

## God's Animal Kingdom Classroom

# *Porcupine*



The porcupine is a gentle animal which likes to go about its business undisturbed. The porcupine is covered with quills which are loosely attached to its skin. When it is threatened by a predator, it can curl up into a tight ball with its quills facing outward, a move which discourages its enemy. If it has to defend itself, it can lash out with its quill covered

tail to hit its enemy and leave a bunch of quills in it. It is not true that the porcupine can shoot its quills like arrows. If the porcupine is not threatened, it will not attack.

**What can we learn from the porcupine?**

The porcupine has a very impressive coat of quills to keep it safe from those who would do it harm. We have an impressive protection from harm also. Our protection is the word of God in the Bible. God's word teaches us about His love and the salvation that Jesus won for us. When sin tries to harm us, we can turn to the Bible for help and we can pray for protection. God is always ready to help us in times of need. He has already given us the forgiveness from sins through His Son Jesus and does not want anything to take us away from Him and the eternal life we have waiting for us.

Jesus is like the porcupine's quills: armor for protection from all who would harm us. The Bible tells us in Ephesians 6:11, 16, 17, *"Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes...Take up the shield of faith...and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God."*

**We should always look to Jesus for protection  
from all harm.**

