

Watch out!



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Sean was learning about bats at school and discovered that vampire bats live in the jungle in Ecuador. "Have you ever been bitten by a vampire bat," he asked his friends there.

Bats are the only mammals that fly, and vampire bats are the only mammals that feed entirely on blood. In the darkness of night, a heat sensor on the bat's nose points to where blood is flowing close to the surface of a sleeping victim's skin.

It's not common for them to choose humans but when they do, it's often toes. The bat takes a bite (the victim doesn't even wake up) then laps up the blood. Their saliva prevents the blood from clotting, and although blood loss is not a danger, infection and disease can be. People are sometimes admitted to the hospital in Shell with infected bites. And occasionally people even die.

Listen to God!

Joshua 7:1, 13-15

When Joshua and the Israelites captured the town of Jericho, one man was "bitten" by greed; and as a result God punished everyone by causing them to lose the next battle they fought. (Read the whole chapter for details.) Just as a bite from a bat is serious and has to be treated, Achan's sin was serious - he brought disaster on the whole nation - and God treated it in a very serious way.

Find your way through the week.
Circle the things that lead to dead ends.



Talk to God!

Please forgive me when I sin.
Help me not to do it again.

