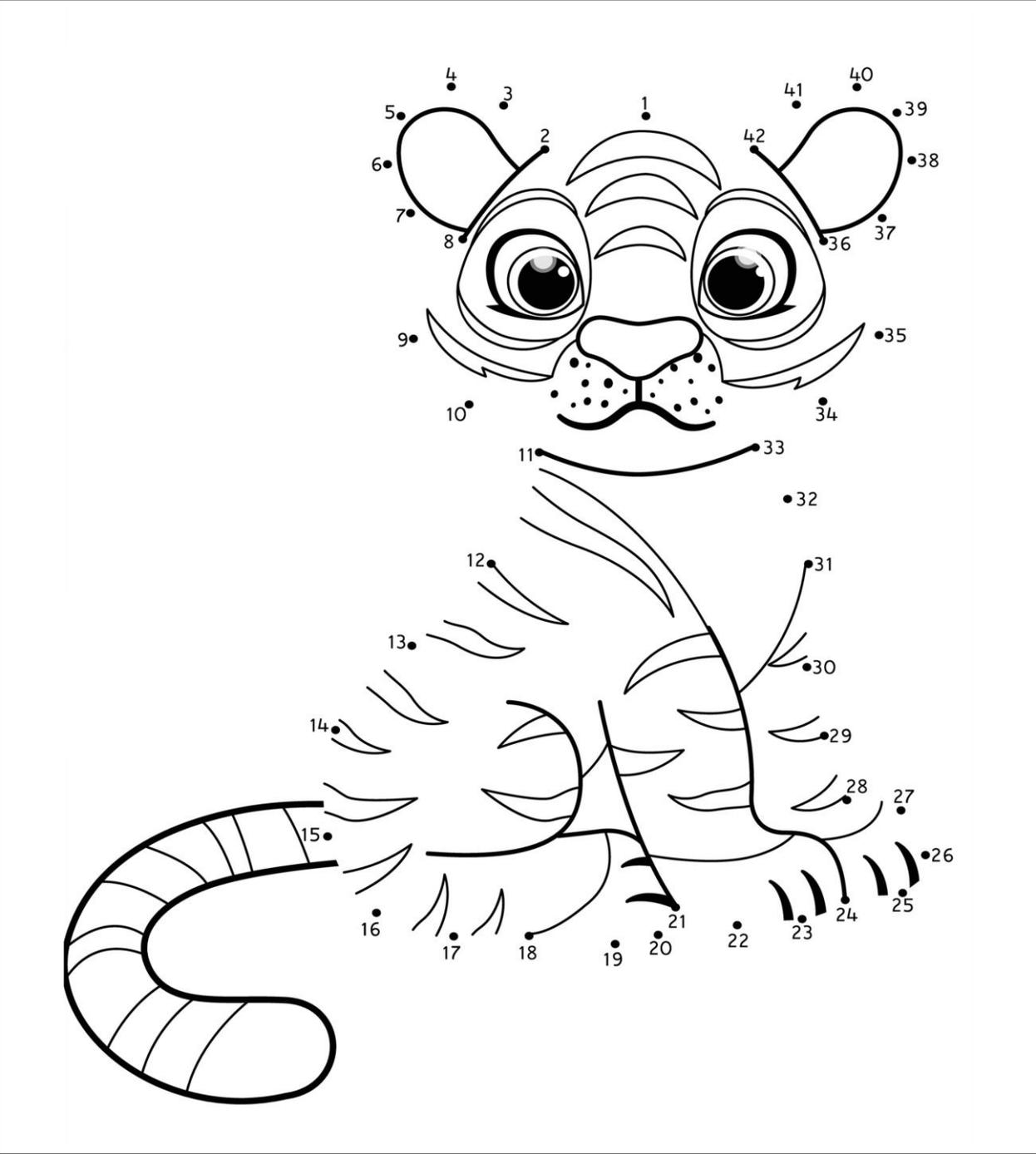
Secondly, animals are very complicated and show incredible design! Over the next two sessions we will be looking at several amazing creatures. For now, let's talk about tigers!

Some fun facts about tigers

- They were created on Day 6 of Creation week. How do we know that? Because that is the day God created land animals (Genesis 1:24-25).
- Tigers are the largest cats on Earth and can weigh 670lbs or more!
- Each tiger has a unique stripe pattern: no two tigers are exactly alike!
- Tigers can sprint up to 40mph. That is almost twice as fast as the fastest human runner!
- Tigers can swim and love to play in water!



Activity: connect the dots and then color the baby tiger below. Thank the Lord for creating such amazing creatures!

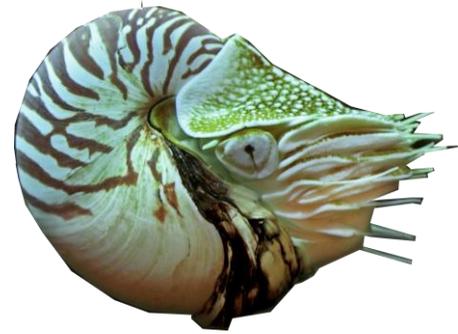


The Chambered Nautilus: God's Submarine

The Chambered Nautilus is another amazing example of God's creativity. They were created on Day 5 of Creation Week. These creatures move around by pumping air and water in and out of their shells through a tube called the hyponome. When the Chambered Nautilus wants to go deeper, it fills the chambers of its shell with more water. If it wants to go shallower, it empties water from its shell. These creatures are hunters and use their tentacles to detect the scent of food. They move and turn by squirting water and air out of their shells (like water jets). They eat fish, crabs, and lobsters with their sharp, beak-like mouths.

Source: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/chambered-nautilus>

The Chambered Nautilus is sometimes called "God's submarine" because we use similar principles to help control the depth of submarines. Filling and emptying specially designed chambers with water and air helps submarines dive deep and then resurface again.



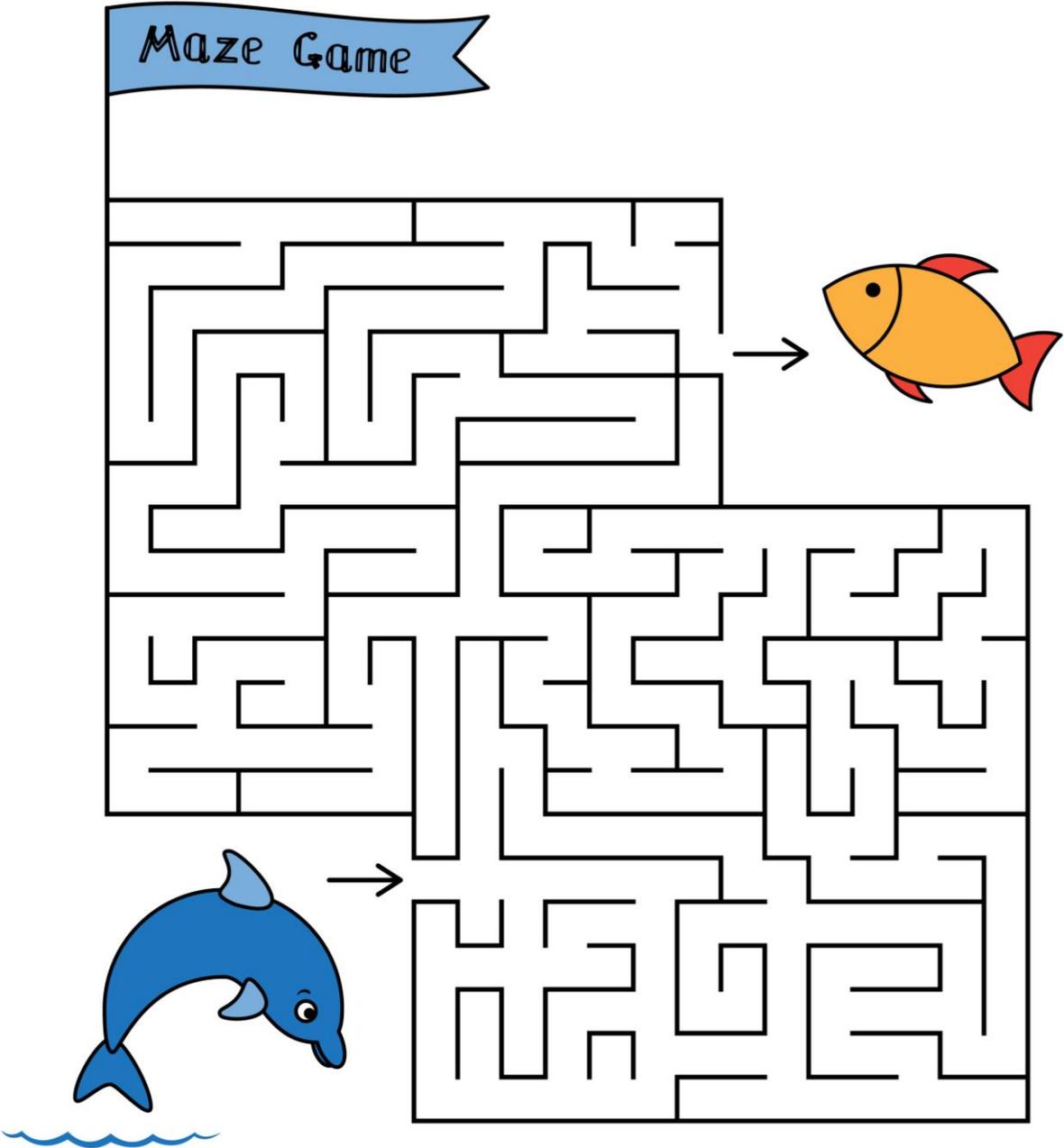
Some fun facts about dolphins

- They were created on Day 5 of Creation week.
- Dolphins can swim up to 25mph!
- They are very smart and can be trained to do lots of things!
- Dolphins are very social creatures. Groups of dolphins are called pods.
- Although dolphins live in water, they breathe air through blowholes. Dolphins can hold their breath for up to 15 minutes!
- Dolphins use echolocation (sonar) to find food. People used this idea to create sonar systems for submarines.



Activity: help the dolphin find her lunch (the fish).

Suggestion: use a pencil for this activity in case you have to erase and start over.



Why do some people think everything created itself?

Sadly, some people believe that everything somehow created itself. Why? It is not from a lack of evidence. Here is what the Bible says:

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.” Romans 1:20

Why then do people refuse to believe in God? Here are some possible reasons.

- They may have not been taught about God.
- They might be mad at God because they are hurting or have been hurt in the past
- They believe that science has proven that God doesn’t exist (it hasn’t!!)
- They do not want to believe in God because they want to be the boss of themselves

So, what can we do? Be kind and share what you have learned. Pray for people who do not believe in God. Remember what the Bible says:

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15



“For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day.” Exodus 20:11