



WHAT'S HIDING THERE?

As they drove towards home, Vicki, kaylee and Sean talked about all the things they had seen and done. "What is one thing that will always remind you of the outback?" asked dad. Almost in unison they replied, "spinifex".

Spinifex is the spiky grass that grows everywhere. It's prickly and dry. In older plants the middle dies off. It's not a very attractive plant. But this plant, even the dead parts provide homes, shade, safety and food for a wide number of creatures from insects, rodents and reptiles to birds and marsupials.

The Spinifex Hopping mouse is one animal that depends on spinifex for survival. It builds a burrow under spinifex clumps where the entrances are well hidden.



Photo source: island home

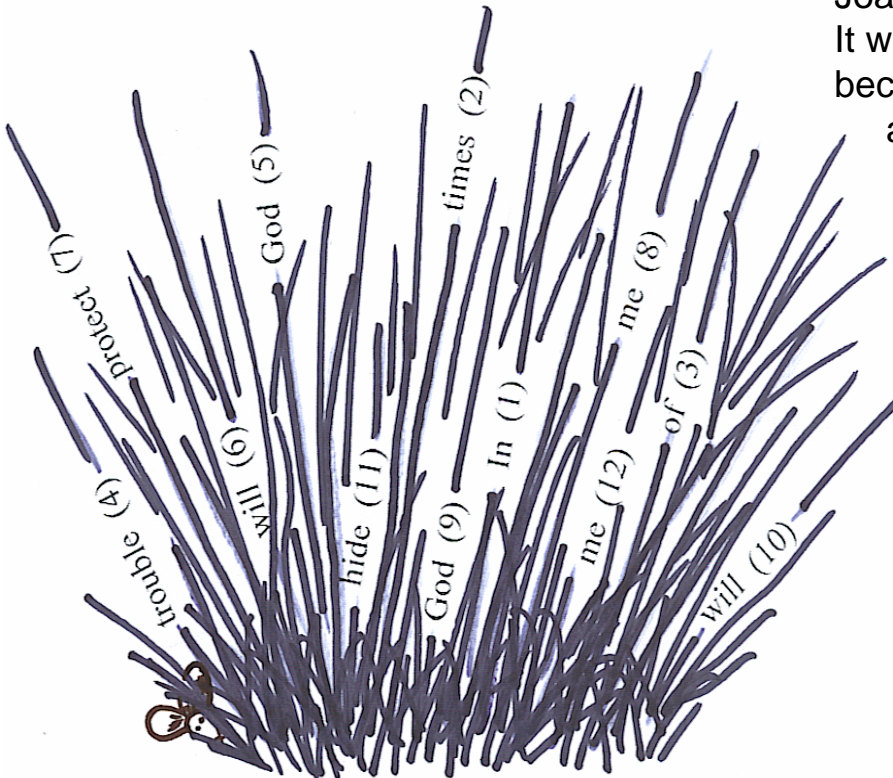


Listen to God! 2 kings 11:1-3

Athaliah was a very bad (and scary) lady. She tried to kill all her grandsons so she could be the queen. But one baby grandson, Joash, was hidden in God's temple. It was the perfect hiding place because Athaliah worshipped idols and would never have gone near the temple.

Binara the nosy frilled neck lizard wants to know did Joash ever become king and was he a good king.

See 2 Kings 12:1-2



There is a message for you hidden in the spinifex from Psalm 27:5

Talk to God!

Heavenly father, thank you that Hopping mice can hide under spinifex. Thank you that you have ways of keeping us safe too.