

God's Animal Kingdom Classroom

Starling



There is a very interesting story about the starling. Many years ago a man wanted to bring to the United States every animal mentioned in the works of William Shakespeare. The starling was one of those animals. The man brought about twelve pairs of starlings to the eastern United States. Within a few years these few starlings multiplied to the point of filling the cities with their relatives.

Before long, starlings were to be found all over the United States.

What can we learn from the starling?

The starling teaches us that God's blessing of *"Be fruitful and multiply"* is still at work on the earth. The starling also teaches us that every one of us is valuable and has a job to do in God's kingdom.

When God blessed His creation saying, *"Be fruitful and multiply,"* the blessing did not only last for a short time. God's blessings like His promises are for all time. The starling shows us that God has not stopped blessing His creation. From just a few starlings came millions of starlings. This reminds us of the promise God gave to Abraham in Genesis 15:5, *"He (God) took him (Abraham) outside and said, 'Look at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.' Then he (God) said to him (Abraham), 'So shall your offspring be.'" God's promise and blessing came true for Abraham as it does for us today. We can fully believe the promises that Jesus gave to us about our salvation because God is faithful. The Bible tells us in 1st Corinthians 1:9, "God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful."*

The starling also teaches us that every one of us is valuable and has a job to do in God's kingdom. Like the few starlings that came to the United States and then spread all over the country, the Christian faith began with only a few faithful believers. From these few and the hard work they did to spread the gospel of salvation, the church grew larger every day to God's glory. Jesus tells us in Matthew 9: 37, "*The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.*" The harvest is all those who will believe in Jesus as their Savior. The workers are those who spread the gospel so that everyone has a chance to hear of God's salvation. Every one of us can help spread the gospel with whatever abilities we have. Everything we do for God is a blessing to us and others also. We all make a great difference, each in his or her own way.

