

Signs of Life

Scavenger Hunt



Together as a family, look out of your window, or go for a nature hunt outside!

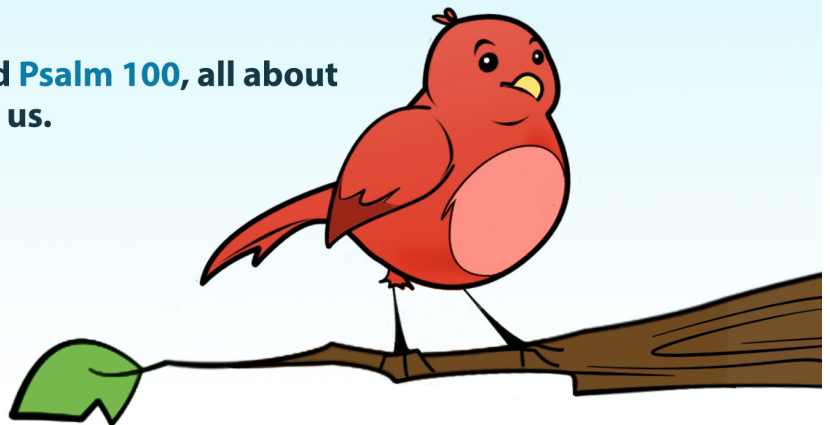
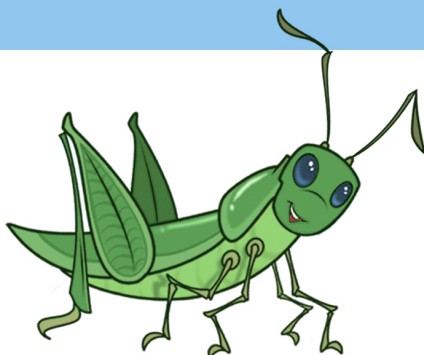
As you go through the activities, read **Psalm 100**, all about praising God for the life he has given us.

1. Listen for bird songs.

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." v1-2

It's so good to sing, shout or whisper to tell God what we're thankful for and to be excited about his beautiful world.

- What do you think the birds are saying?
- Can you learn to identify a bird by its song?



2. Look up at the sky.

"Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his." v3

God is incredible. He made us in his image and we are all unique—just like the clouds!

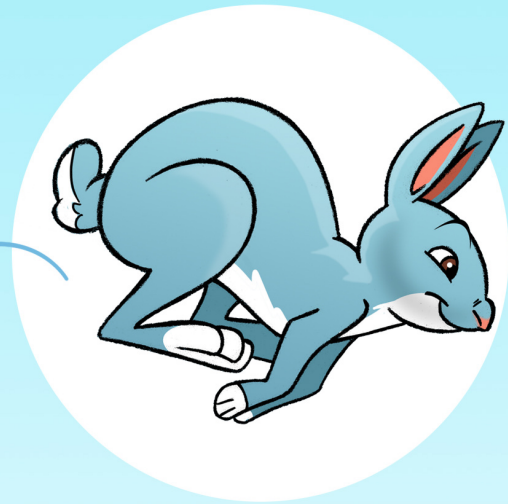
- Notice the shapes of the clouds. What can you see?
- How does it make you feel to look up at the sky? What do you think God is saying?

3. Look for animal tracks, an animal in motion, or a bird in flight.

"We are his people, the sheep of his pasture." v3

God loves all of his creation so much and keeps watch over us.

- Can you identify which animals made the tracks? What is the animal doing?
- Can you make your own footprints in the ground?



4. Spot a bird's nest.

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise." v4

Follow a bird with your eyes and see if you can spot the bird's nest.

Nests are amazing! They are intricate and strong. Inside this cleverly woven creation of twigs, grass and moss, birds lay their eggs, which are bursting full of new life. They are a safe place for birds to raise their young.

- How is this nest like your home?
- What do you love about your home?
- What makes you feel safe?



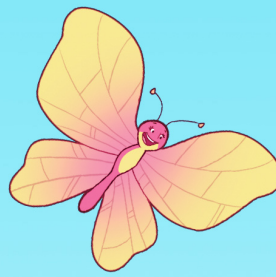
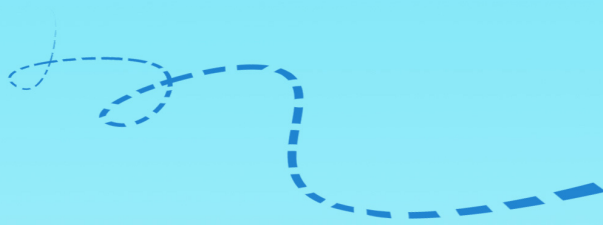
5. Find something beautiful.

"Give thanks to him and praise his name." v4

Will you pray this prayer? *"Thank you Lord for all these wonderful signs of life, which remind us that you made us as part of your creation, and that Jesus came to bring new life to us all. Amen"*

- Can you photograph, draw or describe things that you are thankful for in creation?





6. Find a plant that looks dead.

"Give thanks to him and praise his name." v5

Now look and see if you can find some buds or new shoots.

Dead leaves and sticks are essential to life!
They break down to make new soil.

- Talk about another example of when something dead becomes something new.
- God's love never ends. What's difficult for you now? Could you pray about it together as a family? Where do you see God's love in your life now?



7. Look for a tree stump.

"His faithfulness continues through all generations." v5

The number of dark rings on a tree shows how old it is. They can keep growing for hundreds of years! And your family tree includes lots of great, great, great grandparents, aunts and uncles who lived a long time ago. God saw them all and took care of them too.

- Can you find a tree stump and count the rings?
- How many different species of leaves can you spot?
- Share some stories of where you've seen God's faithfulness in your family.

8. Can you find any other signs of life?

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- How many different species of flowers can you find?

