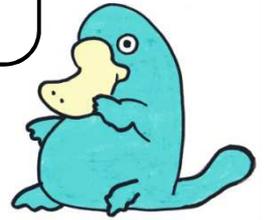


Hello,
I'm Bilby Bob

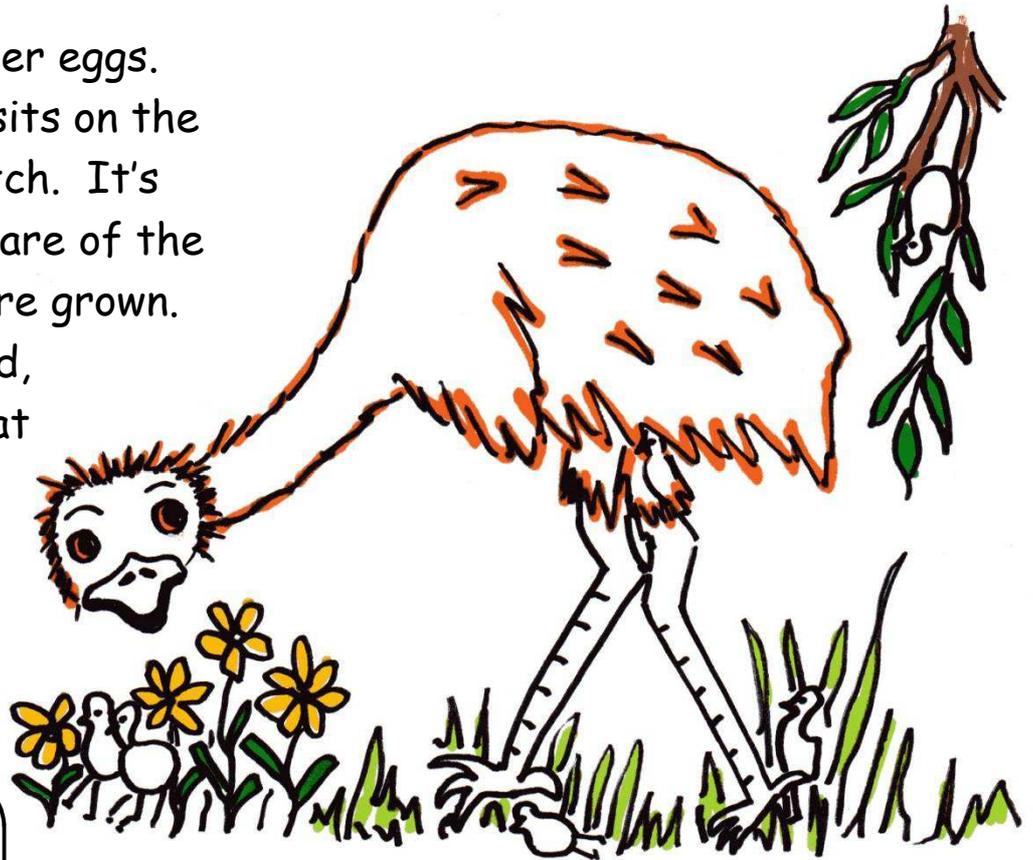


I'm Penny Platypus.
We want you to meet some of
our special Australian friends.



The best dad

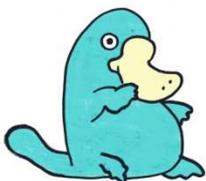
Mother Emu lays her eggs.
Then Father Emu sits on the
eggs until they hatch. It's
dad's job to take care of the
chicks until they are grown.
He finds them food,
keeps them warm at
night and safe
from danger.
He's a good dad.



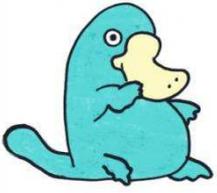
The Bible says -
"Your father in
heaven takes
care (of you)."
Matthew 6:26

Can you help Mr Emu count his
five chicks? Colour them in.

I can say to God,
"You are my heavenly father.
Thank you for taking care of me.
You are the best dad."



I'm special



Penny Platypus says, "I look like I've been made up from lots of other animals with a bill like a duck, a tail like a beaver, feet like an otter and fur like a mole. But that is how God made me. And I'm special."

Every person God has made is wonderfully complex and special too. Yes, even you. Did you know that?



The Bible says,
"Thank you (God)
for making me so
wonderfully
complex."

Psalms 139:14

I can say, "Dear God, thank
you for making me special. I
know it's because you love me."

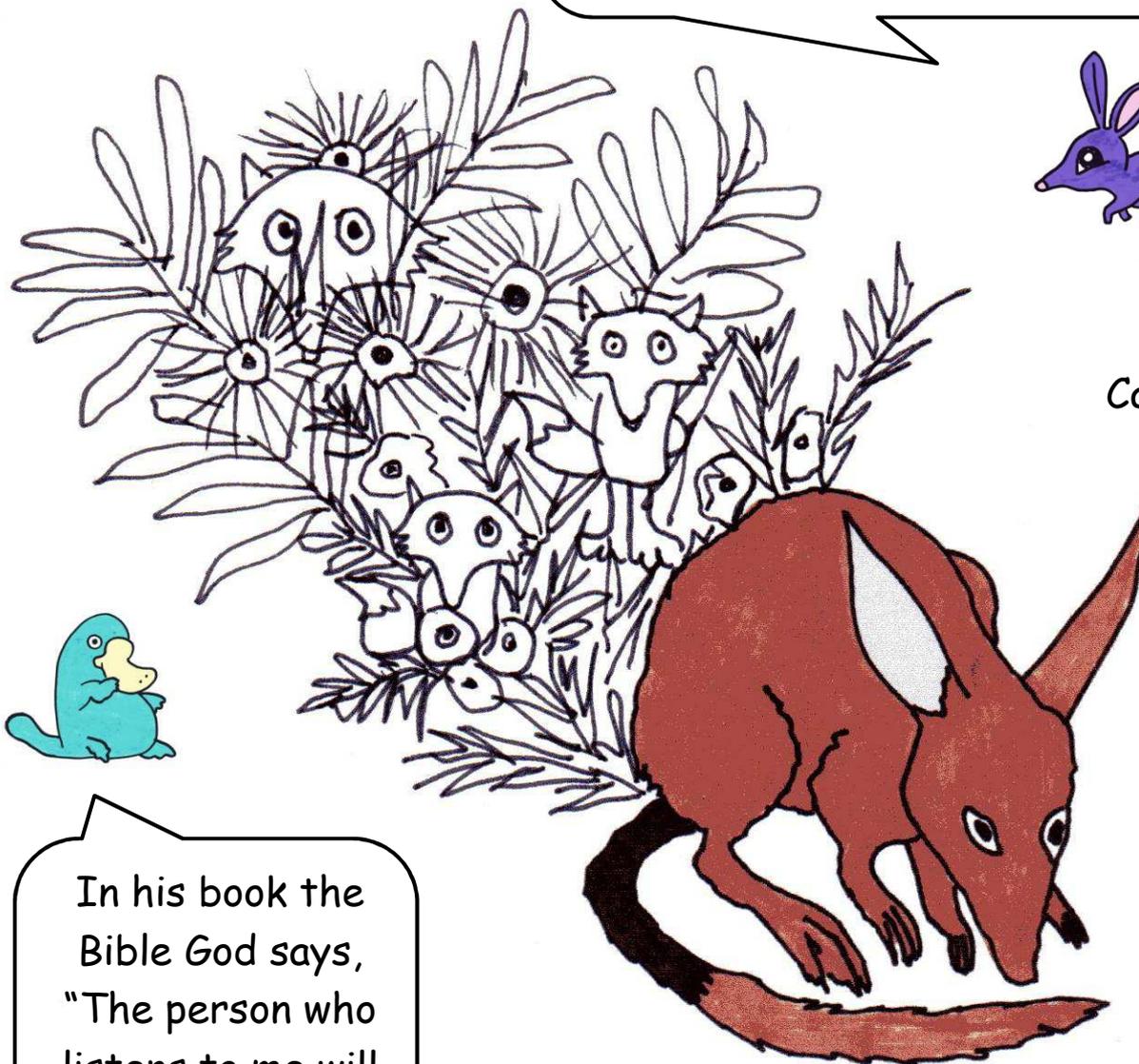


Colour the
parts of the
platypus
different
colours.



A good listener

Bilby Bob says, "My very long ears help me listen for animals like foxes who might want to harm me. When I hear them I can run into my burrow happy and safe"



Can you help Bilby Bob find the 3 foxes hiding in the bushes? Colour them in.

In his book the Bible God says, "The person who listens to me will be happy."

Proverbs 8:34

If we listen to what God says in the Bible we will be happy and safe.

I can say, "Heavenly Father, please help me to listen to what you say in your book the Bible."



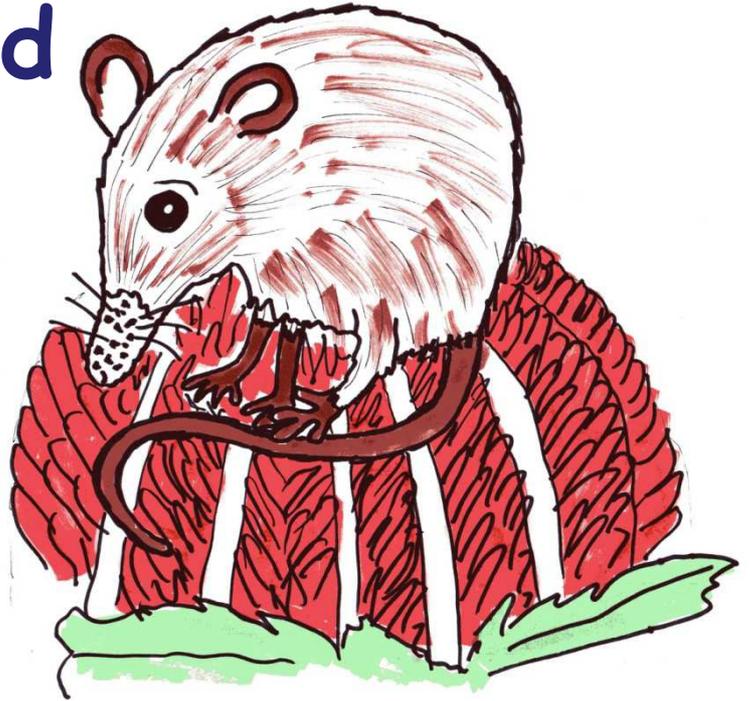
Favourite food

Bilby Bob says, "Meet my friend Honey possum. She looks a bit like me don't you think? But I'm bigger, and much more handsome."



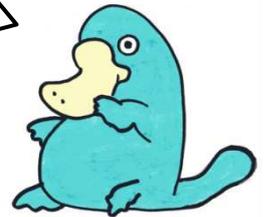
Honey possum is so small she can sit in your hand or on a flower. She eats the flower's pollen and nectar that bees make honey from.

Honey is sweet and yummy and good for us.



God's book
The Bible says -
"God's teachings
are sweeter
than honey."

Psalm 119:103

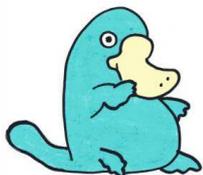


Draw your
favorite food.
Is it sweet?



I can say to God, "Heavenly Father, thank you that the words in your book are sweet like honey. I know they are good for me."

Beautiful colours



Penny Platypus says, "God made many beautiful birds. I think my friend Rainbow Lorikeet is the most colourful. Do you?"



The Bible says, "God has made everything beautiful. . ." Ecclesiastes 3:11



Can you colour this Rainbow lorikeet in his beautiful colours?



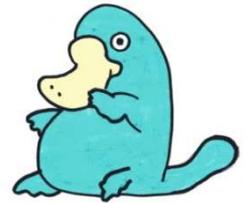
I can say, "Thank you God for all the beautiful colours you have made and given to flowers, birds and animals."

God is listening



Penny Platypus says, "Have you met Praying Mantis? He gets his name from the way he holds his front legs up as if he's praying."

Praying is talking to God, our Heavenly Father.



Put your hand flat on the page and get someone to draw around it to make your own praying hands.

God says in his book The Bible, "When God's people pray for help, He listens."

Psalm 34:17



I can say to God, "Thank you Heavenly Father that I can talk to you about anything, at any time and you will always hear me."

God knows all about me

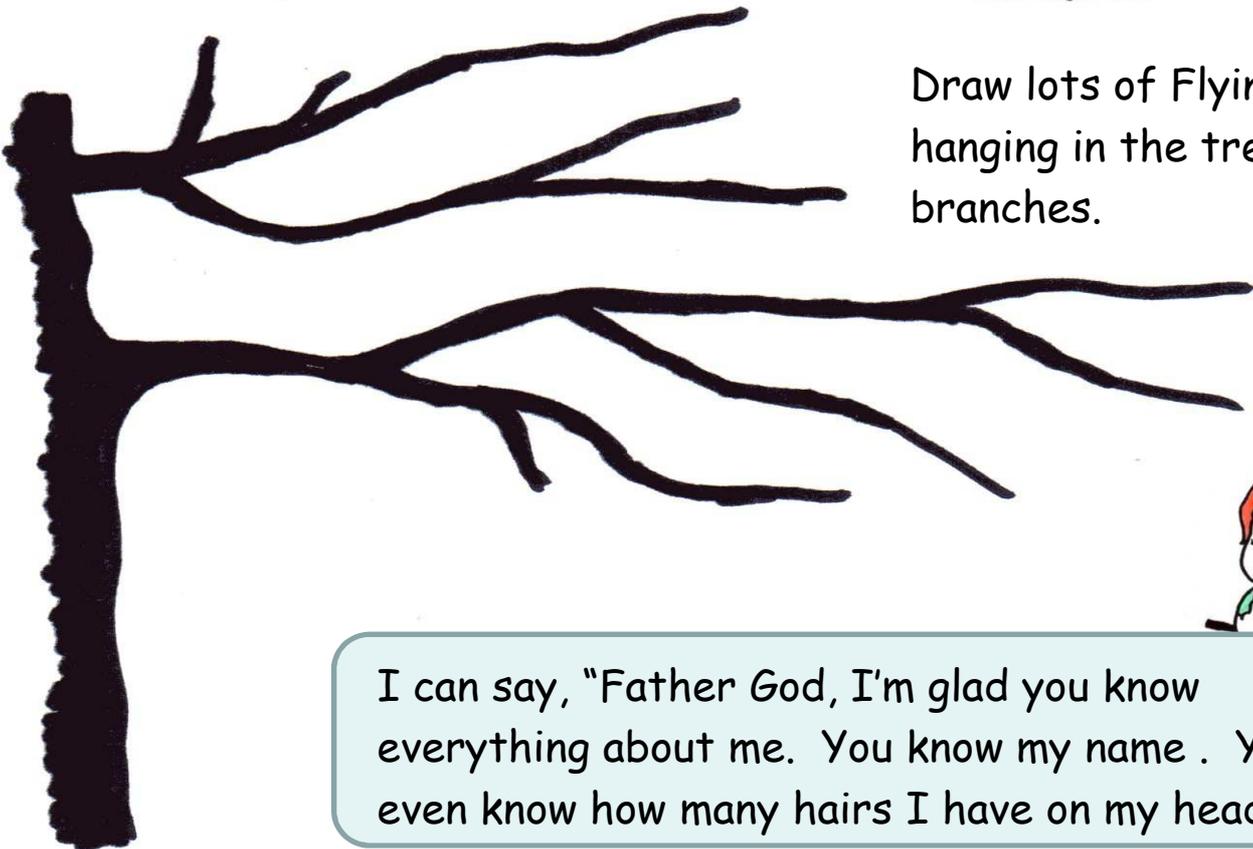


Bilby Bob says, "Did you know that Flying Fox is not a fox but a bat? And did you know she can easily find her own babies among the thousands of other Flying foxes hanging in the trees? She knows them by their smell and their cry."

The Bible says,
"Lord (God) you
know everything
about me."
Psalm 139:1

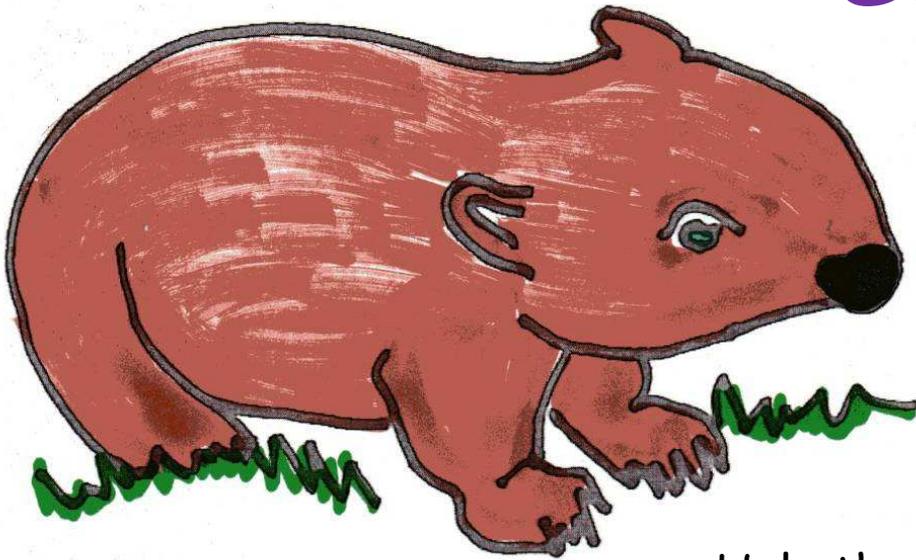


Draw lots of Flying foxes hanging in the tree branches.



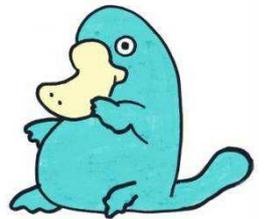
I can say, "Father God, I'm glad you know everything about me. You know my name. You even know how many hairs I have on my head."

Safe in bed

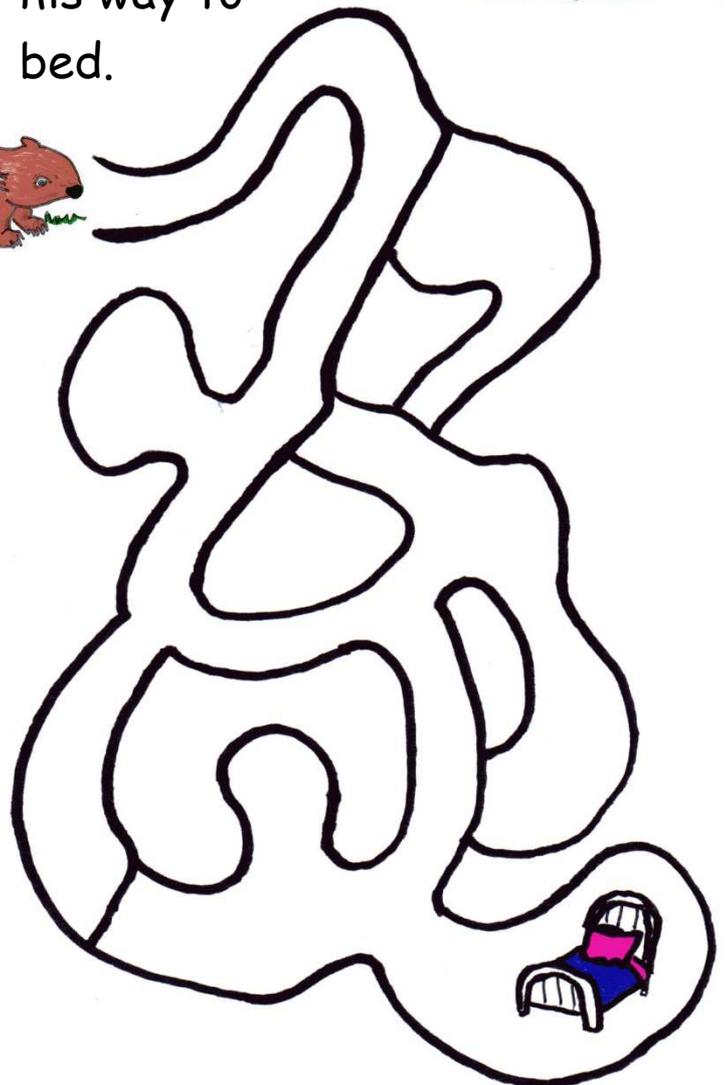


The Bible says, "I can . . . sleep soundly because you, Lord, will keep me safe."

Psalm 4:8



Help the wombat find his way to bed.

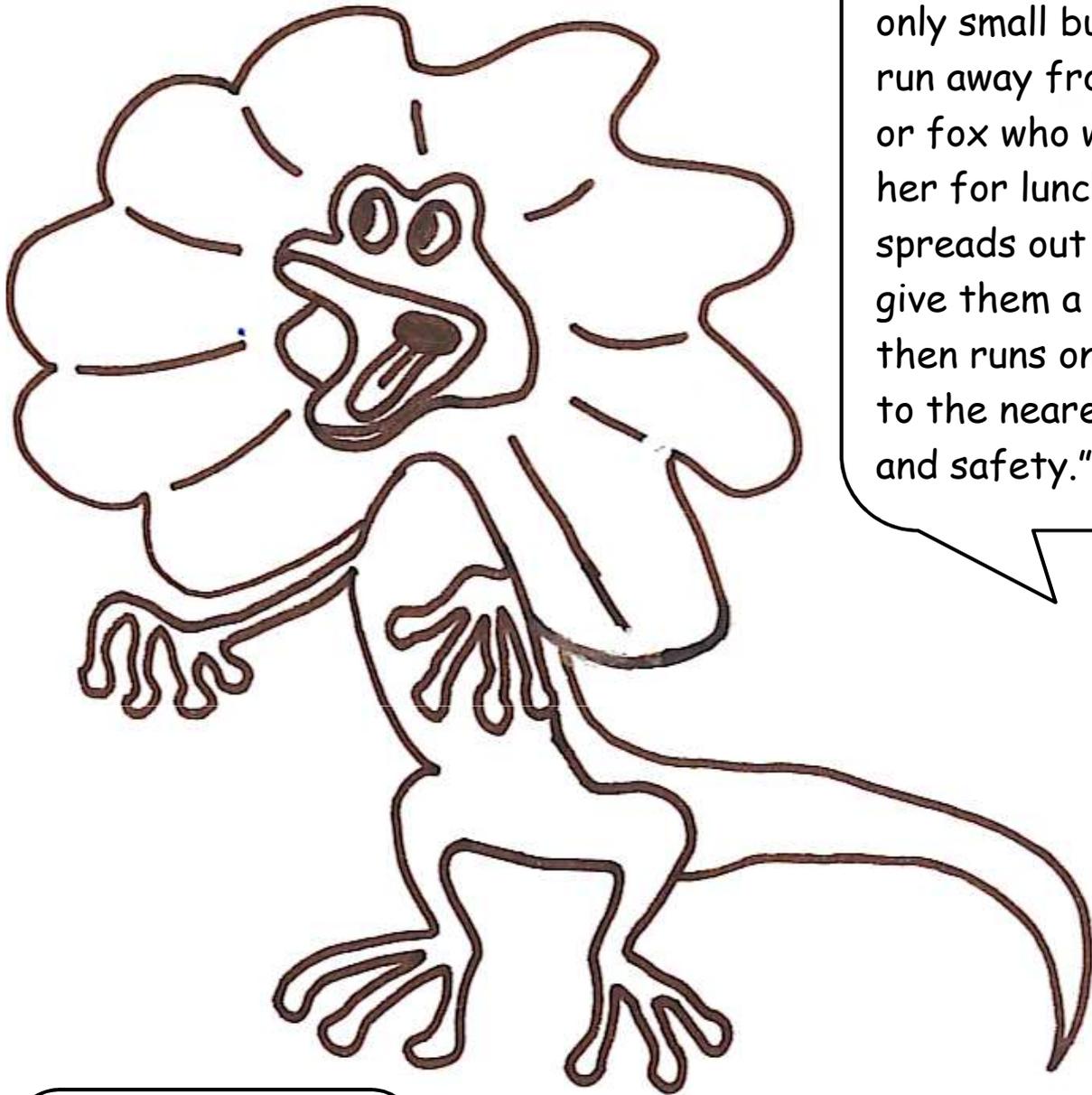


Bilby Bob says, "Wombat loves to dig. He is the biggest animal in the world to dig a burrow house under the ground. There he is safe, warm and dry."



I can say to God "Thank you Lord God that you keep me safe, even when I'm asleep."

Run, run, run

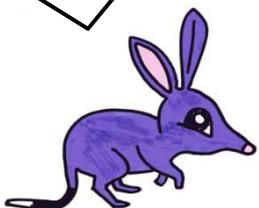


Penny Platypus says, "Frill-necked lizard is only small but she can run away from a dingo or fox who would like her for lunch. She spreads out her frill to give them a fright and then runs on two legs to the nearest tree and safety."



God's book, the Bible says, "Run to God for safety."

Hebrews 6:18

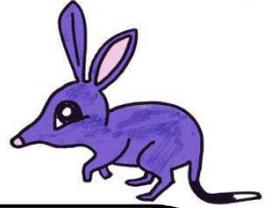
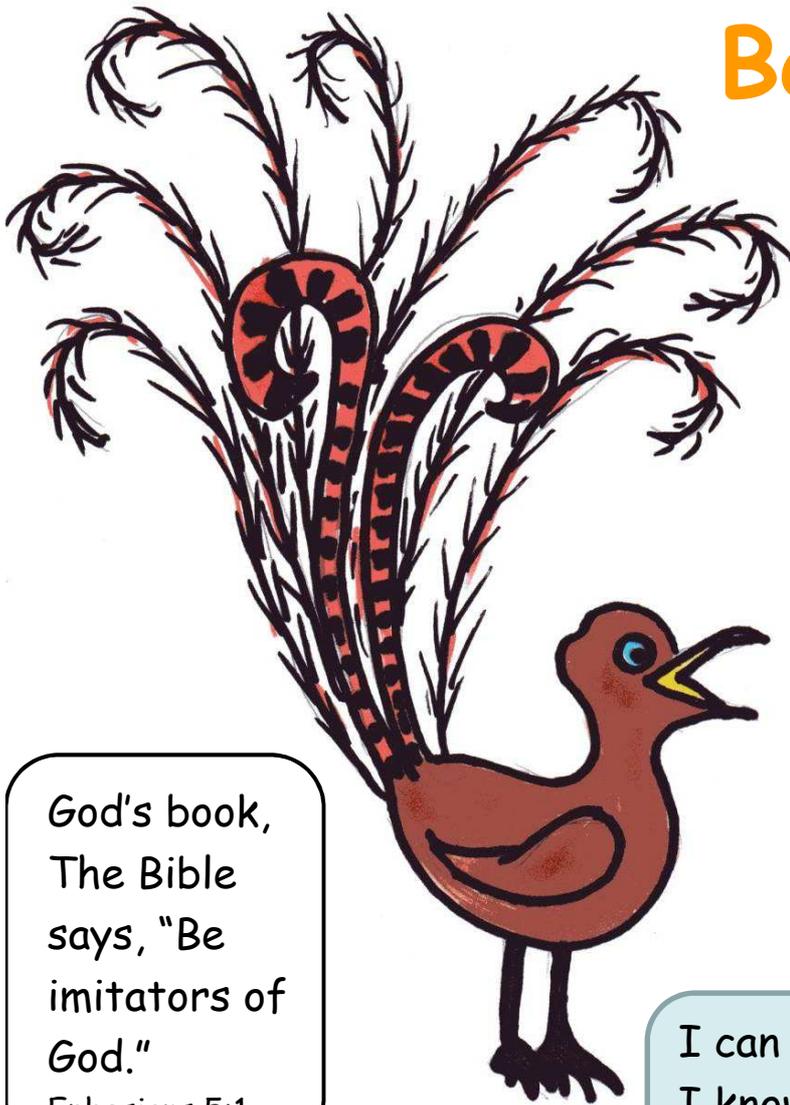


Colour in this Frill-necked lizard.



I can say, "God, my Heavenly Father, you will always keep me safe. Help me to always run to you when I'm scared or in trouble."

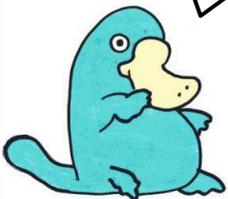
Be like God



Bilby Bob says, "Mr Lyrebird likes to sing. He can imitate, which means copy, the songs of other birds, And he can copy other sounds he hears too, like a car, a camera or a chain saw. Can you copy those sounds?"

God's book,
The Bible
says, "Be
imitators of
God."
Ephesians 5:1

I can say to God, "Dear God,
I know you are kind, loving
and good. Help me to copy
and be like you."



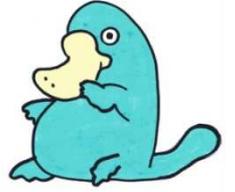
Can you copy what it says in the big box?

God wants me to copy him

The right name

Penny Platypus says, "Some people call my friend Koala Bear, but that's not right. She is NOT a bear. Mrs Koala belongs to the same family as wombats and kangaroos.

What is your name? Do you ever get called by the wrong name? Did you know that God knows your right name?"



"In his book the Bible, Gods says, "I have called you by name . . . you belong to me."

Isaiah: 43:1



Can you colour Mrs Koala and her baby?

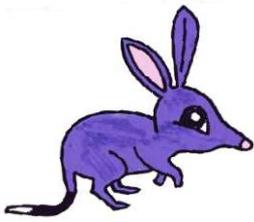


I can say to God, "Thank you Father God that you know my name. Thank you that I can belong to your family."

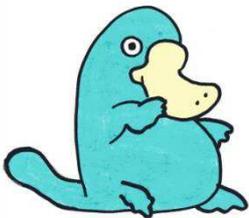


Yum, yum, yum

Bilby Bob says, "My friend Numbat's favorite food is termites (like ants). That's all she eats. If you only ate termites, how many do you think you would have to eat a day? Where would you find them?"



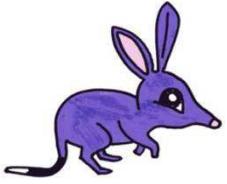
The Bible says,
"Father in heaven
-- Give us today
the food we need."
Matthew 6:11



Can you count how many
ants the numbat still
has to eat?



I can say to God, "Father in heaven you give us our food. Help me to remember to say thank you for my food every day."



God gives what we need

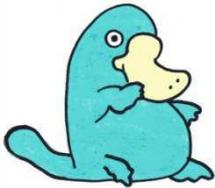


Bilby Bob says, "My friend Tree-kangaroo can walk backwards and he can move his back legs one at a time. Other kangaroos can't do that. God gave him these legs so he could walk along branches high up in trees."

God's book The Bible says, "God . . . gives us all we need for our enjoyment."
I Timothy 6:17



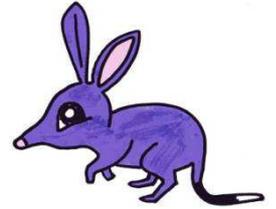
I can say, "Father God thank you for giving me everything I need."



Draw a circle around the things you need everyday. Put a tick on what you don't really need but would like.

All show

Bilby Bob says, "Tasmanian Devil got his name because he looks and sounds very scary but he is really quite shy."

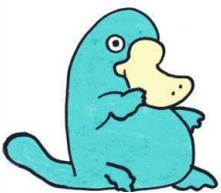


Some people worry about what they look like, even about things they can't change like freckles or being short or having curly hair.

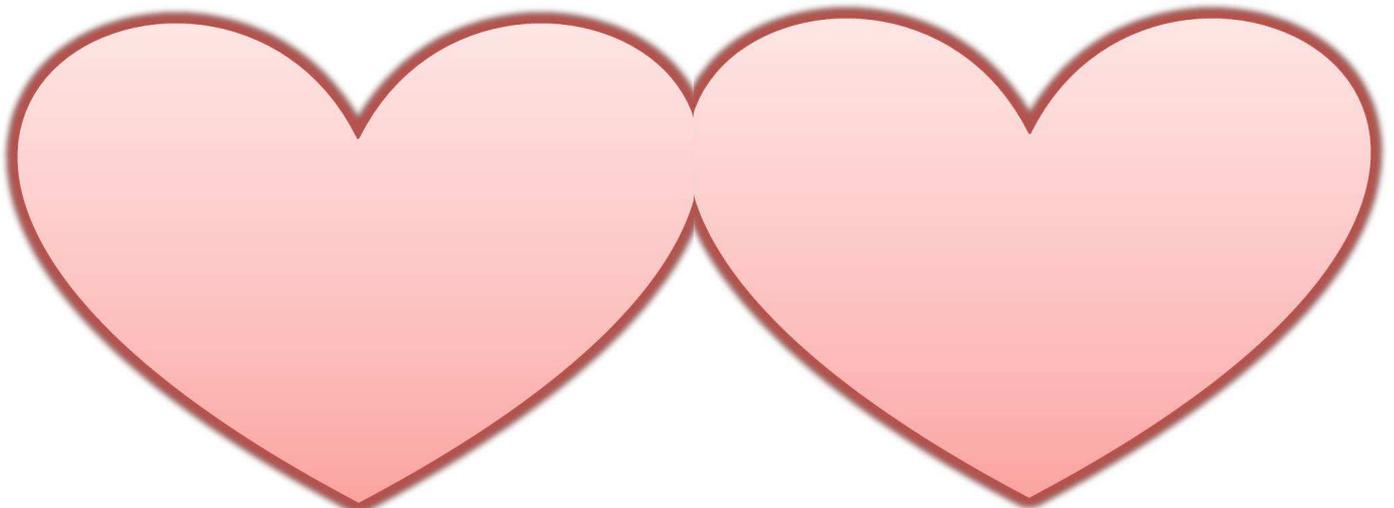
In his book the Bible God says, "People judge others by what they look like, but I judge people by what's in their hearts." 1 Samuel 16:7



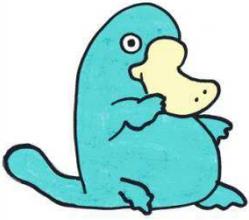
I can say, "Thank you God that what's important is what's in our heart - like love, kindness, helpfulness, truthfulness."



Write your name on one heart. Cut them out and fold them together so you can't see your name.



Look who's strong



Penny platypus says, "I'm glad I don't live near Salt Water (Estuarine) crocodile. He's the biggest reptile in the world and very, very strong. He can catch animals as big as kangaroos, wild pigs and dingoes for his dinner."

I can say, "I'm glad you are so strong Lord God. Help me to always remember how strong you are."



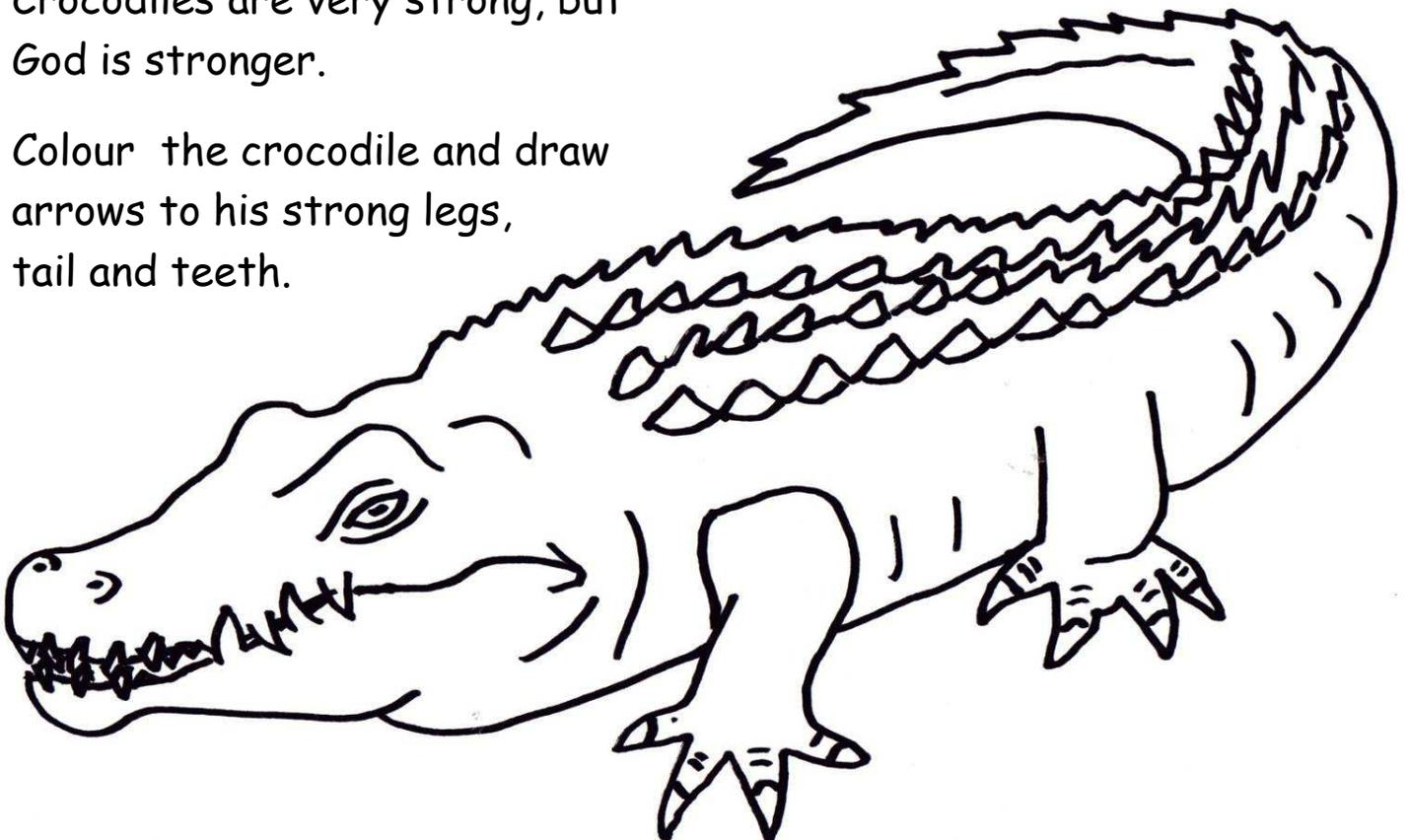
The Bible says,
"(God) is the Lord,
strong and mighty."

Psalm 24:8

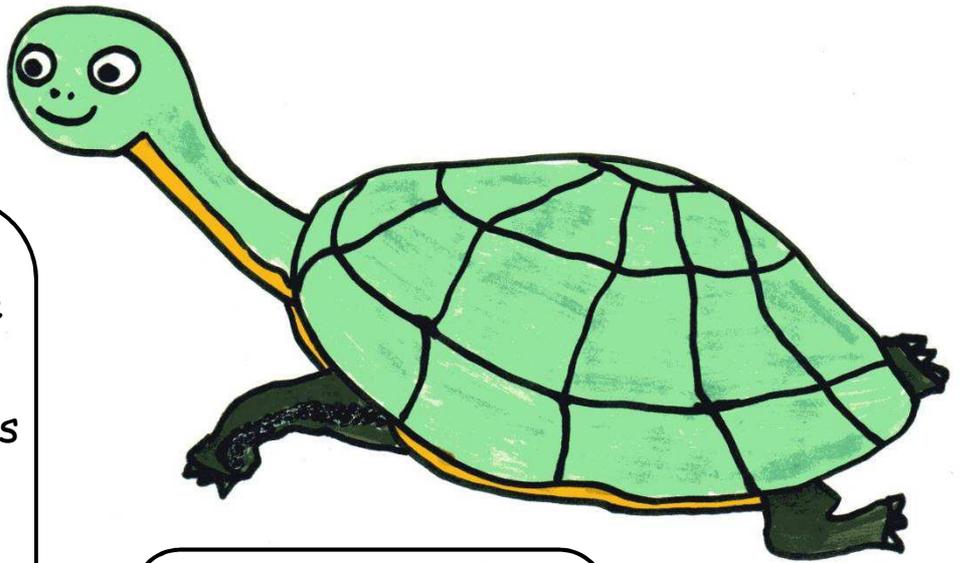


Crocodiles are very strong, but God is stronger.

Colour the crocodile and draw arrows to his strong legs, tail and teeth.

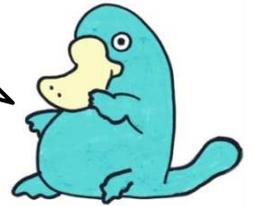
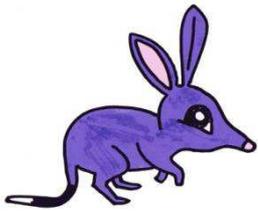


Hiding

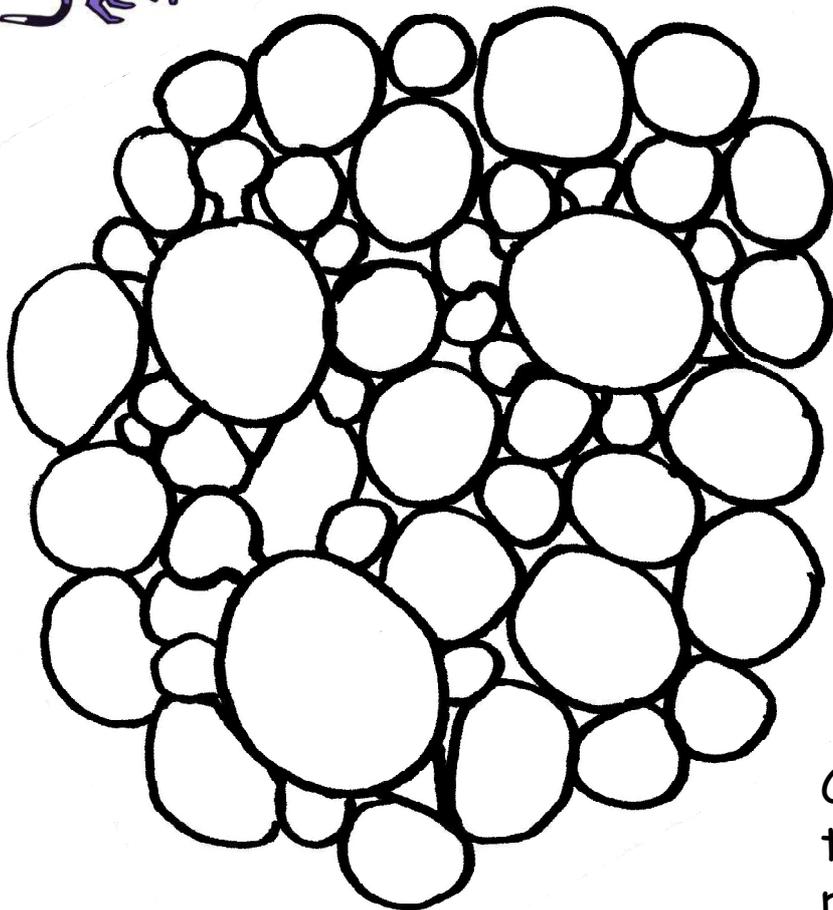


Bilby Bob says,
"Snake-necked Turtle
can hide inside his
shell. He just pulls his
head in and then no-
one can see him. Do
you ever play hidey
from your friends?
It's fun."

God's book the
Bible says, "nothing
is hidden from
God." Hebrews 4:13

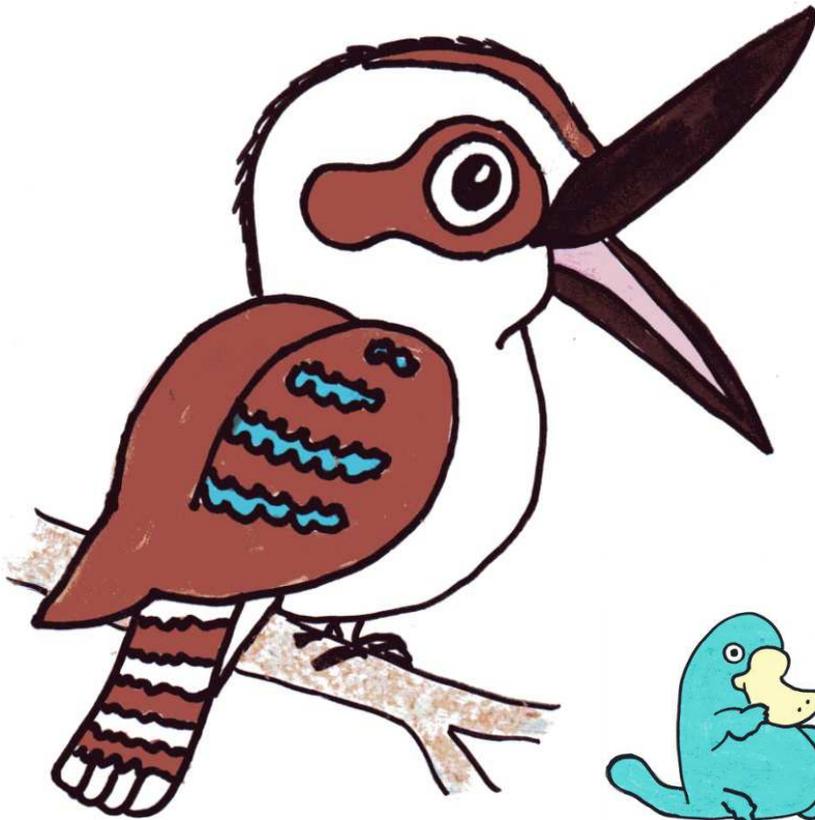


I can say, "Dear God,
Thank you that nothing
is hidden from you.
Thank you that you know
about everything I do,
and care about
everything that happens
to me."

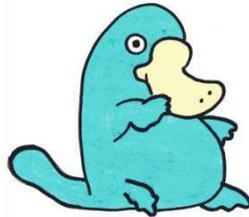


Can you find three
turtles hiding in the
pond? Colour them in.

Happy singing



Penny platypus says, "I love to heard birds singing. They sound so happy. Kookaburra is my favorite because he laughs when he sings."



You can listen to a kookaburra laughing on YouTube.

Do you like to sing when you are happy?

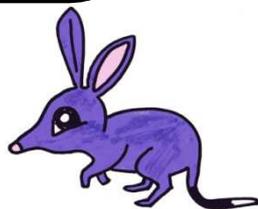
Do you know this song?

Did you know that God is happy and sings because of you? The Bible says, "God . . . celebrates and sings because of you."

Zephaniah 3:17

**Jesus loves me! this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
they are weak but He is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**



Can you draw some more music notes like this on the page?



I can say, "Heavenly Father, It's wonderful to know that I make you happy and you sing because of me. Thank you for loving me."

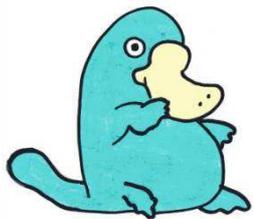


Family likeness?

Penny platypus says, "Echidna and I belong to the same family even though we look nothing alike. We each hatched from an egg. Mrs Echidna's baby is called a puggle."



Do you have a brother or sister?
Do they look like you? It doesn't matter what we look like or who we are, we can all be part of God's family.



God's book, The Bible says, "You are all the children of God by faith."

Galatians 3:26

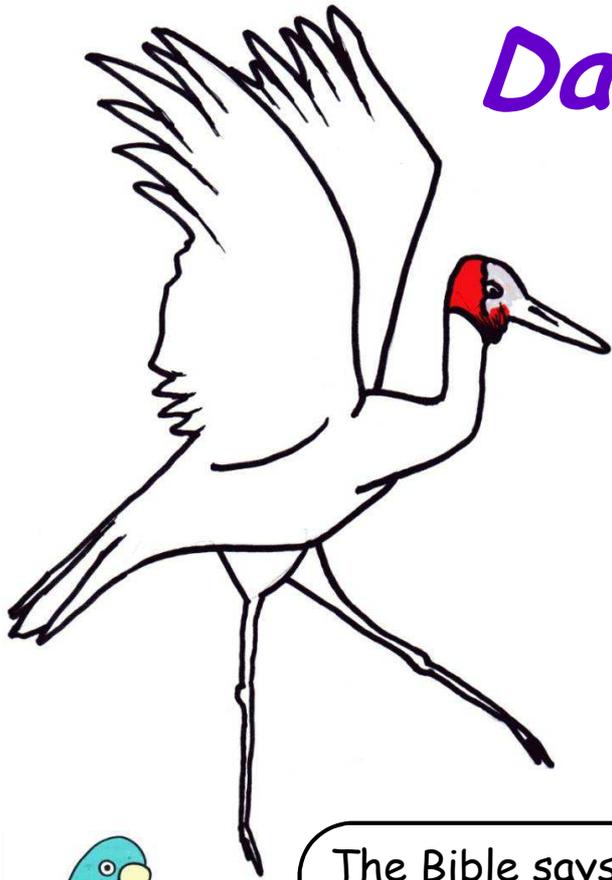
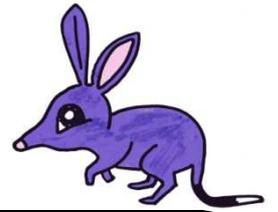


Join the dots to see what puggle looks like.

I can say, "Thank you Father God that you love me and want me to be part of your family."

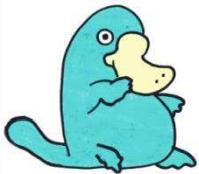


Dancing fun



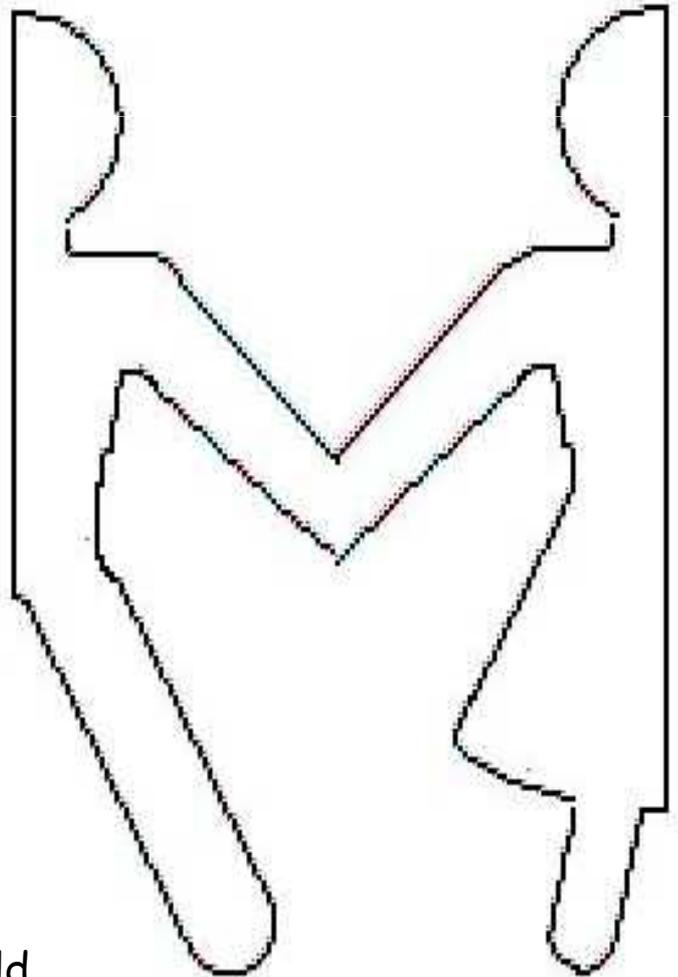
Bilby Bob says, "Meet my friend Brolga. He loves to dance - leaping, bowing and waving his wings. Some birds dance to attract a mate but Brolga just dances for fun."

Do you like to dance? Did you know you can praise God and show him how wonderful you think he is by dancing?



The Bible says,
"Praise God's name
by dancing and
playing music."
Psalm 149:3

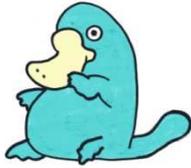
I can say, "Dear God,
thank for giving me
arms and legs so I can
dance. I want to
dance to show how
wonderful you are."



Get someone to help you make dancing dolls. Fold paper into pleats to fit this pattern. Cut out and unfold. Add faces and clothes. Then let them dance.

Christmas visitors

Penny platypus says, "This is Mrs Christmas Beetle. She is called Christmas beetle because she visits our gardens at Christmas time. Have you ever seen her in your garden?"

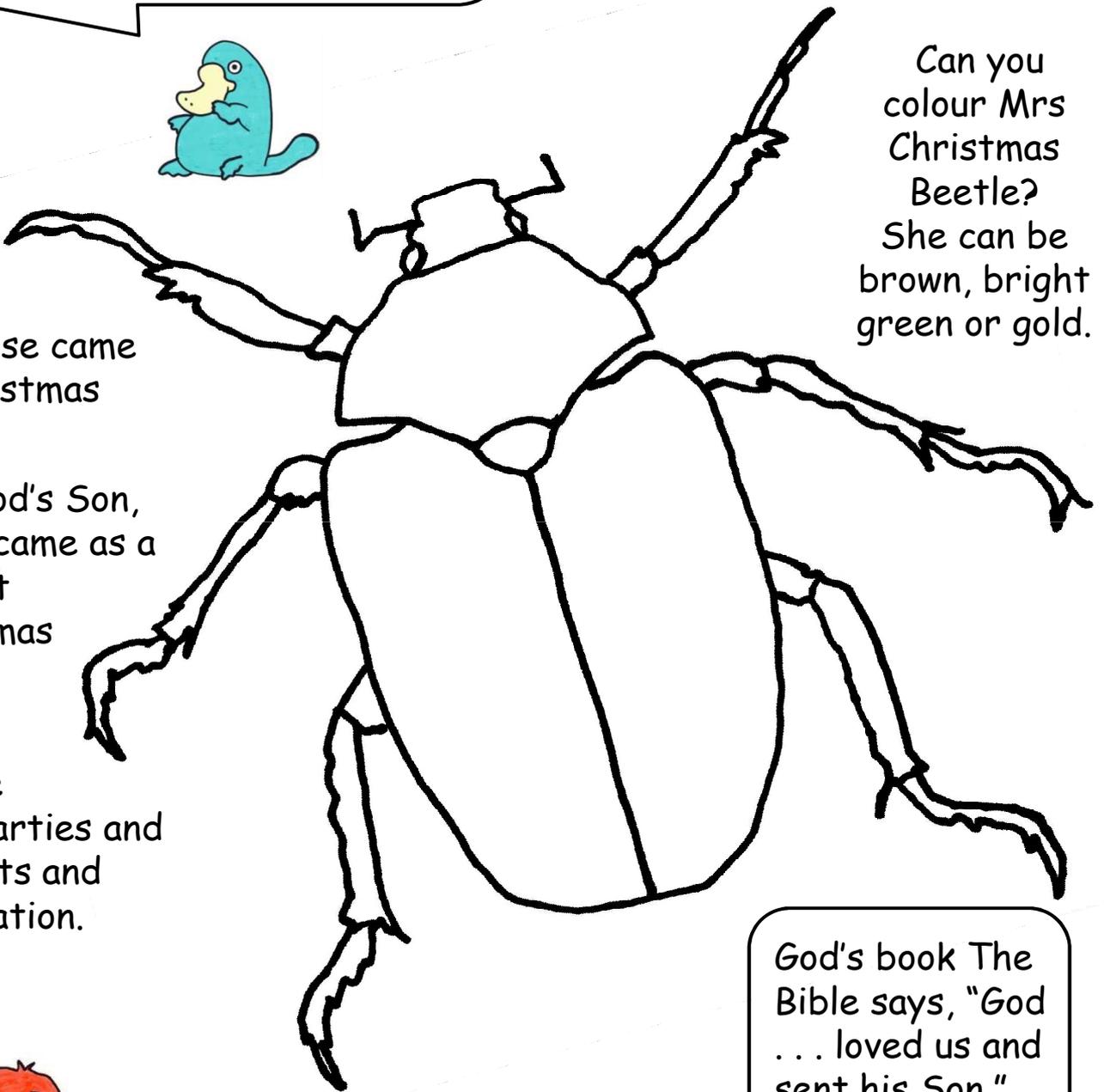


Can you colour Mrs Christmas Beetle? She can be brown, bright green or gold.

Who else came at Christmas time?

Yes, God's Son, Jesus came as a baby at Christmas time.

That's why we have parties and presents and celebration.



God's book The Bible says, "God ... loved us and sent his Son."

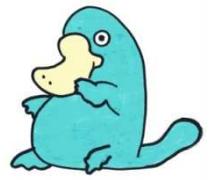
1 John 4:10



I can say to God, "Father God, thank you for loving us and sending Jesus to show us your love."



Holding tight



Penny platypus says, "Have you seen a gecko on the ceiling or the window? My friend Robust Velvet Gecko has wide toes covered in tiny bristles that help him to hold on tight even when walking upside down. Can you walk on the ceiling?"



I can say, "Father God, please teach me what is good and help me to hold tight to it."



God's book the Bible says, "hold tight to everything that is good." Romans 12:9

Cut out the words and stick only the good ones to the edge of your page. You may need a grownup's help.

Kindness	Loving others	Teasing	Sharing	Not saying thanks	Obeying	Helping others
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Look what God did



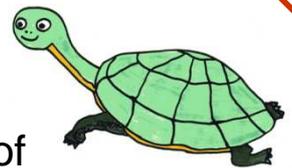
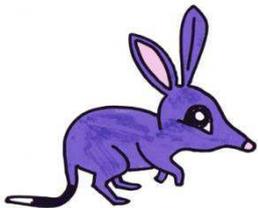
Penny platypus says,
"Mrs Quoll is nocturnal.
That means she sleeps
in the daytime and
looks for food at night."



God gave Mrs Quoll a
coat with 'moon spots' so she can
blend in with patches of moonlight
among the trees and not be seen by
animals that might want to harm her.

God's book the Bible
says, "You Lord God
have done many
wonderful things."

Psalm 40:5



Can you think of
something wonderful
about the way God
has made each of
these creatures?



I can say to God, "Lord God you
have made so many wonderful
things in our world. Thank you."



Danger - stay away!



Bilby Bob says, "Stay away from Mrs Red Back Spider. She is poisonous. Her bite can make you very sick."

There are other things that we must stay away from too. So always obey your parents and what God says in the Bible when they say, "Stay away."

God's book the Bible says, "Obey the Lord and stay away from evil."

Proverbs 3:7



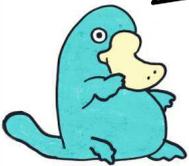
I can say, "Lord God, help me to obey my parents and you. I know that when you say, 'stay away' it's to keep me safe."

Draw something you must stay away from.

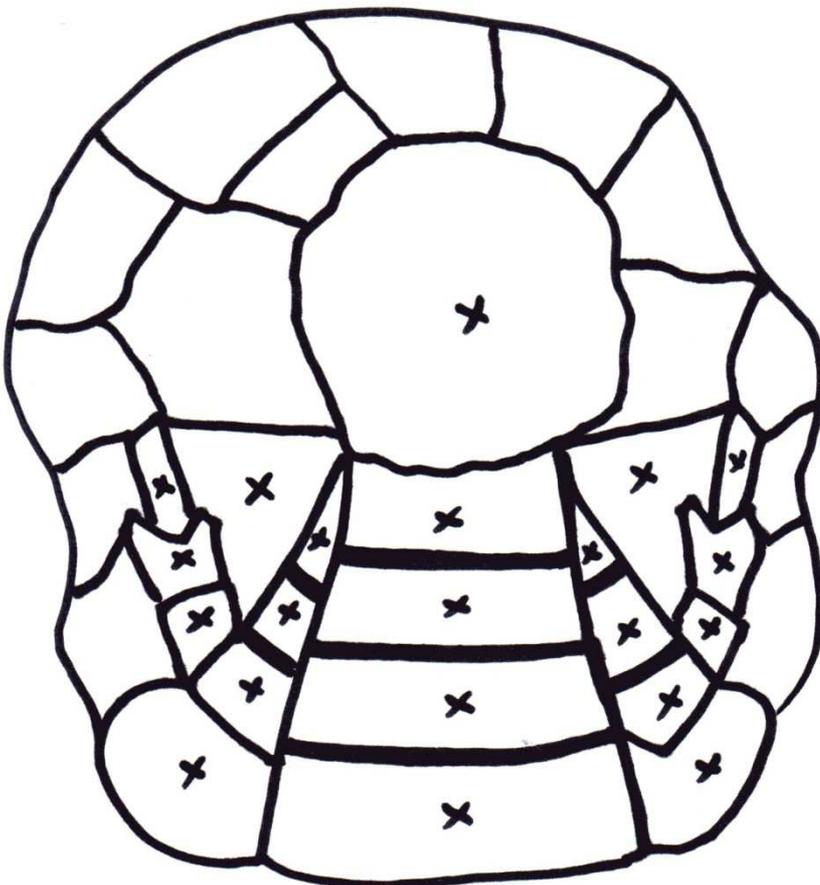
We can't see him, but he's real



Penny platypus says, "Have you ever seen a Long-tailed dunnart? I haven't, but I know he is real because people have seen him, written about him and taken his photo."



Colour in the shapes with the crosses. What does it show a picture of?



We cannot see God, but we know he is real because Jesus and the Bible show what he is like.

The Bible says, "No-one has ever seen God. But (Jesus). . has shown us what God is like."

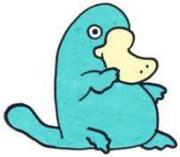
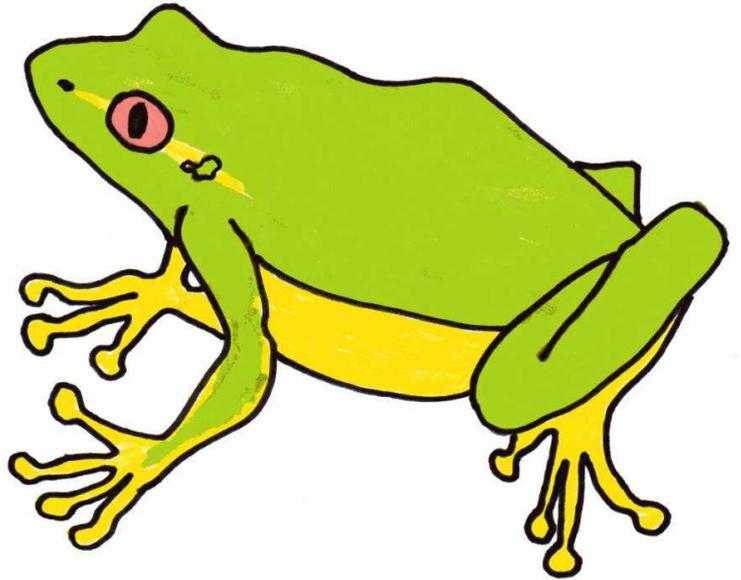
John 1:18



I can say, "Thank you Father God for sending Jesus to show us what you are like."

To the rescue

Penny platypus says, "Dainty Green Tree Frog likes to live in banana plants. Sometimes she gets sent a long way from home in a box of bananas by mistake. Then the "lost frog" rescue service has to save her or she will die."



Can you find your way through the bananas to rescue the frog?

God's book the Bible says, "Jesus came to look for and save people who are lost."

Luke 19:10



I can say, "Father God your book the Bible tells us that people who don't know you are lost. Thank you for sending Jesus to save us."

Who's wise?



Penny platypus says, "Meet my friend Masked Owl. People say owls are wise, maybe because their big eyes make them look wise. Actually, owls are not very smart at all."



Being wise means knowing what is right and good. God is the most wise and if we ask him, he will make us wise too.



God's book, the Bible says, "God . . . is wiser than anyone else."

I Corinthians 1:25



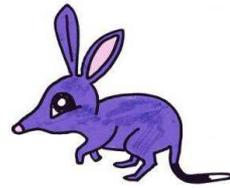
I can say, "Dear God, I'm glad you are so wise. Please help me to learn what is right and good so I can be wise too."

God is wise

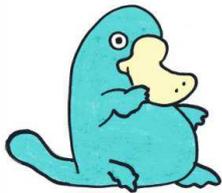
Colour the words.

Do you know what they say?

Who protects you?



Bilby Bob says, "Meet my friend Australian Fur Seal. Many years ago people used to hunt and kill fur seals. Now they are protected by laws. No-one is allowed to hunt my Fur Seal friend."



God's book the Bible says, "The Lord (God) is my protector."

Psalm 18:1



I can say, "Thank you Lord God that you protect me and keep me safe. Thank you for the people who protect me too."

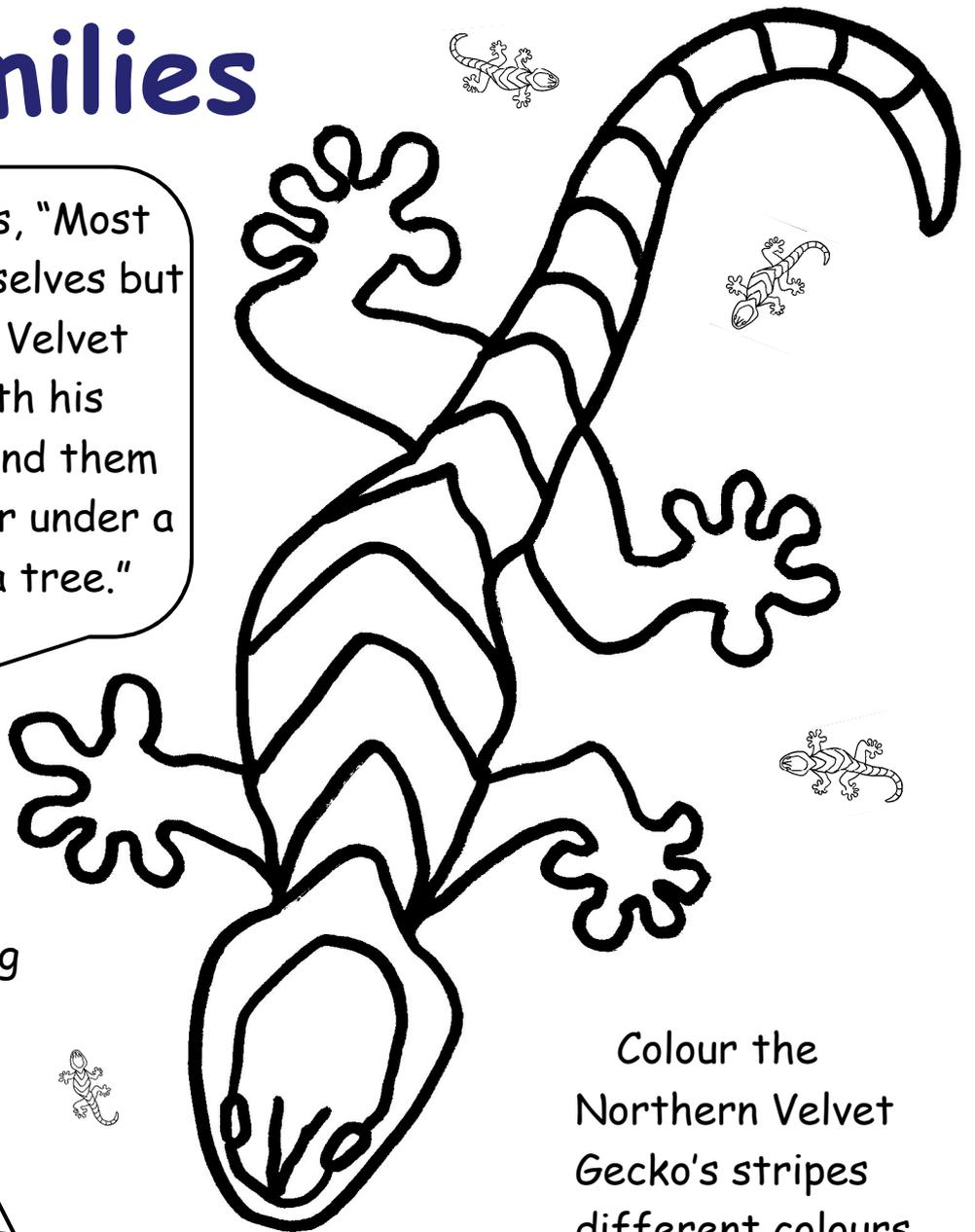
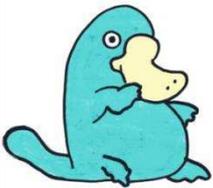
Draw a line around each person who can help protect us and keep us safe. What do they do?



Families



Penny platypus says, "Most lizards live by themselves but my friend Northern Velvet Gecko likes to be with his family. You might find them all snuggled together under a piece of bark from a tree."



What do you like doing with your family?

God's book the Bible says, "God places (us) in families."

Psalm 68:6



Colour the Northern Velvet Gecko's stripes different colours. Can you count his family?



I can say, "Thank you Father God for giving us families. Please help us to care for each other. Thank you for the things we can do and the fun we can have together."



The best guide

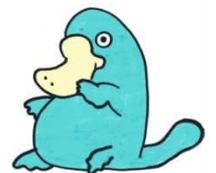
Bilby Bob says, "Feather -tail Glider is as small as a mouse but can glide (like flying) a long way through the air because his feathery tail guides him. He's the only animal with a tail like that."



God's book the Bible says, "God . . . will always guide us."

Psalm 48:14

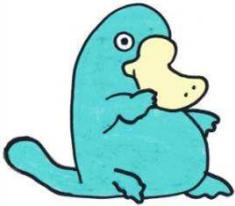
I can say, "Thank you Father God that you promise to guide us through the words in the Bible. Help me to listen to them."



Get another person to cover up their eyes so they can't see. Then guide them through the house by talking to them or holding their arm. If they didn't fall over or go the wrong way, you are a very good guide.

So beautiful

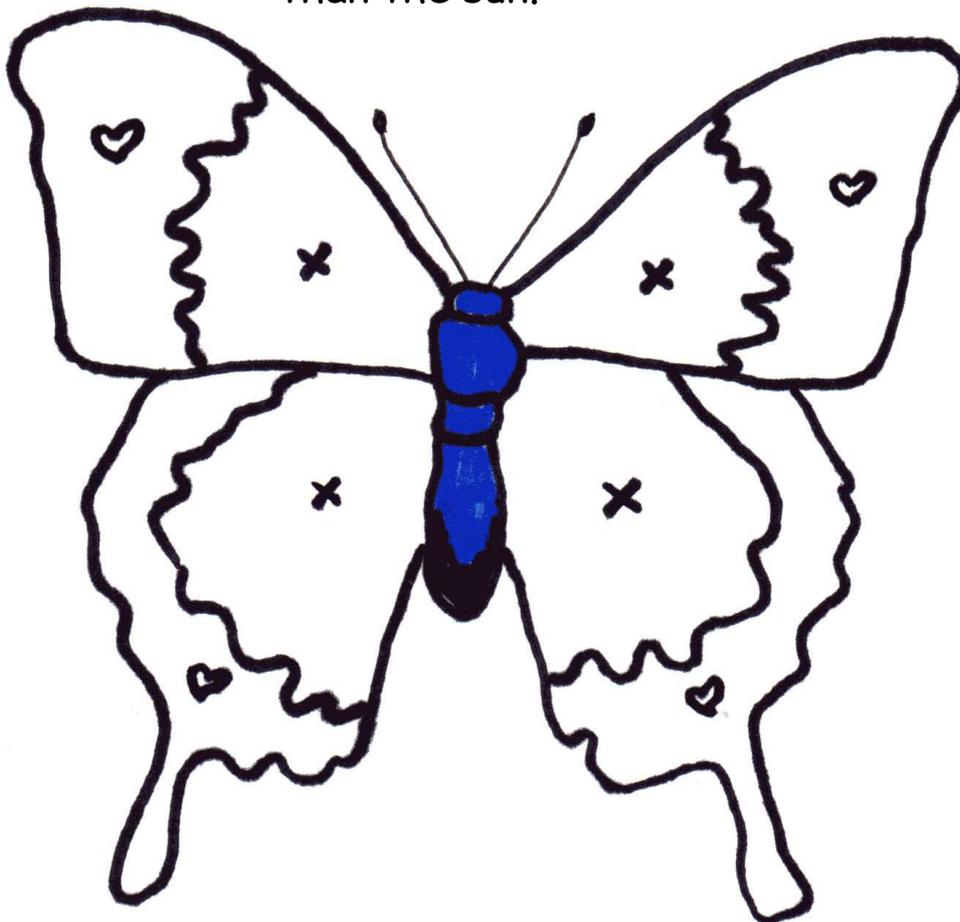
Penny platypus says, "Ulysses Butterfly lives in Northern Australia. His bright blue wings flash and shine as he flies through the trees. He is beautiful."



There are not enough words to describe how beautiful God is. His beauty shines brighter than the sun.

God's book the Bible says, "Behold (see) the beauty of the Lord."

Psalm 27:4



Colour the parts of the butterfly with an X bright blue and the parts with a ♥ black.

I can say to God, "Thank you Lord God that your book the Bible teaches us about how beautiful you are."



Always watching



Penny platypus says,
"Dingo is a wild dog. He
can turn his head around
and see what is happening
behind his back without
moving his body. How far
can you turn your head? "

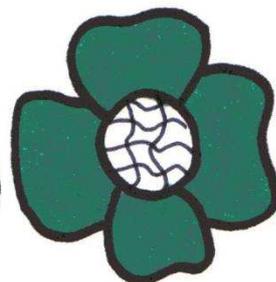
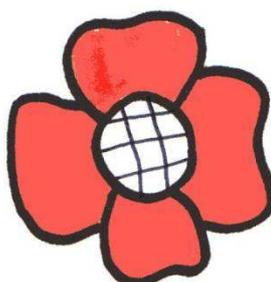
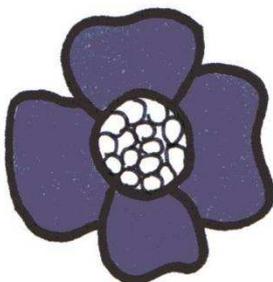
Dingoes can see well but
they can't see everything.
Only God can see
everything, everywhere.

The Bible says, "God. . .
sees us all" Psalm 11:4
"The Lord keeps close
watch over the whole
world." 2 Chronicles 16:9



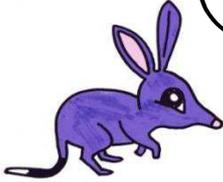
I can say, "Thank you Father God
that you can see everything. You
are always watching over me to
keep me safe."

How well can **you** see these flowers? Draw a line between
each flower and it's matching centre.



Never give up

Bilby Bob says, "My friend Brush Turkey lays her eggs inside a giant mound of sticks, leaves and dirt that keeps them warm until the chicks hatch. Then the chicks have to scratch their way out. It sometimes takes all day but they never give up."



God never gives up either.
He never gives up loving us
and caring for us, no
matter what happens.

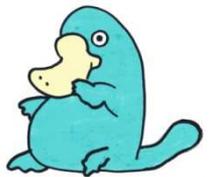


Can you count how many
chicks there are?

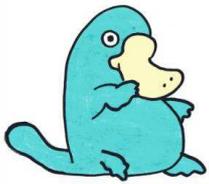


I can say, "Thank you God that you
never gives up loving us. Please help
me to always remember that."

In His book the
Bible, God says,
"I will always
love you."
Jeremiah 31:3



Big or little



God's book the Bible says,
"Jesus . . said,
'Let the little children come to me."
Luke 18:16

Bilby Bob says, "Red Kangaroo is as big and tall as a grownup person but when her joey (baby) is born he is only as big as a bean seed."

It doesn't matter how big or how small we are, Jesus loves us.

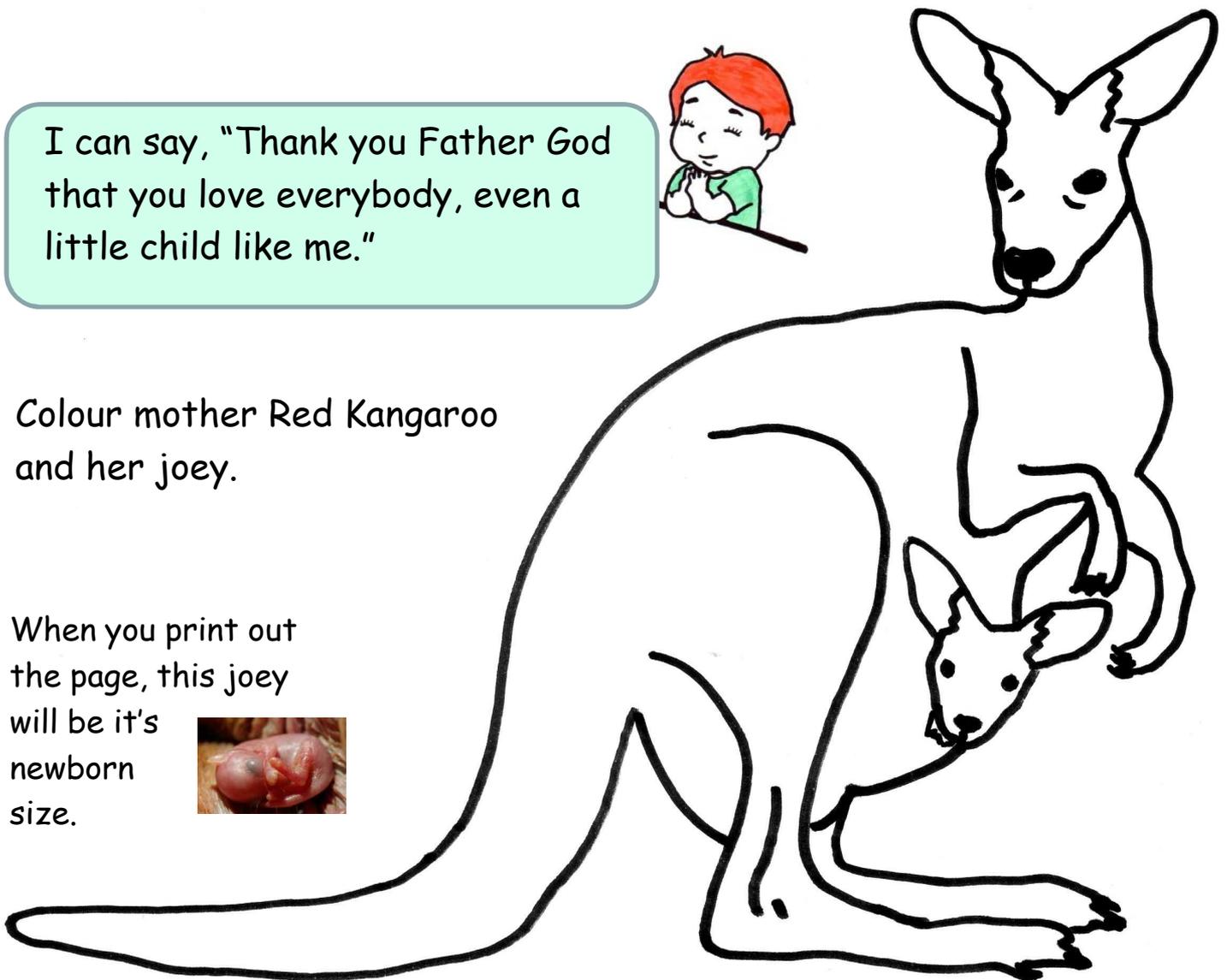


I can say, "Thank you Father God that you love everybody, even a little child like me."

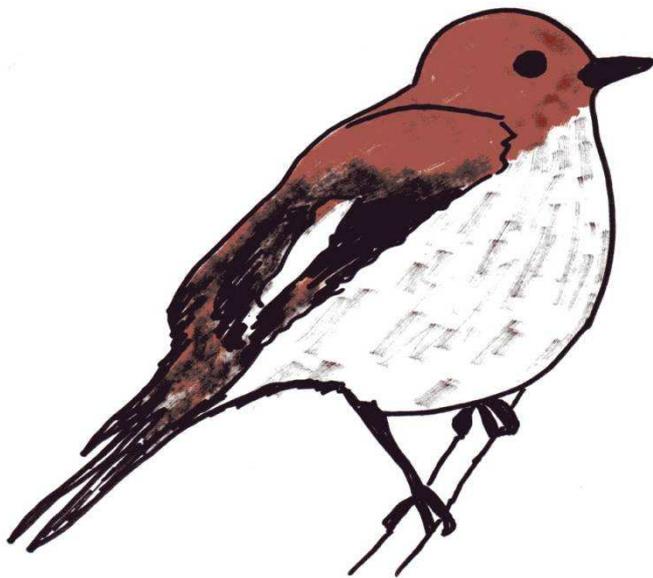


Colour mother Red Kangaroo and her joey.

When you print out the page, this joey will be it's newborn size.



Taking care



Penny platypus says, "My friend Mr Flame Robin is very good at taking care of his wife. He stays with her all their lives. He brings her food, keeps her safe and helps her look after their chicks."



The Bible says,
"God cares for
you." 1 Peter 5:7

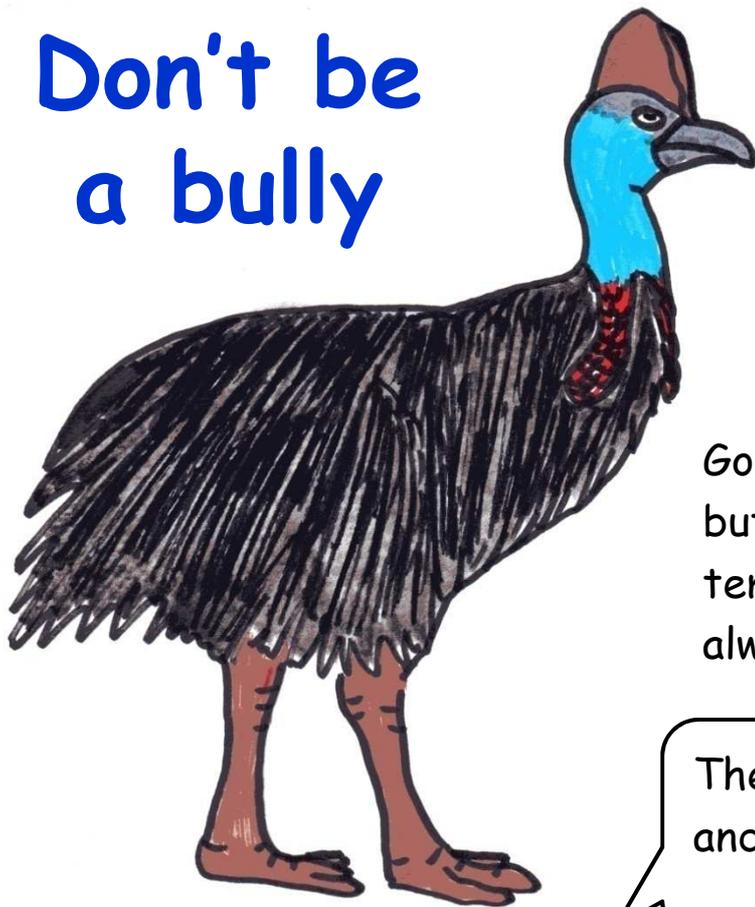


I can say to God,
"Thank you Father God
for caring for me."



Look at the picture to
find out what sort of
things you need to
do to take care of
a new puppy?

Don't be a bully



Bilby Bob says, "Mr Cassowary is big and strong. Sometimes he is bad tempered and a bully. I don't like him then."

God is big and strong but he is never a bad tempered bully. He is always kind and loving.

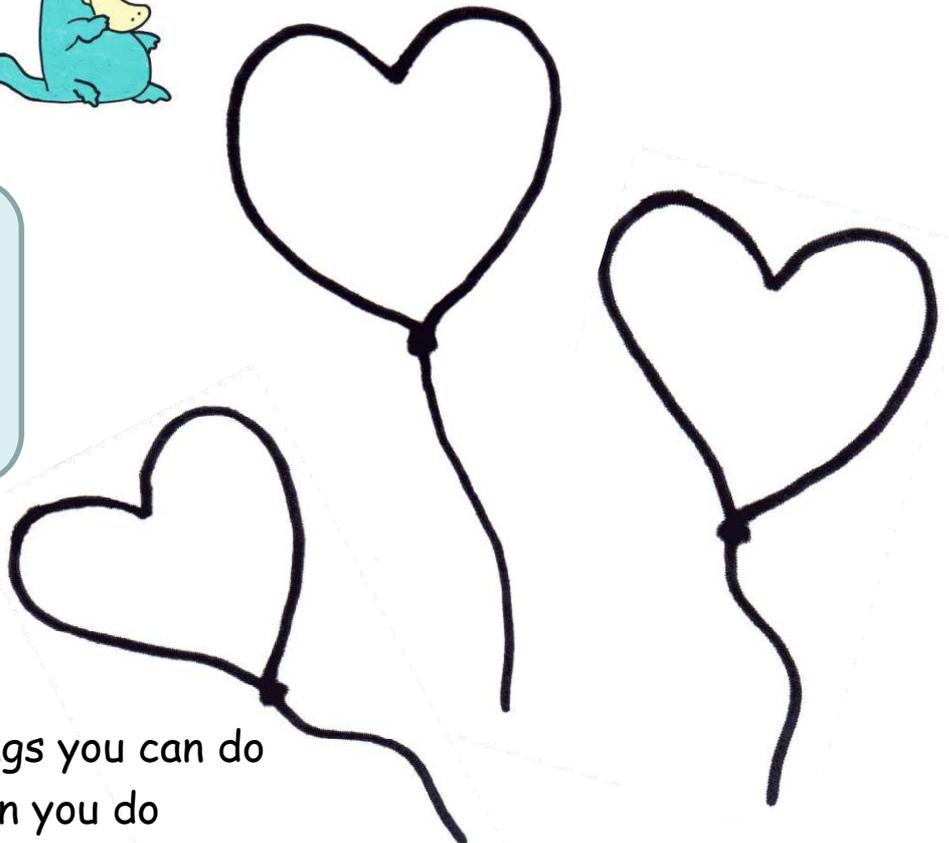


The Bible says, "Lord. You are kind and patient and always loving."

Psalm 145:8



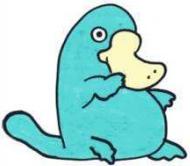
I can say, "Thank you Lord God that you are always kind. Help me to be kind like you."



Think of some kind things you can do for others today. When you do something kind colour in a balloon.

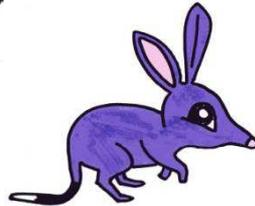
Funny food

Penny platypus says,
"Witchetty Grub lives under
the ground in the roots of
bushes. Aboriginal people
like to eat him. Would you
eat him?"

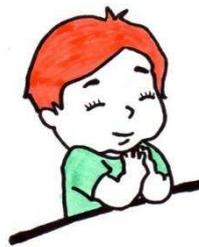


In God's book the
Bible, Jesus says,
"I am the bread
of life."

John 6:35



Food keeps our bodies
alive. Jesus gives life
that goes on forever
with God in heaven.
That's why he says he
is the bread of life.



I can say to God, "Thank
you Jesus for being the
bread of life. Thank you
that when I have you, I
have life forever and ever."

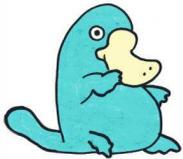
Colour the words and learn what they say.

Jesus gives life

What the sun does



Bilby Bob says, "Meet my friend Perentie. He's a giant goanna. By putting just his head out in the sun, his whole body gets warm."



The Bible says, "God made . . . the sun to rule over the day."

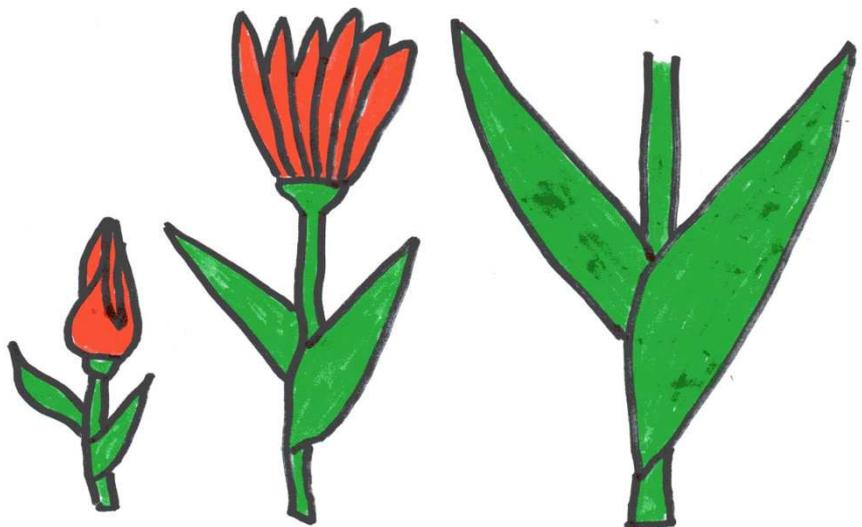
Genesis 1:16

The sun also helps flowers grow.
What else does the sun do?

Draw the fully grown flower and the sun shining on it.

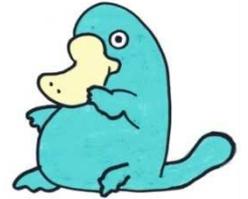


I can say to God, "Heavenly Father thank you for making the sun to keep us warm and give us light."



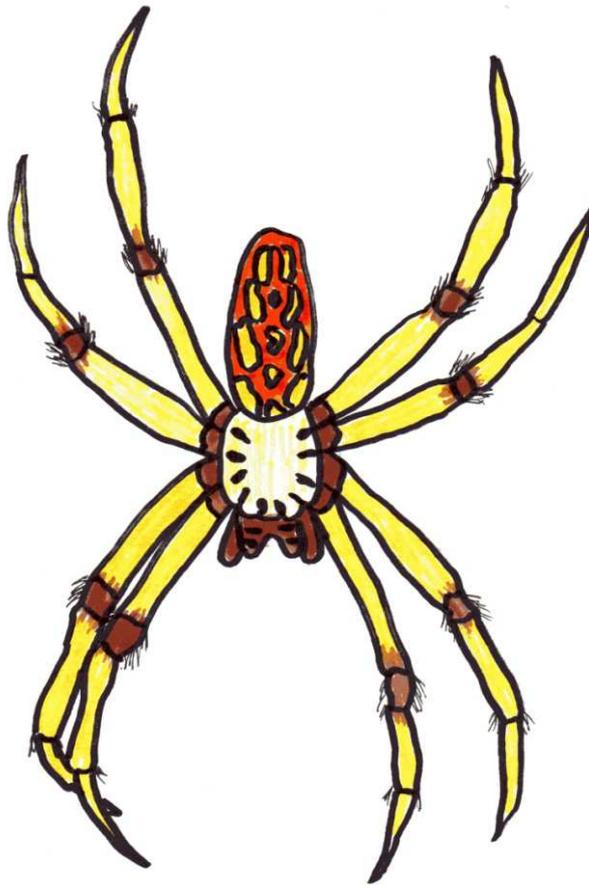
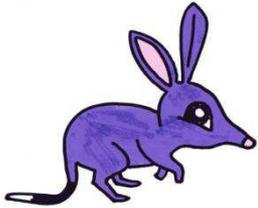
Working hard

Penny platypus says, "My friend Golden Orb Weaving Spider works hard every day making a giant web to catch flies, beetles and mosquitoes for her lunch."

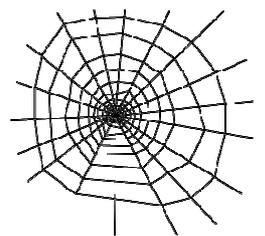


The Bible says, "Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do."

Colossians 3:23



Draw a web like this one. Make it cover the whole page.

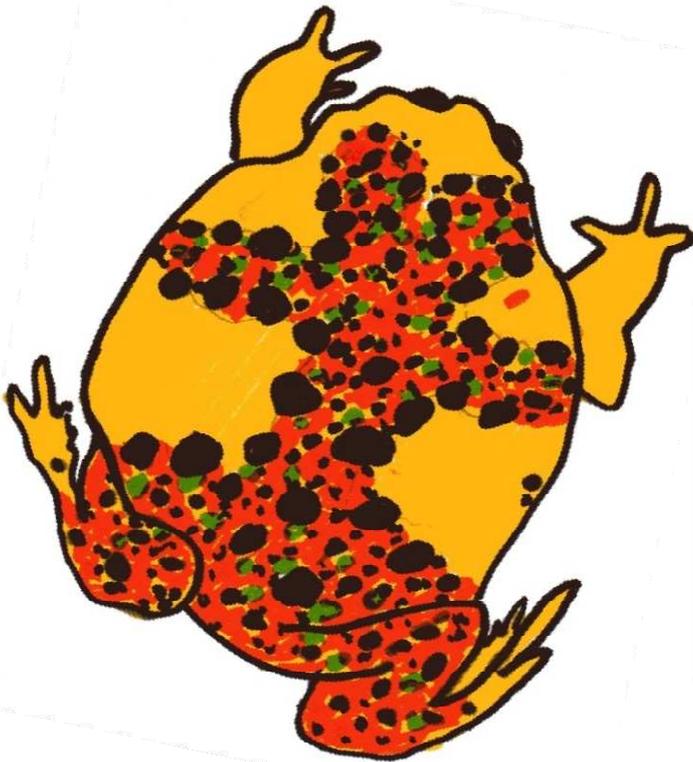


What does the spider's hard work get her?
When we work hard, we will be rewarded too.

I can say, "Heavenly Father, help me to work hard at everything I do."



Saved



Bilby Bob says, "My friend Crucifix (Holy Cross) Frog gets his name from the pattern on his back in the shape of a cross. When there is no water, Crucifix Frog saves himself from dying by burrowing under the ground."

God's book The Bible says, "Christ (Jesus) died for us." Romans 5:8

Jesus died on a cross to save us and give us everlasting life.



I can say, "Thank you Lord Jesus that everyone who believes in you will be saved."

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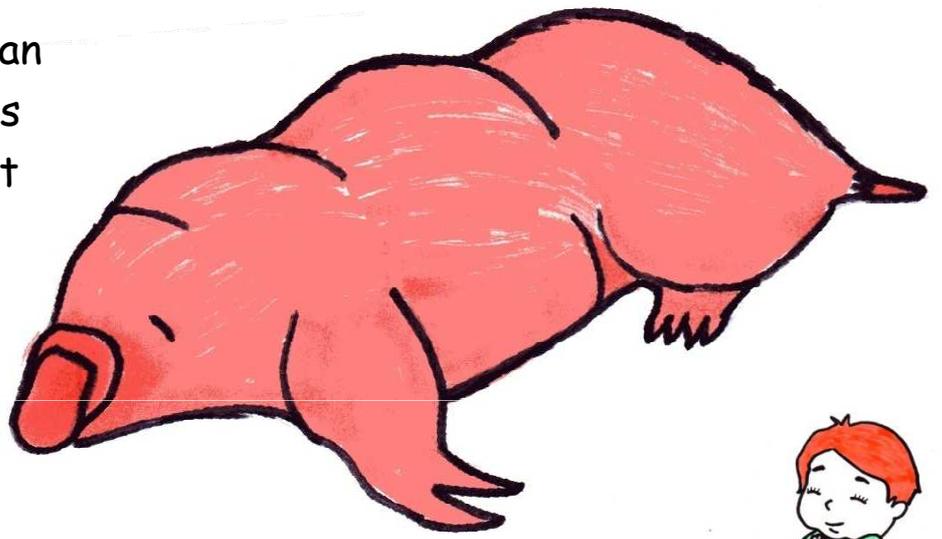
Colour the cross. Get someone to help you cut it out and past it onto cardboard to make a bookmark.



Knowing things

Bilby Bob says, "Have you heard of Marsupial Mole?
Not much is know about him except he has no real eyes or
ears and spends his time under the ground burrowing through
sand. We don't know how he finds food or even other moles."

There are many Australian
birds, animals and insects
that even scientists don't
know very much about.
Only God knows
everything about
them all.



God's book the
Bible says,
"God . . . knows
everything."

1 John 3:20



I can say, "Thank you Father God
that you know everything. Thank
you too for all the things I am
learning everyday. Thank you for all
I'm learning about you."

How many numbers do you know in the lines below? Say them.

1 2 3 4 5 7 9 10

11 13 14 16 18 20 54