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Astonishing Animals



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Introduction

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Animals, animals, and more animals—that’s what I discovered once I had children. Who knew just how many creatures they could become interested in, keep in aquariums, or raise in the backyard! With so much to learn and investigate, it is my goal to have *Astonishing Animals* instill the same kind of curiosity and amazement in your children, learning and making memories for a lifetime as we go.

Of all the places that most children like to go, the zoo has to be among the top picks. How many times can you go through the monkey or lion or snake exhibit? Countless times! Even very young children are fascinated with animals, and we begin building that sense of awe and wonder at a young age as we tell them about Noah and the ark and all of the animals that went in two by two. By selecting animals that are a bit off the beaten path, those in this book should keep things interesting.

Selecting this topic for a Download N Go™ study was a perfect choice, since we live in the middle of the Appalachian forest and are constantly meeting our own astonishing animals! From mountain lions to foxes to timber rattlesnakes and golden eagles, we have been blessed to see just how varied and interesting God’s animals can be! From deep in the forest, I am writing this to help your children see how beautiful His creation is and learn about the creatures of the world in a memorable way.

With this unit study/lapbook, your child will investigate the world of animals. Each day your child will explore and investigate, creating and adding more learning components to his *Astonishing Animals* lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning, to be enjoyed for years to come.

With the Download N Go™ unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week in length, having five daily lessons with lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook—a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, and crayons or markers. That’s it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

For several years, we lived on the east coast of Florida, and our children were able to watch sea turtles lay their eggs and then watch the baby sea turtles struggle back to

the water to begin their life journey. I will never forget the looks on my children's faces as they enjoyed the close-up adventures with these beautiful animals. All of creation is amazing, and I write to help your children catch that vision through this study. As you and your children set off on this *Astonishing Animals* adventure, get ready to learn about some of the most amazing animals on earth—the aye-aye lemur, the wolverine, the Komodo dragon, and more. Join in the fun as we learn about these amazing creatures—where they live, what makes them unique, and other remarkable characteristics.

So get ready for an exciting adventure, and thanks for spending a week with us as we take off learning about animals. While you are enjoying *Astonishing Animals*, look ahead to *Marvelous Moon* and *Expedition Canada*—upcoming titles in the Download N Go™ Series that continues to grow!



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Daily Objectives

Day 1: What Exactly Is an Aye-Aye?

1. What do you know about lemurs?
2. Where in the world do you find aye-eyes?
3. Investigate the lemur family.
4. Discovering the “dancing” lemur.

Day 2: Cool Things About Wolverines

1. What is a wolverine?
2. Learn about wolverines.
3. Where do wolverines live?
4. Discovering the smallest weasel.

Day 3: What Are Komodo Dragons?

1. What kind of animal is a Komodo dragon?
2. Where on earth are Komodo dragons found?
3. Learn about Komodo dragons.
4. Scientists’ recent discovery about Komodo dragons.

Day 4: Getting to Know Loggerhead Sea Turtles

1. What kind of animal is a sea turtle?
2. Learn about loggerhead sea turtles.
3. What are special features of a sea turtle?
4. The loggerhead sea turtle—is it an official state reptile?

Day 5: What Is an Adélie Penguin?

1. How exactly do you say Adélie?
2. Where do Adélie penguins live?
3. Learn about Adélie penguins.
4. Discover how Adélie penguins get around.

Day 1

What Exactly Is an Aye-Aye?

Some of the most interesting creatures on earth are animals. We know that God created the heavens and the earth and ALL of the animals. He made the ones that live in the sea and the ones that fly in the sky and the ones that live on land. *Watch these videos as we begin our study of astonishing animals:*

Video: [Amazing Animals](#)

Video: [Animal ABCs](#)

Video: [Baby Animals](#)

God sure created an interesting bunch of animals here on earth, didn't He? *Visit these links to learn more about the days of Creation.*

[The Story of Creation](#)

[Genesis 1](#)

[Creation](#)

Add this [Days of Creation flap book](#) to your lapbook.



God made three main kinds of animals during Creation. What were these three kinds of animals? *Write your answers below.*

'Kinds' of Animals



He created each and every living thing, and some of His creations are astonishing! We are going to be investigating some of His creatures over the next few days, and I hope that you will keep an eye out for other amazing animals that live in your part of the world.

Let's start our week of investigation with the aye-aye.

Video: [What Is an Aye-Aye?](#)

Video: [Aye-Aye Lemur](#)

