

Lesson 11

God's Animal Kingdom Classroom

*Magpie*



The Magpie is another interesting bird. The Magpie is a very brave and bold bird who will not back down from other aggressive birds. They are very strong fliers and perform many beautiful moves while in flight.

The most interesting thing about the Magpie is its ability to mimic the calls of other birds. If you do not know it is a Magpie up in the tree, you could easily be fooled into thinking that there are a number of different birds in the tree. The Magpie will sometimes give a danger call in another bird's language to scare it away so that it can eat food that it finds without another bird trying to take the food away.

What can we learn from the Magpie?

The Magpie teaches us to speak to others in their own way of talking. When we tell others about Jesus and what He has done for us, we must talk in such a way as to be understood. Some people have been to church and have heard more about Jesus. Other people have never been to church and we must talk about Jesus in a simple way so that they will understand. Some people have trouble understanding your language because they come from other countries. Some people may come from different religions and do not understand what Jesus did for all of us. The Magpie teaches us to speak to each person in the way they can best understand us.

Just as the Magpie can call out a danger signal in another bird's language, we should be able to do the same with others who do not realize how dangerous their sins are. The Bible tells us in 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 19:10, *"You are to warn them not to sin against the Lord."* We should be ready to help others understand that only Jesus can save us from our sins and without Him, we are in danger of eternal punishment. We should be ready to tell others in language that they can understand that we all need Jesus to save us from our sins and He is ready and willing to do this for us all. When the apostles were given the Holy Spirit, they were able to speak in the languages of the many different people who were in the city. The Bible tells us in Acts 2:11, *"We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"*

The apostle Paul tells us in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:20-22, *"To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak to*

*win the weak. I have become all things to all men  
so that by all possible means I might save some."*

