

Dynamic Ducks



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Introduction

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Ducks and kids—fun and fascination go hand in hand with this topic! Every time children see a duckling, they can't help but reach out to touch and hold the ball of down. A peeping, fuzzy, adorable baby duck is a kid magnet, and children's curiosity about ducks presents a fantastic way to introduce them to ducks, birds, migration, and so much more!

Our Creator designed marvelous animals when He created ducks. They are of such variety and so beautiful! Their colors and calls are unique. Did you know that most ducks don't actually quack? Kids and ducks simply go together, from watching a duckling hatch from its shell to learning how it flies and what the feathers do—kids simply have fun with these creatures.

With this study, your children are setting off on a fantastic learning adventure. Just imagine:

- Seeing the unbelievably beautiful feathers and colors of ducks.
- Discovering what makes ducks “waterproof.”
- Listening to whistling ducks.
- Learning about the anatomy of birds and how they fly.
- Hearing the wide variety of duck calls.
- Having fun learning the story behind two famous ducks—Daffy and Donald.

Living on every continent except Antarctica, ducks come in all shapes and sizes. From the tiny Bufflehead to the majestic Redhead, children will learn all about ducks. They will learn about the anatomy of ducks, from their webbed feet to the different types of feathers and why ducks preen their feathers. They will discover where the down in coats and pillows comes from, making the connection between ducks and people in many ways.

With the new 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 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!

Now that you are beginning *Dynamic Ducks* in the Download N Go series, get ready for a wonderful learning adventure into the world of these fun creatures. Your child will investigate these animals—what they eat, the sounds they make, where they live, and what the Bible teaches us about creation. Each day, your child will explore and investigate, creating and adding more learning components to his *Dynamic Ducks* lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

There will be science discoveries, such as learning about the swimming and diving skills of ducks and the different kinds of ducks. Your students will learn a bit of history as they learn about creation and study the life and drawings of John James Audubon, a gifted naturalist and painter. They will learn about the habitats of ducks and much more.

As I write this study, I am fascinated as I watch the video clips of ducks and their hilarious antics! Get ready for an unforgettable adventure, and thanks for spending a week with us as we begin *Dynamic Ducks*!

Notes to parents: *Remember that Internet site content can change overnight. Please check the sites that you plan to use before your child visits them in the study.*

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Daily Objectives

Day 1: What Is a Duck?

1. What do you know about ducks?
2. Meet the Mallard.
3. What is the biggest kind of duck?
4. Today is Dabbling Duck Day!

Day 2: Getting to Know Ducks

1. What kind of animal is a duck?
2. Learn the parts of a duck.
3. What are the characteristics of ducks?
4. Today is Diving Duck Day!

Day 3: Where Are the Ducks?

1. Where do ducks live?
2. What are swamps and marshes?
3. Learn about duck nests and ducklings.
4. Today is Sea Duck Day!

Day 4: The Science of Ducks

1. How does a duck fly?
2. Is a duck really waterproof?
3. Learn about ducks and feathers.
4. Today is Stiff-tailed Duck Day!

Day 5: Cool Things About Ducks

1. Learn about duck migration.
2. Investigate duck sounds and calls.
3. Explore duck cartoon characters.
4. Today is Whistling-Duck Day!



Day 2

Getting to Know Ducks

Let's kick off today with some fun videos of our fine feathered friends, the ducks!

Video: [Baby Duck Can't Stay Awake](#)

Video: [Ducklings Can Run!](#)

Ducks are amazing animals—fun to watch and full of curiosity. It's fun just to sit and see what they will do next!

No matter where you live, you will find animals of all kinds! From the neighbor's dog to your pet goldfish, we live in a world filled with animals. People are animals too!

What kind of animal are we? *Write your answer below.*

[Animals](#)



When we study ducks, first we need to figure out what kind of animal they are. We learned yesterday that a duck is a bird, but what kind of bird is a duck? *Fill in your answer below.*

Ducks

Ducks are birds, and they are also called _____.

What other birds are in this same category with ducks? *Circle your answer below.*



What five characteristics do birds have? *Write your answer below.*

Bird Characteristics

1. _____

4. _____

2. _____

5. _____

3. _____