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CAMOUFLAGE

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On the back of this page you are reading, you will find a "Seek and Find" puzzle. In the picture are many objects. Some are easy to find, yet others blend in with the rest of the picture and are harder to see. God has made many animals and insects the same way – many are easy to see, yet others, using camouflage, are very hard to spot.

Many hunters and soldiers use special clothes, nets, paint patterns and other things to help them hide. Hunters

use camouflage to hide from the animals they are hunting, and soldiers use it to hide from their enemy. The word "camouflage" means to disguise yourself in such a way as to look like the things around you.

Man has put a lot of thought and design into their camouflage, many times copying things they see around them in nature.

In the beginning, before Adam sinned, all creatures were vegetarian. They didn't

eat each other. It is because of man's sin we have death and killing in this world today ("Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin;" Romans 5:12a). Today many animals and insects eat other creatures in order to live. Some of these hunting creatures are not strong enough or possibly fast enough to catch their prey. God has provided some of these hunters with camouflage so they can hide unseen, waiting for their next meal to get close enough to be ambushed. God has also provided for weaker creatures. Many use camouflage to hide from those that might eat them.

Look carefully at the pictures on this page. Can you spot the camouflaged creatures? The different color combinations, shapes, and actions God uses in His creation are truly amazing! The

hidden creatures in these pictures have camouflage that is fixed ... they are born with that particular design, so they must search for things around them that they can blend in with and hide. Some others, like a chameleon or an octopus, can actually change their colors to blend in to where ever they are. Could all these perfectly camouflaged creatures have just evolved by chance and accident? No! These fantastically designed creatures



STONEFISH



LEAF FROG



STICK INSECT

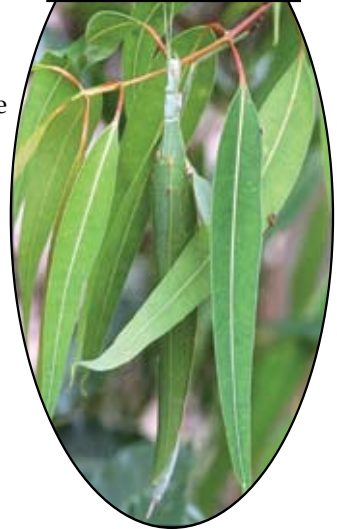
point to a Creator ... they were made by God! We can learn from these well camouflaged creatures. We know that "God is light" (1 John 1:5). Light here means all things that are true and good. Jesus said, "... I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."(John 8:12b). If you believe and follow Jesus, you should also live a life of truth and goodness. Be very careful in what you believe! "...for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14). Satan who is evil will try to disguise or camouflage himself as something good to try to trick you into not

believing in the Bible or in God. He uses television, movies, museums, books, magazines, music, and even people

to try to trick you into believing God didn't create everything and that evolution and other false ideas are true. He is trying to make us believe that God is not real. Don't be fooled! Read and believe the Bible, and you will know the real truth!

Even though God provides ways for creatures to hide from their enemies, he doesn't want us to hide ... "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Jesus wants you to be bold and brave. Don't hide your light under a bushel, but put it on a candlestick so all can see (Matthew 5:15). Tell people about Jesus!

CHILDREN'S STICK INSECT



DEAD LEAF MOTH



BIRD DROPPING CATERPILLAR

SEEK AND FIND: Find the hidden objects in the picture below.

- EASY TO FIND:** Mouse Goose Puzzle Piece Tennis Shoe Bear Smiley Face Toy Bow Tie Skeleton Key American Flag Pocket Knife
- A LITTLE HARDER:** Padlock 1 Yellow M&M Cross 1 Green M&M Red Hand Rock 3 Dark Brown M&M's 3 Blue M&M's 6 Orange M&M's Red Circle
- HARDER YET:** Rabbit Campfire Train Car Arrow 2 Puzzle Pieces Cork 3 Dinosaurs 3 Square Nuts 2 Bolts 1 Marble
- CHALLENGE:** Pink W

If you believe in Jesus, you should turn away from your sins and try to be more like Jesus. Solve the puzzle below to see what God says.

CROSS OUT ALL:

1. Girls' Names 2. Fish 3. Boys' Names 4. Colors 5. Reptiles 6. Shapes

SAMUEL	FOR	YE	SARAH	GREEN
WERE	PERCH	ROBERT	SOMETIMES	RECTANGLE
TRIANGLE	ABIGAIL	DARKNESS,	CROCIDILE	BUT
NOW	YELLOW	ARE	TROUT	YE
SHARK	LIGHT	PENTAGON	IN	SANDRA
LIZARD	THOMAS	THE	SQUARE	LORD:
WALK	TURTLE	CARP	AS	PURPLE
RED	CHILDREN	SAMANTHA	JAMES	OF
CIRCLE	MARK	LIGHT:	BLUE	ALLIGATOR
EPHESIANS	TORTOISE	SALMON	5:8	CLAUDIA

ANSWER

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.
Ephesians 5:8