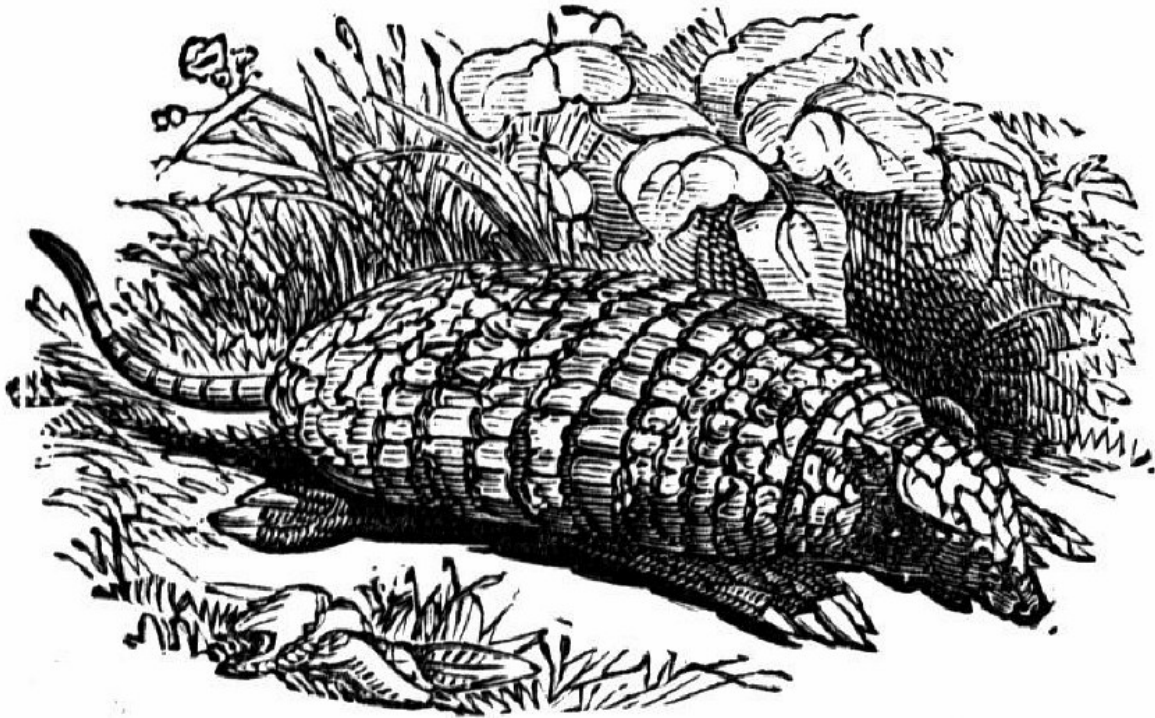


God's Animal Kingdom Classroom

Armadillo



The armadillo lives in areas with soft soil and rotting wood, since it builds a burrow underground to live in and eats insects which it finds in rotting wood and in the soil.

The most interesting thing about the armadillo is its armor (*the name armadillo means "little man in armor"*). When it is in danger and cannot run away or burrow into the ground for protection, it

rolls itself up in a ball with its armor plates forming great protection.

Armadillos have four babies at a time and each one is an exact twin of the others.

What can we learn from the armadillo?

The armadillo teaches us how to deal with the danger of sin. Just like the armadillo flees from danger, will burrow to get away from it, or will roll itself up in a ball and put its trust in its armor, we too should deal with the danger of sin. When we are tempted by sinful things, we too should run from it. If we cannot run away, we should *“burrow”* into the Bible’s teachings to help us resist evil things. When the danger of sin is very great, we can always depend on the armor of God’s love and protection to keep us safe. Jesus taught us to pray in Matthew 6:13, *“Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one (Satan).”* The Bible tells us in Ephesians 6:10-11, *“Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”* The armadillo teaches us how to use the armor of God to protect ourselves from sin and the devil.

The armadillo also teaches us how important it is to read our Bibles so that we understand what God has done for us and what He asks of us. If we read our Bibles, we will all follow the same rules and be alike in our belief and worship just like the armadillo's babies are all alike. God wants us to be alike in our faith as the Bible tells us in Psalm 133:1, *"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity."* The Bible also tells us this in Ephesians 4:12, *"So that the body of Christ (those who believe in Jesus) may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God."*

This simple animal teaches us a great deal about our Savior and His help in times of trouble and temptation.

