



YOUTH HAVEN KIDS' CONNECTION

Have you ever wondered if God really hears you when you talk to Him?

A long time ago, the people of Israel were starting to wonder that same thing. They were supposed to be God's chosen people, but the ruler in Egypt had turned them into slaves and was treating them very badly. It seemed like the more they prayed and asked God for help, the worse things got.

Was He even listening?

The answer, of course, is yes! Every time God's people called out to Him for help, He heard. And He had a perfect plan to rescue them at just the right time.

Look inside to learn more about how God rescued His people, and how His plan included a journey into the wild!



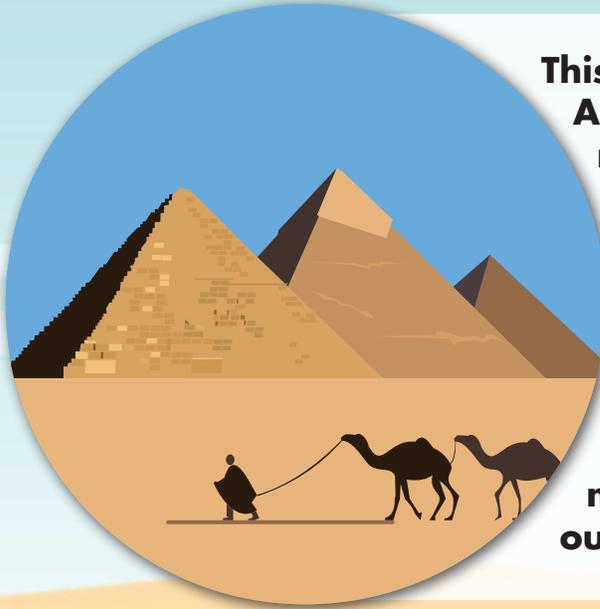
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INTO THE WILD

GOD'S PLAN TO RESCUE HIS PEOPLE



This spring, we learned about a man named Abraham and how his grandchildren became the nation of Israel. You can read that story if you go to havenforkids.fun and click on "Long Haul."

Abraham's grandsons went to Egypt to get food. At first, the Egyptian ruler (called Pharaoh) was kind to them. But after a while, a new Pharaoh rose to power. He was afraid the Israelites would try to take over Egypt, so he made them work for him as slaves. That is where our "Into the Wild" story begins.

God saw how Pharaoh mistreated the people of Israel. There was no way they could save themselves from such an unkind leader. They needed God to rescue them!

God chose a man named Moses to be the leader of the people. He sent Moses to tell Pharaoh that God said to let His people go. The problem was, Pharaoh thought he was more powerful than God. He became angry and refused to let the people go. He even treated them more harshly than before.

God's plan was to show His power to Pharaoh. He made impossible things happen to show Pharaoh that God is the one who is in control. They were things no human could ever have done, even someone as powerful as Pharaoh. God swarmed the land with frogs, flies, locusts, and gnats. He sent lightning and hail storms. Animals died and people became sick. Some of the people of Egypt also died, but God made a way for the people of Israel to be saved.

Finally, Pharaoh agreed to let the people of Israel go. But as they started on their journey, he changed his mind and chased them with his whole army. When the people of Israel got to the Red Sea, they were trapped with the sea in front of them and the Egyptian army behind them. God pulled back the water and created a path of dry land in the middle of the sea, and they walked across! Then God put the water back in place so the Egyptians couldn't follow them. With Moses as their leader, the people of Israel left Egypt and went into the wilderness, where God took care of them and taught them how to be His people.



HARVEY AND FRIENDS

GUESS WHO?

I Live in: Michigan

My Favorites: Marshmallows, the StarLab and looking at the stars, the Dining Hall, hanging from Harvey's antlers

I Don't Like: Salt and vinegar

I'm Good at: Climbing tall trees, solving problems, swimming, and seeing at night. I'm not afraid to stick up for my friends or people who are being bullied. I can be shy at first, but once you get to know me I'm funny and good at making people laugh!

My Favorite Bible Verse: "So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid... For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you." -Deuteronomy 31:6

Learn more about Harvey and Friends at HavenForKids.fun

DID YOU KNOW...

Raccoons are more active at night than they are during the day. The dark "mask" on their faces isn't just for good looks, either! God gave them that dark colored fur around their eyes to help them see better. It reflects light that otherwise might cause a glare and make it hard for them to see things, especially at night!

Isn't God **AMAZING?**

THINK ABOUT IT:

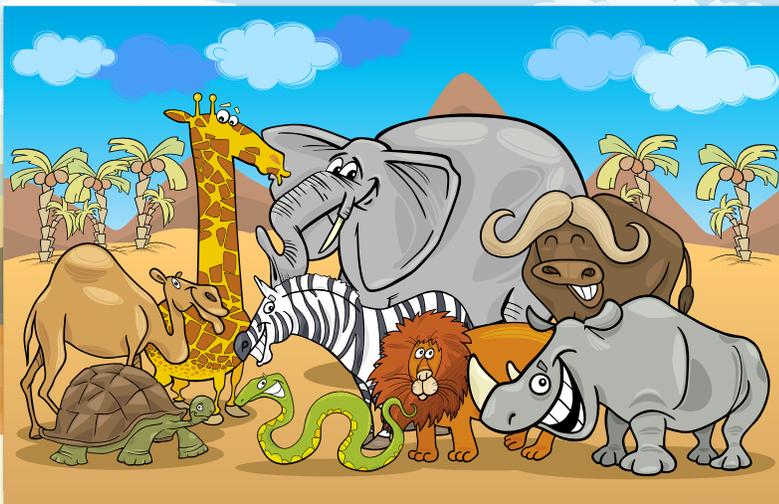
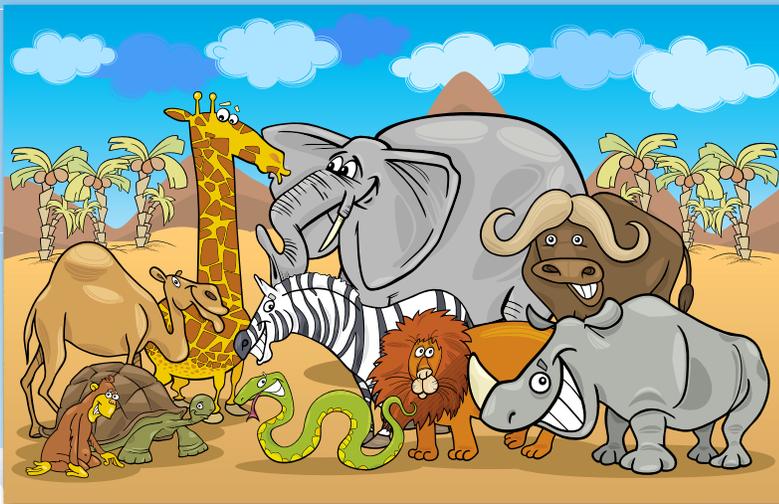
God created animals with all the special qualities they need to survive. He also gave the people of Israel everything they needed to survive in the wilderness. And He will take care of you, no matter what you're going through. He might not always give us everything we want, but He knows what's best for us, and He gives us everything we need!



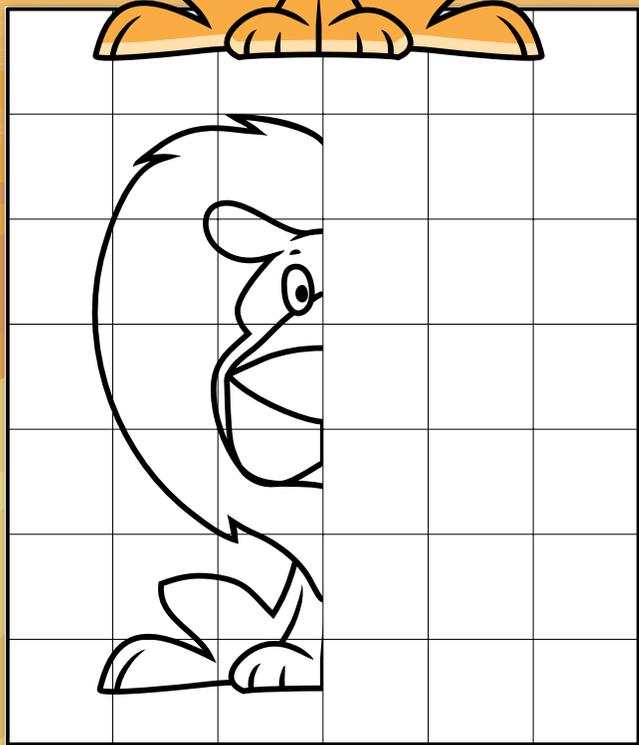
TEAR-OUT ACTIVITY PAGE

Complete the activities on the front and back of this page. Then tear or cut it out and send it back to us to earn a Harvey mail sticker!

CIRCLE 10 DIFFERENCES



FINISH THE PICTURE



FUN FACT:
A baby giraffe is called a calf and can weigh up to 220 pounds when it is born.

FUN FACT:
Elephants are the largest land mammals on Earth. A full-grown male can weigh as much as a school bus!

FUN FACT:
A lion's roar can be heard up to five miles away!

WORD SEARCH FUN

Look up Deuteronomy 2:7 in your Trailbook and use it to fill in the blanks. Then find the words in the word search. If you get stuck, go to havenforkids.fun and click on "Into the Wild."

Deuteronomy 2:7

For the _____ your God
has _____ you in
_____ you have done.
He has _____ your every
_____ through this great
_____. During these
_____ years, the Lord your
_____ has been with you, and
you have _____ nothing.

C N F E D C A L L H G F M U U
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TALK TO GOD

God, I feel...



I feel this way because...

Thank you for...

Please help me...

IN MY WORLD



SAFARI ADVENTURE

A safari is a trip you take to look for animals where they naturally live. The most popular place to go on a safari is Africa, where you might see leopards, lions, elephants, giraffes, zebras, rhinos, buffalo, and more!

God created every animal you see, and He made each one with all the special qualities it would need to survive in its natural surroundings. For example, He gave giraffes long necks so they could eat leaves that are too high for other animals to reach. They never have to worry about anyone else eating their food!

HARVEY IS GOING ON A SAFARI, AND YOU CAN FOLLOW ALONG!



Harvey has promised to take pictures and share everything he learns about the animals he sees on his safari! You can see all his posts at havenforkids.fun or on the Adventure Club app. Check it out!

BACK YARD SAFARI

You don't have to go to Africa to go on a safari! All you have to do is look for animals in their own environment. Harvey's friend Brutus is an American bison who lives in Yellowstone National Park. There, you can go on a safari to look for bears, wolves, bison like Brutus, and even wild horses!

Your own back yard could be a great place for a safari, too! You might be surprised to find out how many critters are living right outside your door. Depending on where you live, you could see birds, insects, lizards, or maybe even wildlife like raccoons, rabbits, or deer! Raccoons (like Harvey's friend Rascal) like to look for things to eat in people's trash.

CHALLENGE

Go on a safari in your back yard! Look for birds, insects or animals of any kind. If you don't see any, look for signs of them like tracks or feathers. Keep a journal of your safari finds by drawing pictures of the things you see and writing short descriptions of them. Have fun!

