

God's Animal Kingdom Classroom

Wolf



The wolf is an animal that is greatly misunderstood and many legends and myths have been made up about it. The wolf is really a noble creature that we can learn much from.

Wolves live in family groups of up to fifteen members. There is an established order among members and everyone has his place in the group. Groups of wolves avoid each other so that peace is maintained. Wolves hunt together for the common

good with each sharing the food. The young are cared for by all members of the group. Wolves bark and howl to keep all members informed of where they are so that none get lost.

Despite all the fear about wolves, attacks on people by wolves are extremely rare, much rarer than bear attacks or shark attacks.

What can we learn from the wolf?

The wolf teaches us not to believe gossip, rumors, legends or myths. Rather than being the evil villain, wolves are wonderful examples for us to follow. We should be careful of who and what we believe as the Bible teaches us in 1st John 4:1, *“Test the spirits to see whether they are from God because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”*

Wolves teach us how to live together in peace and in good order. Wolves are loyal to their family groups and each has his place in the group. All of the members of the group cooperate to find food and raise the young. The Bible tells us in Psalm 133:1, *“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity.”* The apostle Paul tells us in 2nd Corinthians 13:11, *“Be of one mind, live in*

peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.” It is with unity, cooperation and peaceful ways that Christians spread the good news of the Gospel of salvation to the entire world for God’s glory.

Wolves teach us to make our presence known to all. The wolf will bark and howl to let everyone know where it is. Members of the wolf’s family are kept from getting lost and other groups of wolves are told to stay away in this manner. Christians can learn to be bold in proclaiming their faith, just like the wolf’s howling, so that everyone can know what they believe in. As the apostle Paul tells us in 2nd Corinthians 4:13, *“It is written: ‘I believed therefore I have spoken.’ With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak.”*

When others do not understand our faith in Jesus as our Savior, they may believe gossip or other false stories. Just as the wolf really does not act the way that false stories suggest they do, we should try to set a good example that shows the love of Jesus so that the truth can be seen in us. As Jesus teaches us in Matthew 5:16, *“Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”* If we believe and live the way the Bible teaches us, we

prove that being a Christian is a good way to live and there is joy both in this world and the next. Many people who do not have faith in Jesus may see us and want to have the joy we have also. We should always be ready to explain how Jesus lived a perfect life and then died on the cross to save us all from the eternal punishment of our sins. The Bible teaches us in 1st Peter 3:15, *“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have (forgiveness of sins and eternal life). But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.”*

