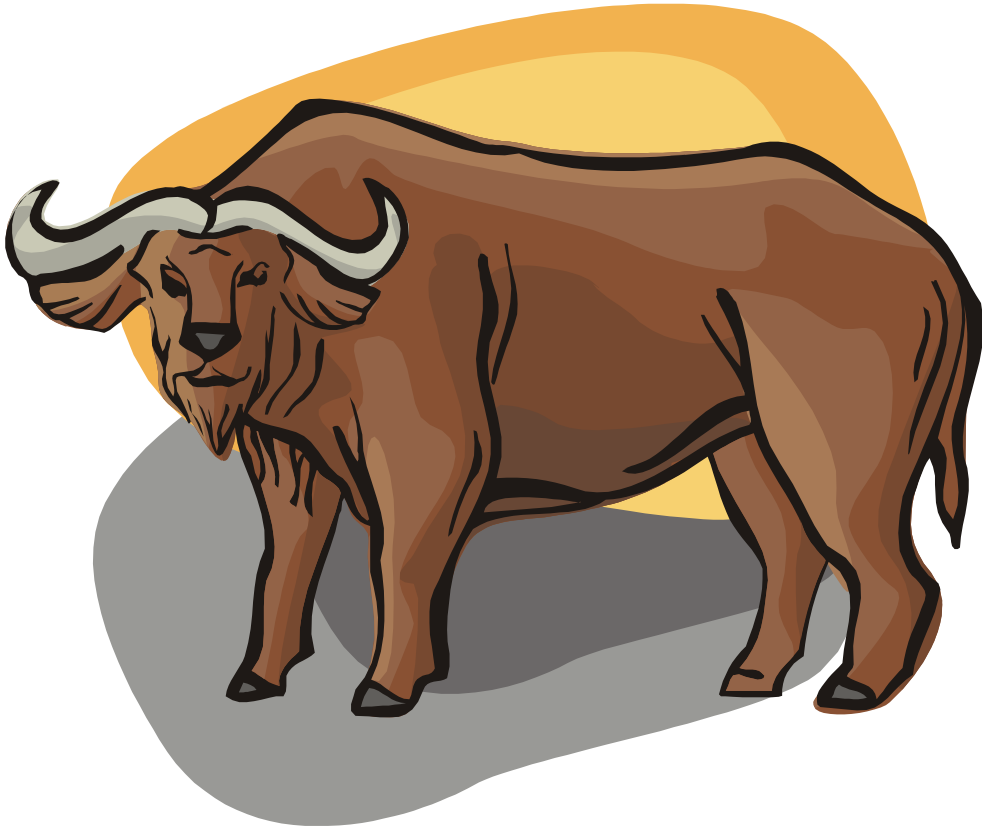


Lesson 5

God's Animal Kingdom Classroom

*African Cape Buffalo*



The Cape buffalo is a very social animal living in large herds as large as several thousand animals. The members of the herd are very friendly toward each other, often feeding and sleeping so close to each other that they touch. The Cape buffalo is very protective of the herd, especially the young animals and will charge an

enemy in large numbers. They are wonderful friends to each other and a terror to any who try to harm the members of the herd.

What can we learn from the Cape buffalo?

The Cape buffalo teaches us how to live within the church for the peace and safety of everyone. The Bible says in Romans 14:19, "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification (improving religious knowledge)."

The Cape buffalo does not act selfishly but rather for the good of all the members of the herd. This is how we should act toward others. They remain close to each other and watch out for each other. We too should think about others and watch out for the safety of others.

The Cape buffalo is very careful to protect the young from enemies that would harm them. Children need protecting from harm, especially from Satan and his sinful ways.

When the herd is threatened, they group together and attack the enemy. Even lions will run from a group of Cape buffalo on the attack. We too should be ready to attack sin when we

recognize it and push it away. Satan wants us to sin and turn away from God. We should pray for help from God and push Satan away so that he cannot harm us. The Bible tells us in James 4:7, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you." If others try to make fun of us because of our faith in Jesus, we should be ready to fight back, not with our fists, but with words from the Bible.

The Cape buffalo teaches us a valuable lesson in how to get along in a group, especially a group of fellow Christians.

