

## Amazing Design: Bugs (Grades K-2)

We share this planet with billions of tiny creatures called bugs. Where did they come from? Is there any evidence God created them? There is! Let's take a closer look.

### How do we know that God created bugs?

So how do we know God created bugs? Here is what the Bible says:

“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

“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<sup>1</sup> according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.” Genesis 1:21

“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

The second reason we know that bugs were created is that they are very complicated and show amazing design. Today, we are going to take a closer look at fireflies and praying mantises. Let's start with fireflies!

### Fun facts about fireflies

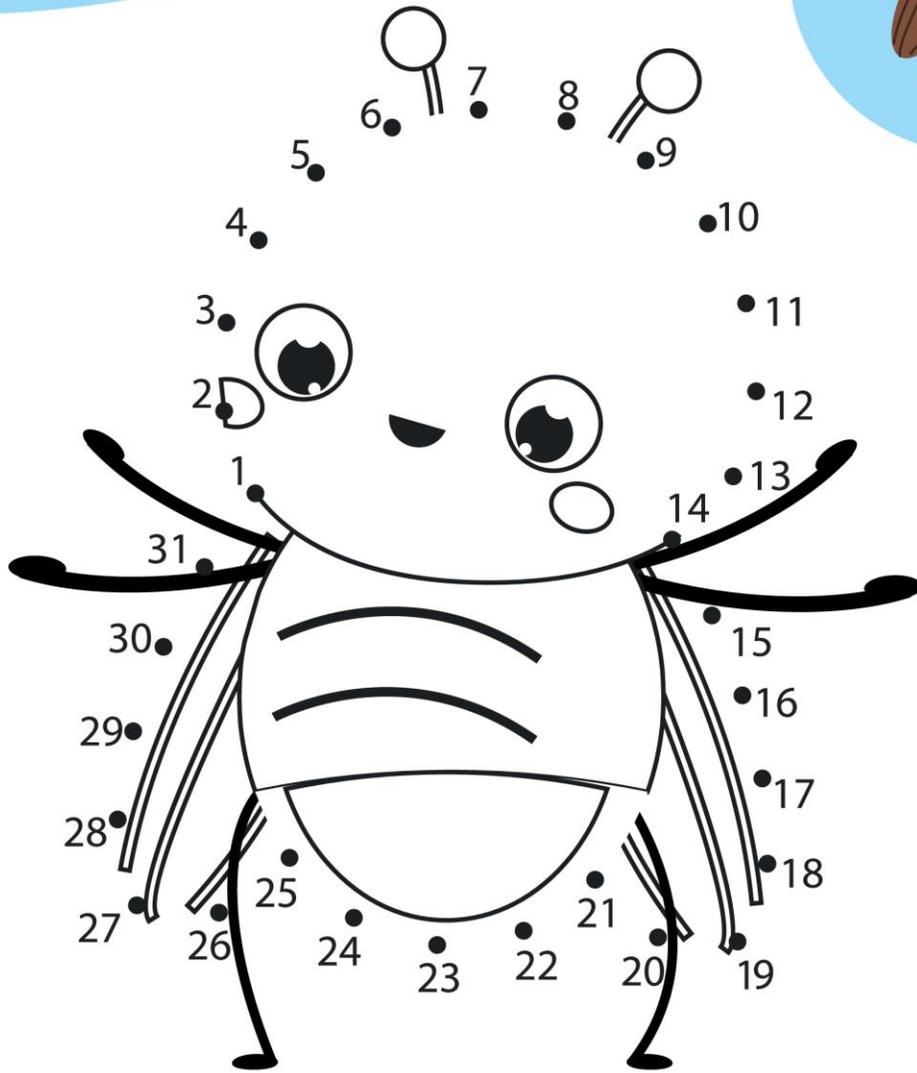
- They were created on Day 5 of Creation week. How do we know that? Because that is the day God created sea and flying creatures (Genesis 1:20-23).
- Fireflies have four wings.
- Fireflies are actually beetles.
- Baby fireflies are called larvae.
- Adult fireflies use their lights to communicate with other fireflies.
- Fireflies produce light by mixing chemicals together (similar to a glowstick).



<sup>1</sup> Please note: the Hebrew word for used for “bird” in this passage means more than just birds—it includes bugs and all other creatures that fly.

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

# Connect the dots



## The Praying Mantis

Praying mantises were created on Day 6 of Creation week. How do we know that? Because that is the day God created creatures that move along the ground (Genesis 1:24-25). Although some praying mantises have wings, they can only fly for short distances and spend most of their time on the ground.

### Some fun facts about praying mantises

- They can rotate their heads from side to side. Most insects cannot do this.
- They have five eyes
- They like to be alone and will fight with other mantises most of the time.
- They have only one ear and it is located on their belly. This ear can detect high frequency sounds and helps them escape from bats.
- Praying mantises are great hunters!
- They are really good at hiding. Some use colorful camouflage to avoid being detected.
- Praying mantises show amazing design!



### Giving glory to God

The next time you go outside, stop for a moment and take a look around you. God has created so many amazing creatures! The Bible says that when we look at these creatures, we should know that God is real (Romans 1:20) and thank Him for loving us.



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**Activity:** help the praying mantis find his lunch (the aphids).

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

