**Day 4 – Animals**

* **WELCOME**
* **SONG: Allelu, Allelu . . . .**

**Section one: God creates Animals:**

Mark reviews what has been taught so far . . . .

Mark turns to the table with a box on it [inside the box are various cuddly animals], and says, “Today is our aaaaaaah day. We are going to see some very cute and lovely things that God has created . . . . . and I’m sure you will love them ALL! Are you excited?

Let’s see if you can guess what each one is?

And we can see which ones you like the most!

Animals:

1.

2.

3.

These are just a few examples of a huge variety of animals that God created and we all have our favourites.

Aren’t they beautiful and amazing. They can give us so much joy to look at them . . . . and to watch them in action.

Let’s read what the Bible says about how God created animals, in the first place.

**[SLIDE 1 - shown Genesis 1v20-25]**

What did God say it was like . . . . “And God say that it was very good!”

**[SLIDE 2 - show Genesis 1:31]**

**‘SWING – O – METER’**

Now let’s see where we should be on our ‘Swing-o-meter’. Remember from yesterday

It says:

**Made – Broken – Fixed**,

Where do you think it should be pointing now?

*[Take suggestions]*

That’s right ‘made’!

*[Get the child who answered to come up and put it on ‘made’]*

* **SONG 2: Our God is a Great Big God**
* **Section two: the world is not good now**

That was great!!

**Tea lady:** Hi Mark, it’s that time of the morning again . . . . tea time!

**Mark:** Hi Tea lady. Good morning. I’m gasping for a cup of tea now. It’s been thirsty work so far.

**Tea lady:** It’s been so lovely for me this week. I’ve felt very included, thank you. I love to be helpful!

**Mark:** I was just chatting to the children about God’s good creation again, and especially the amazing animals, that He made. Here are some of them on the table. Do you have a favourite?

**Tea lady:** Oh Mark, I have a dog at home . . . Holly. She is wonderful, but I have to say, I am so scared of animals. There are so many that are dangerous and scary!!

**Mark:** What do you mean?

**Tea lady:** Well I was thinking of going and visiting my sister in Australia and I saw some of the dangerous creatures that live there. Do you know they have spiders and snakes, crocodiles and dingo’s and so many other dangerous ones! And in the sea are lots more that can harm you. Oh, I don’t think I want to go now. They are not all cute and fluffy and nice and safe you know.

**Mark:**  Go! You’ll be fine! It’s not as if you will run into them. They’ll be in the wild.

I went to Kenya a few years ago and there are dangerous animals there too, but I only saw them in the game reserve, from the safety of a car.

**Tea Lady:** Oh Mark! You make them all sound so safe. I’m really not sure. I’ll have to give it some thought and prayer. Anyway I’m off now.

**Mark:** OK bye tea lady.

Tea lady is right again, isn’t she? It’s not all good all of the time, even with animals. We have some lovely pets and safe animals, but there are also many dangerous one’s too!

Again, we can see at the beginning of the Bible, in Genesis, that it was good once.

The Bible says that when God made the Garden of Eden, He put all kinds of creatures there, **birds of the air**, **creatures in the sea** and many, many, **different kinds to roam the land**. And He saw that it was all wonderful and good.

What was God’s one rule, in the garden?

**[SLIDE 3 - show Genesis 2:16-17]**

God said to Adam and Eve, they could eat from any tree in the Garden except the tree of the knowledge of Good and evil.

What have we seen all week, happened with Adam & Eve?

[They disobeyed God & ate the fruit!]

Adam & Eve’s disobedience of God, when they took the fruit, resulted in their relationship with God being broken, and everything being spoilt.

What does the Bible call it when we disobey God . . . . SIN!

When we tell God that we think we know better than him, we do the same as Adam & Eve, we SIN.

What’s the phrase we have been learning, all week, to explain what Sin is?

**[SLIDE 4 – Shove off God, I’m in charge, No to your rules!]**

And so the peace and safe place that existed in the garden, between Adam & Eve and all the different creatures was ruined.

**‘SWING – O – METER’**

Again, Tea lady has reminded us that it isn’t all good!

Now can anyone tell me where our swing-o-meter should be pointing now?

*[Take suggestions]*

Yes that’s right on ‘broken’! – our world is broken

*[Ask child to come up and move the arrow on]*

But this is the Fix it Factory and so we’re here to think about fixing things and the question is ‘**can animals be fixed?’**

* Can we move our swing-o-meter onto fixed?
* Can we get the lamb to live safely with the Wolf or lion?
* Can we see children playing safely near the cobra?

Well the Bible says that we can’t fix it, but God can and He does it through Jesus.

* **Section three: God has created a future good world through Jesus**

Well it’s a good job that God has promised to fix the world through Jesus because I am terrible at fixing things myself! And I can’t imagine how we can possibly fix things so that dangerous animals and creatures no longer kill or hurt.

[Mr Fix it theme tune on]

**Mark:** What’s that? [Encourage the children to call for Mr Fixit]

**Mr Fixit:** Hey Mark, no fear I’m here again. Mr Fixit to the rescue! Hi children.

**Mark:** Oh hello Mr Fix it. [Aside to children] I think I have told you he thinks he can fix almost anything!

It’s great to see again today, but you’ve not done very well so far this week.

**Mr Fixit:** Think positive Mark. I can do this! What needs fixing today?

**Mark:** It’s the animals. We have some lovely cuddly, cute ones, here, but we know that these aren’t real, cos the real one’s would rip us to pieces. Can you fix it so that the lion won’t be dangerous anymore?

**Mr Fixit:** I can certainly try. Let me see, where’s my ‘fixit machine’? Now I’ll go in first and check everything is ok from the inside and you can put the lion once I’m ready.

[Mr Fixit goes in with the lion soft toy. The Mr Fixit theme tune starts again. He makes some ooh and ouch noises. Then after a few minutes, Mr Fixit re-emerges with his T-shirt in shreds]

**Mr Fix it:** I’m so, so sorry! It hasn’t worked. I was sure I could fix this one!

**Mark:** What a surprise Mr Fixit. Are you ok? [Encourage sympathy for Mr Fix it]

**Mr Fix it:** I’m really not sure. I’ll be off now. I think I need to go to the hospital and make sure I’m ok.

[Mr Fixit walks off slowly and sadly, with a limp]

**Mark:** Poor Mr Fix it. He’s not had a great week has he?

**Mark:** Well, again Mr Fixit couldn’t fixit could he! It’s a good thing that God has promised to fix our broken world, including animals and all the different creatures on the earth, because we’re not going to be able to do it ourselves are we!

There are so many stories around the world of how dangerous animals can be . . . . . . . lions and large cats, crocodiles, sharks and sea creatures, spiders and snakes. And even some dogs!!

Just as we have seen all week, God has also promised us that He is going to fix animals forever, and make even the most dangerous, safe.

Listen to what the Bible says in the book of Isaiah, chapter 11 verses 6-9, and the promise that God makes.

**[SLIDE 5 – The words of Isaiah 11v6-9]**

A new world; not a broken one; not a messed up one like we have seen. And what does God promise will happen? What will live peacefully with what?

**[SLIDE 6 – Animals living together peacefully!]**

But just before we sing again we need to understand how God can make such an amazing promise. Our world is broken because of sin so it will be fixed when God deals with sin. We know from all we have learnt this week, that He has already done that through Jesus.

The Bible says that when Jesus, God’s son, died on the cross 2000 years ago he saved us from our sin and fixed our relationship with God.

**[SLIDE 9 - show cross &1 Peter 3v18]**

**[SLIDE 10 - show ‘Separation from God’ and refer to 1 Peter 3v18 ‘to bring us to God!’]**

So although we still have to wait for it to be completely fixed, we know that if we **believe and trust** in Jesus we will one day be a part of God’s fixed world . . . . . . and that will include fixing animals.

**‘SWING – O – METER’**

Now where do we need to put our pointer on our swing-o-meter?

Yes that’s right on fixed!

God has promised

And we’re going to sing again about our Amazing God and what He has done in Jesus to rescue us and make everything new.

* **SONG 3: The Day**
* **QUIZ**
* **FIXIT FACTORY WORKSHOPS**
* **FIXIT FACTORY DEBRIEF**

Welcome the children back and ask them what they have been doing and have made?

* **MEMORY VERSE**

**Day 4:**

Isaiah 11v6 Then wolves will live in peace with lambs, and leopards will lie down to rest with goats.

* **SONG 4: Who’s the King of the Jungle?**
* **FINISH**

**MEMORY VERSES:**

**Day 1:**

Rev 21v5a The One who was sitting on the throne said, "Look! I am making everything new!"

**Day 2:**

Mark 4v41 “What kind of man is this? Even the wind and the waves obey Him!”

**Day 3:**

Rev 22v2 “The tree of life was on both sides of the river. Its leaves are for the healing of all people.”

**Day 4:**

Isaiah 11v6 Then wolves will live in peace with lambs, and leopards will lie down to rest with goats. Calves, lions, and young bulls will eat together, and a little child will lead them.