

Turtle

Special feature: The hard shell of a turtle has parts-a round covering on top and a flat section under the belly. The shell is made from bony plates that are attached to the turtle's ribs and vertebrae. The strong shell forms a solid covering of armor for the turtle. This protective armor guards the soft body of the turtle from its enemies and from the weather.

Bible Verse: Ephesians 6:13

God's glory: God is our protector against evil.

Emperor Penguin

Special feature: Emperor Penguins show us great examples of patient endurance. They live in the coldest place on earth, the Antarctic. When a momma penguin lays an egg at the beginning of winter, she gives it to the dad. He holds his egg-baby on top of his toes. He keeps it off the ice so it won't freeze. A thick fold of skin on his belly hangs down like a blanket to cover the egg. The patient father holds his egg for two months, about 60 days. All this time he eats nothing. When the egg hatches, the father finally goes to the ocean to find a great meal of fish!

Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 1:16

God's glory: God is patient

Snail

Special feature: Snails may be small and slow, but they are a very important and special creature. The snail helps to eat the leaves and twigs that carpet the forest floor, helping to keep the plants of the forest healthy and strong.

Bible Verse: Luke 18:16

God's glory: God gives worth to every person no matter how big or small, fast or slow. If you follow Jesus, God sees you as a part of His family no matter what you might look like or what gifts and abilities you have.

Seahorse

Special feature: The mother seahorse lays 50 to 400 eggs. But it is the father who keeps the eggs in his pouch until they hatch. While in the pouch the eggs are kept warm and safe from any danger in the sea world.

Bible Verse: Luke 11:13

God's glory: God is our Heavenly Father who takes the very best care of His children.

Tiger

Special Feature: The Bengal Tiger is much stronger than almost any other animal! The tiger's sharp claws hold so tightly to its prey that nothing can escape from its strong and deadly grip.

Bible Verse: Psalm 118:14

God's glory: God is powerful! He is able to do anything.

Portuguese Man-of-War

Special Feature: The Portuguese man-of-war looks like a blue jelly-like balloon bobbing atop the ocean's waves. It looks like it is a single large creature. But it is really made up of many small groups called polyps. All of these living groups are attached to the main stem. They work and cooperate together to make the jellyfish seem like one creature. The man-of-war could never live without the cooperation of all of its parts. The man-of-war stings and paralyzes its prey with its stinging parts and then the feeding polyps slowly digest the meal.

Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:18

God's glory: God takes care of His church by giving each person in it a job to do.

Bat

Special Feature: You might have heard the saying "blind as a bat" but bats are definitely not blind. They don't use their eyes to see, but they send out sonar signals. The bat makes these signals by squeezing its throat muscles. The high-pitched signals then fly out into the air through the bat's nose. Those signals then bounce off an insect or the side of a cave back to the bat's super sensitive ears. The bat then knows to fly toward or away from the object. Bats know how far away an object is based on how long it takes for the sonar signals to come back to them.

Bible Verse: John 8:12

God's glory: Jesus/God is the light of the world. He brings light to darkness; goodness to our sin filled world.

Ladybird Beetle

Special Feature: The ladybird beetle, or lady bug, is beautiful with its bright red back and round black spots. But to birds and other predators, those red and black colors on the ladybug's back are warning signals: "Watch out! You'll be sorry if you eat me! I taste terrible!"

Bible Verse: Leviticus 18:4

God's glory: God warns us about sin. He wants us to live lives that are good and right and helps us to do so.