

God's Animal Kingdom Classroom

Ferret



The ferret lives in prairies where it hunts prairie dogs. It has a long, sleek body which allows it to run down a prairie dog tunnel as it hunts. The ferret does not give up in its hunt and will chase a prairie dog great distances once it smells one.

Ferrets make good pets and have become very popular in recent times.

What can we learn from the ferret?

The ferret teaches us a very valuable lesson in how we should seek God. Just as the ferret does not give up the chase and will follow its prey a great distance through dark tunnels, we too should pursue God and the righteousness that Jesus earned for us with equal dedication. Jesus is the bright light in the darkness of the world and we should seek Him through all of the dark “*tunnels*” of this sinful world.

With our faith in God and the assurance of the salvation won by Jesus, we should never give up seeking Him and His righteousness. As Jesus said in Matthew 5:6, “*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled.*” This does not mean that we can earn our own salvation - only Jesus could do that for us. What this means is that we are blessed with the gift of salvation and should always seek to show our love to God by doing all we can to strengthen our faith through Bible reading and prayer so that we can remain strong in our faith.

Another Bible passage that teaches us about perseverance (*not giving up*) is found in James 1:12, *“Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.”* This tells us to be like the ferret and not give up even when times are bad. The Holy Spirit will help you keep your faith in Jesus and the salvation He has earned for you. Strengthen your faith by reading your Bible and with prayer and you will find comfort and strength even in bad times. One day, you will be in heaven and have happiness forever with Jesus.

