



Tropical stinkhorn

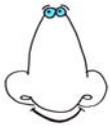
What's that smell?

"When we were at the botanical gardens," wrote Lyn, "we noticed a lot of the plants had a nice scent." There was one called a pipe vine that attracts flies and other insects right inside it's flower. They get covered in pollen that they then carry to another flower. But we also smelt the most disgusting smell ever! It was a stinkhorn fungus.



Pipe vine flower

Photo source: Jardin Botánico Las Orquideas

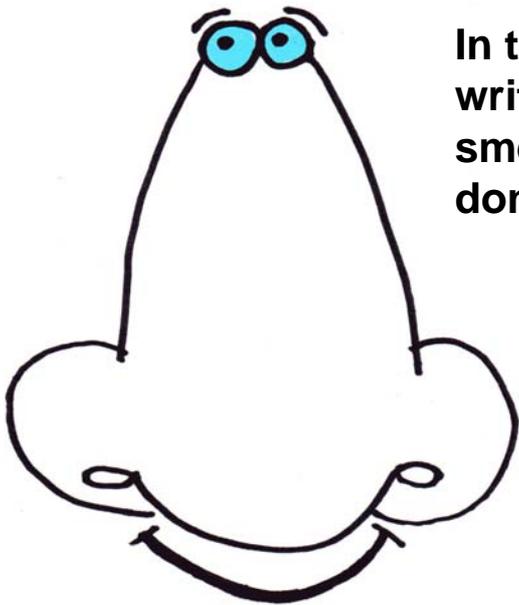


Listen to God!

Genesis 8:13-22

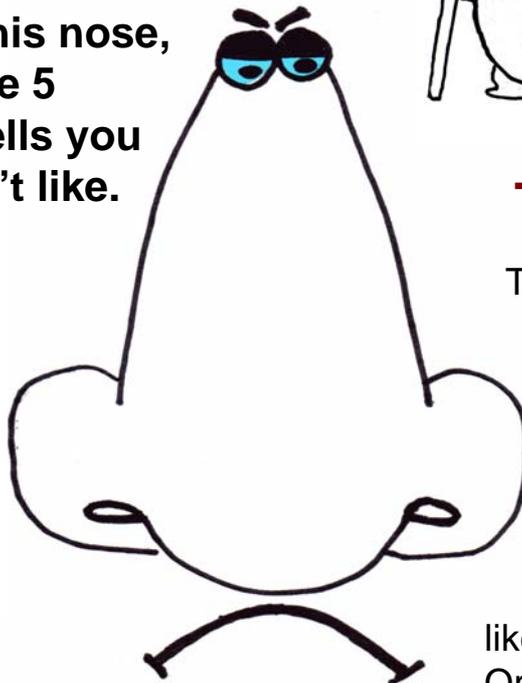
Stinkhorns smell like rotting dead animals. That smell attracts flies too. They eat the gooey mass of spores the fungus produces and carry them to other places where new stinkhorns then grow.

The story of Noah and the ark makes us think of many smells. Imagine the smells inside the ark after 10 ½ months. Imagine the smells as they came out of the ark. Would it smell fresh and clean, or of dead animals, and plants and stagnant water? After the flood, Noah burnt a sacrifice to God. The Bible says the smell of that sacrifice pleased God. He liked that smell because it showed him how thankful Noah was.



In this nose, write 5 smells you like.

In this nose, write 5 smells you don't like.



Talk to God!

Thank you God for giving us a sense of smell. Thank you for pleasant smells we enjoy. Thank you for the smells that warn us of possible dangers like fire or leaking gas. Or the baby's need for a nappy change!