

God's Animal Kingdom Classroom

Beaver



The beaver lives in rivers and ponds near woodland. They are excellent swimmers and can stay underwater for up to fifteen minutes. They have a large flat tail which helps them to swim and build their homes. Beavers will alert other beavers when they see danger by slapping their tails on the water which makes a loud noise. Beavers usually form permanent families and

make good parents as they tenderly care for their young.

The beaver builds its home by chewing trees until they fall and then drags them into the water to make a dam. The dam has areas for living and storing food. The beaver constantly repairs and strengthens its home.

While some consider the beaver a pest, its dams help to prevent erosion and reclaim land from wetland as well as create ponds which make a home for many other animals including birds and fish. Beavers are prized for their beautiful fur.

What can we learn from the beaver?

We can learn loyalty and concern for others from the beaver. When danger is present, beavers warn their neighbors with a loud slap of their tail on the water. We too should care about the safety and well being of those around us. We can also learn how to be good husbands, wives and parents from the beaver. Beavers are loyal to their husbands, wives and children.

Just as the beaver constantly strengthens and repairs its home, we should also constantly strengthen our faith and repair our behavior

according to the teachings of the Bible. The Bible says in 2nd Thessalonians 1:3, *“We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so because your faith is growing more and more and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.”*

The beaver constantly builds up its home and creates a new home for other animals. We should try to help others find a new home in the love of Jesus as we get the chance to tell about salvation.

Just as the beaver is prized for its beautiful fur, we should reflect the beauty and love of God in our lives and so make others want to share in the faith we have been given. Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:16, *“Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”*

While some people think of the beaver as a pest because it builds its dams and changes the course of waterways, the beaver really is doing a lot of good. As a believer in Jesus, we also can change the course of things as we live and act as the Bible tells us we should. By the things we say and do, we can change the world around us for the better. Some people who do not believe in

Jesus may think this is a bad thing but this is what God wants us to do and He is the One we should try to serve.

