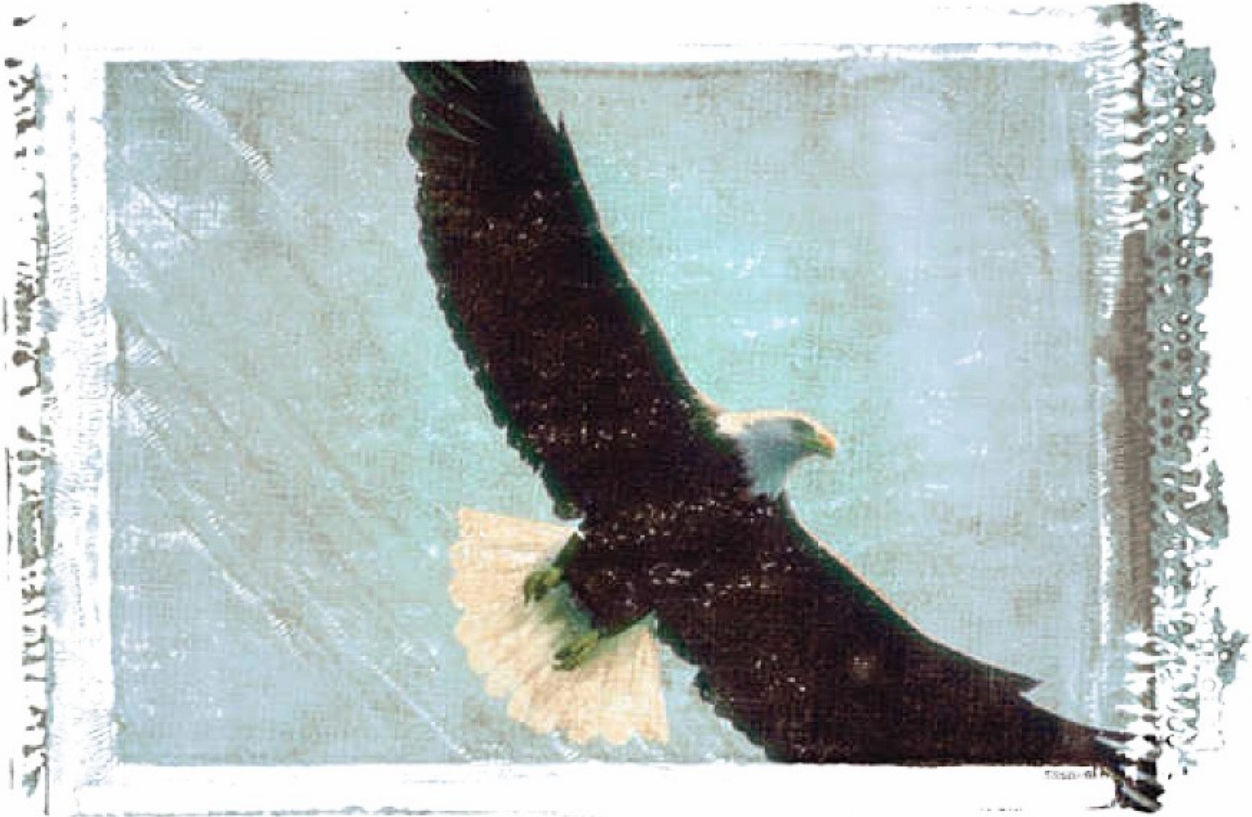


God's Animal Kingdom Classroom

Eagle



The eagle is truly a master of the skies. It soars high above the earth, yet its keen eyes can see a small rodent on the ground. The eagle is a fearless bird who will even challenge large animals for food. Even though the eagle is a large bird, it can soar for long periods of time and great distances without using any energy as it rides the air currents.

What can we learn from the eagle?

The eagle teaches us to rely on God as we go through life and to be fearless knowing our God is ruler over all creation.

The eagle can fly for long periods of time and great distances without any effort. This is because it is held up by air currents and all it has to do is control the direction it goes in. This is a good picture of how God upholds us throughout our lives. It is God who holds us up when we would fall. God never fails to love and care for us. Our sinful ways cause us to fail to do what God wants us to do. God even made a way to uphold us in spite of our sinful ways when He sent His Son Jesus to earn the forgiveness of our sins. Thanks to Jesus our Savior, we have been lifted from the depths of sin and raised up to soar heavenward. The Bible teaches us in Psalm 145:13, *“The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.”* Like the eagle that is upheld by the air, we are upheld by the love of God.

Just as the eagle is fearless, we also can be fearless knowing that our God loves and cares for us. Jesus died on the cross so that we could be forgiven our sins and go to heaven. If God was

willing to give so much to save us, we do not have to be afraid anymore. The Bible teaches us in Isaiah 41:31, *“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”* With such love that God shows to us we can go through life without fear. Jesus tells us in Mark 5:36, *“Do not be afraid; just believe.”* Just as the eagle has no fear of animals larger than itself, we do not have to fear anyone either. God will take care of us all through our lives.

