

Animal Welfare Sunday

Children's Resources



Talking about it

Which Baby Likes? (All ages)

Show the group the photos of the human baby, monkey baby and rabbit baby. Ask the following questions:

- 👉 Which baby likes snuggles with mum?
- 👉 Which baby gets hungry and thirsty?
- 👉 Which baby gets scared by strangers and loud noises?
- 👉 Which baby likes to play?

In each case, the answer of course is *all* of the babies. Explore how many feelings and experiences we have in common with animals. Can we imagine that a loving God would make creatures capable of sharing all these things and then not care about the kind of lives they had? Can we imagine Jesus saying it didn't matter whether animals suffered?

Bible Reading: 1 John 4:14-17

Activities

Christians Care Badges (Ages 5+ with careful supervision)

Equipment: Round pre-cut circular pieces of card with 'Christians Care: God Cares' written around the edge, plastic stick on eyes, paint, felt-tips, cotton wool and any other bits and pieces useful for making animal faces, safety pins, sellotape.

Activity: Make an animal face of your choosing in the centre of the badge.

Print Poster-Everything that has breath (All ages)

Equipment: Large piece of a paper or card, paint, stamps cut from foam or potato in various foot print shapes (hooves, paws, human, bird etc).

Activity: Print footprint trails of different creatures in different colours across the paper. There are many living creatures on this planet and they are all created and loved by God.

True or False Quiz

Equipment: Pens and paper to write down answers (if desired).

Activity: Fun quiz either played individually or in teams, reminding us of the wonder of God's creation and our place in it. The questions are below, click on the link to see the answers.

- a) Camels have two sets of eyelids to help keep sand out of their eyes.
- b) Some octopuses can use their legs to walk.
- c) Whales and hippos have a common ancestor.
- d) Some baboons have pet dogs.
- e) Lions are the biggest species in the cat family.
- f) Elephants can swim and they even use their trunk like a snorkel in deep water.
- g) Humans are the only animals to use tools.
- h) Tortoise shells are like finger nails and have no feeling.
- i) Bees communicate with each other by dancing.
- j) Giraffes have unique patterns of spots, no two are identical.

**Lots more resources and ideas for young people
can be found at**

http://www.aswa.org.uk/page/youth_and_children/