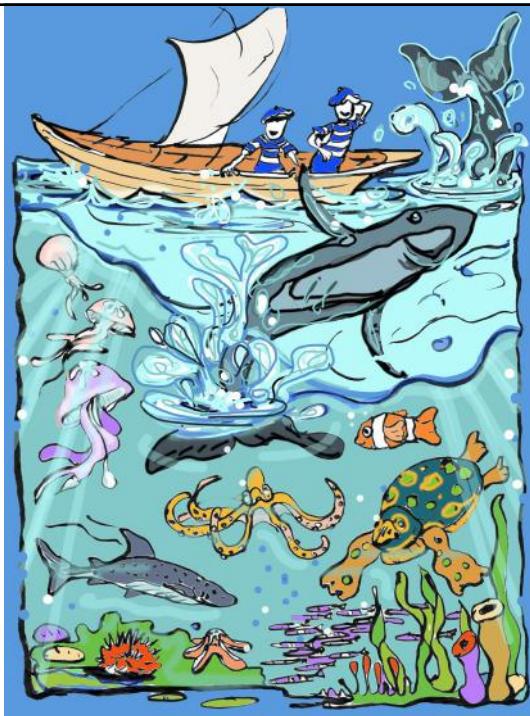


# Animals

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## Rejoicing in the World Psalm 104

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God saw all that he had made,  
and it was very good.

Genesis 1:31

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## Psalm 104

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul. God controls the heavens  
LORD my God, you are very great;  
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment;  
he stretches out the heavens like a tent

<sup>3</sup> and lays the beams of his upper chambers  
on their waters.  
He makes the clouds his chariot  
and rides on the wings of the wind.

<sup>4</sup> He makes winds his messengers,  
flames of fire his servants.

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<sup>5</sup> He set the earth on its foundations;  
it can never be moved. God controls the earth

<sup>6</sup> You covered it with the watery depths for creatures  
as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.

<sup>7</sup> But at your rebuke the waters fled,  
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;

<sup>8</sup> they flowed over the mountains,  
they went down into the valleys,  
to the place you assigned for them.

<sup>9</sup> You set a boundary they cannot cross;  
never again will they cover the earth.

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God controls water and food for all creatures

<sup>10</sup> He makes springs pour water into the ravines;  
it flows between the mountains.

<sup>11</sup> They give water to all the beasts of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

<sup>12</sup> The birds of the sky nest by the waters;  
they sing among the branches.

<sup>13</sup> He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;  
the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

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<sup>14</sup> He makes grass grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to cultivate—  
bringing forth food from the earth:  
<sup>15</sup> wine that gladdens human hearts,  
oil to make their faces shine,  
and bread that sustains their hearts.  
<sup>16</sup> The trees of the LORD are well watered,  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.  
<sup>17</sup> There the birds make their nests;  
the **stork** has its home in the junipers.  
<sup>18</sup> The high mountains belong to the **wild goats**;  
the crags are a refuge for the **hyrax**. Rock badger

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God manages the sun and moon for all creatures

<sup>19</sup> He made the moon to mark the seasons,  
and the sun knows when to go down.  
<sup>20</sup> You bring darkness, it becomes night,  
and all the **beasts of the forest** prowl.  
<sup>21</sup> The **lions** roar for their prey  
and seek their food from God.  
<sup>22</sup> The sun rises, and they steal away;  
they return and lie down in their dens.  
<sup>23</sup> Then people go out to their work,  
to their labor until evening.

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24 How many are your works, LORD! Even the wildness  
 In wisdom you made them all) of the seas  
 the earth is full of your creatures.

25 There is the sea, vast and spacious,  
 teeming with creatures beyond number—  
 living things both large and small.

26 There the ships go to and fro,  
 and Leviathan which you formed to frolic there.

frolic = play energetically

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27 All creatures look to you God holds all life  
 to give them their food at the proper time.

28 When you give it to them,  
 they gather it up;  
 when you open your hand,  
 they are satisfied with good things.

29 When you hide your face, All life depends upon God  
 they are terrified;  
 when you take away their breath,  
 they die and return to the dust.

30 When you send your Spirit,  
 they are created,  
 and you renew the face of the ground.

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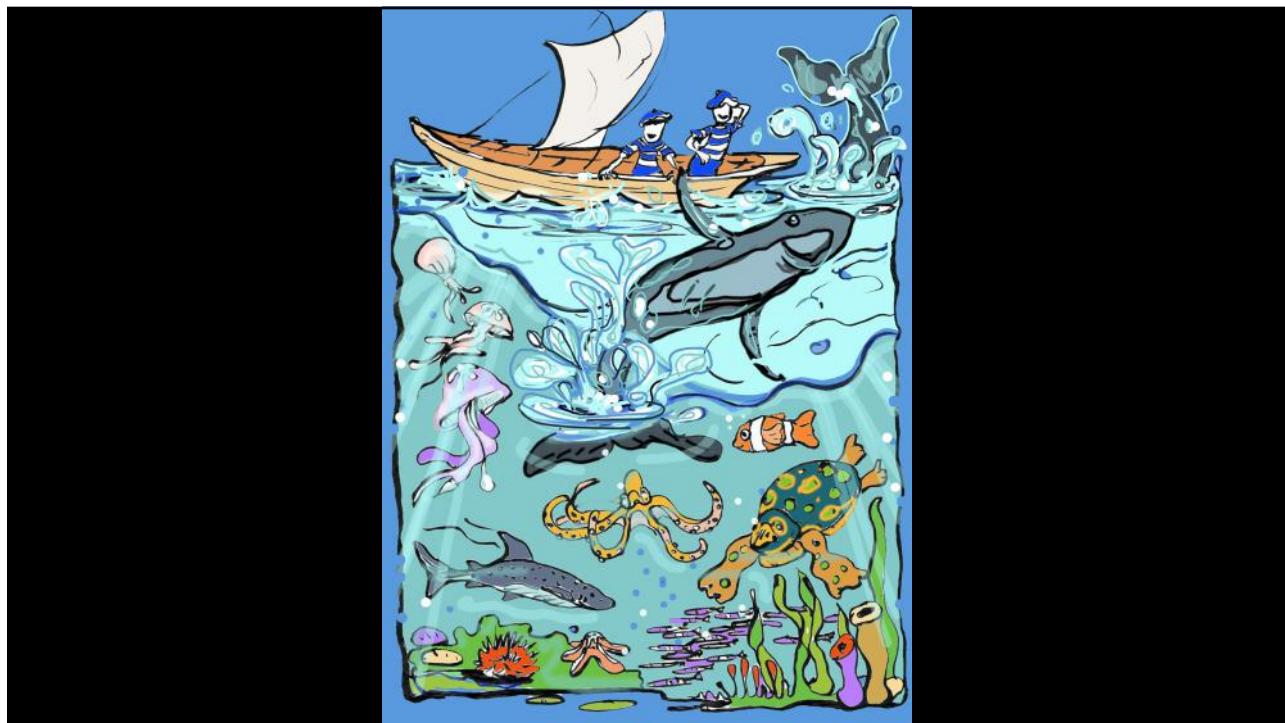
31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
 may the LORD rejoice in his works—With and for joy!  
 32 he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,  
     who touches the mountains, and they smoke.  
 33 I will sing to the LORD all my life;  
     I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.  
 34 May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
     as I rejoice in the LORD.  
 35 But may sinners vanish from the earth  
     and the wicked be no more.  
 Praise the LORD, my soul.  
 Praise the LORD.

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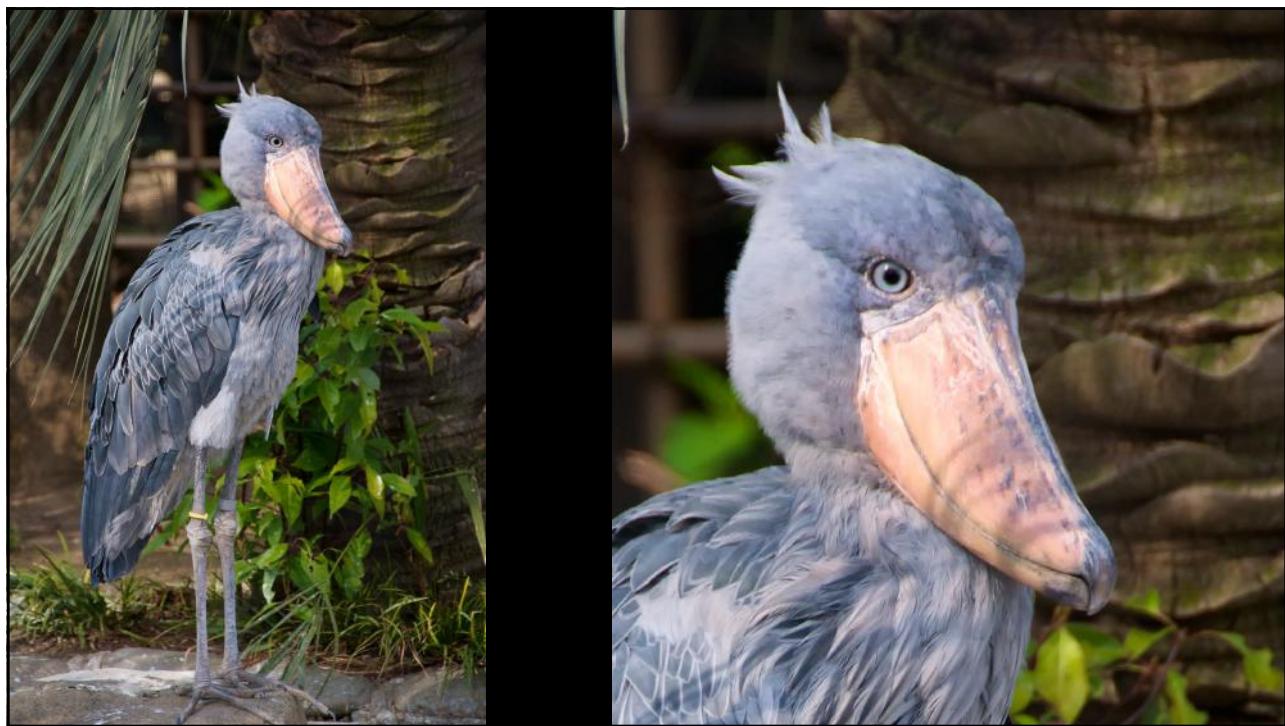
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     and all its creatures  
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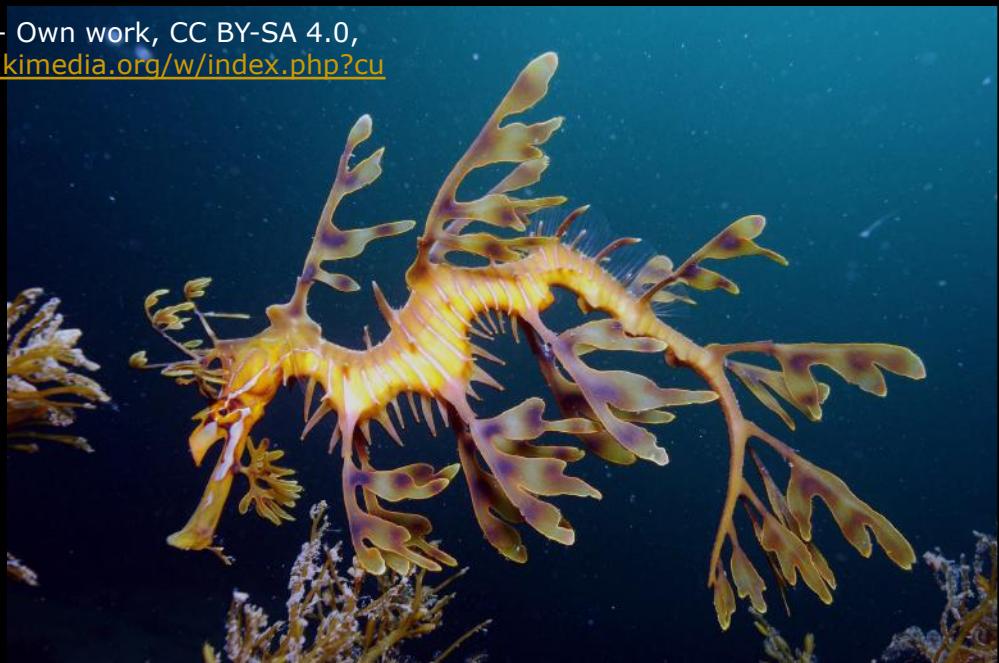
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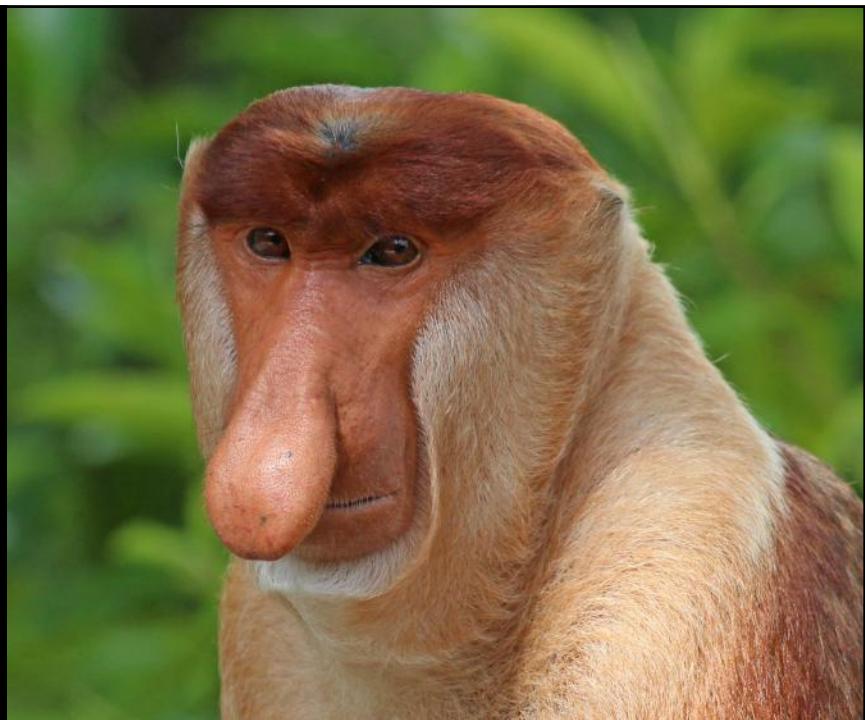
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## Application

### **Rejoice in God's creation!**

- When we enjoy creation, God is happy
- When we care for it, God is pleased

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## Application

### **Rejoice in a God who delights in creation**

- Even more, people, who made in His image
- Even more, those who put their faith in Him

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“The LORD your God is with you,  
the Mighty Warrior who saves.  
He will take great delight in you;  
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,  
but will rejoice over you with singing.”

Zephaniah 3:17

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"No longer will they call you Deserted,  
or name your land Desolate.  
But you will be called Hephzibah,  
and your land Beulah;  
for the Lord will take delight in you,  
and your land will be married.  
As a young man marries a young woman,  
so will your Builder marry you;  
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,  
so will your God rejoice over you."

Isaiah 62:4-5

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*Psalm 104:33*