

ANIMALS with A PURPOSE

**"For by him were all things created,
that are in heaven, and that are in earth,
visible and invisible,
whether they be thrones, or dominions,
or principalities, or powers.
All things were created by him, and for him:
And he is before all things,
and by him all things consist."
Colossians 1:16,17**

--Grandma Sharon

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**What is God's Purpose
for YOU?**

A SNAKE WITH A PURPOSE



A long, long time ago, at the beginning of time, there was a beautiful, perfect garden. In this garden lived a man and a woman, a man and a woman who had never done anything bad. God had only given them one rule to obey. He told them that there was only one thing that they could not eat.

There was also a very beautiful snake in the garden. But somebody besides God had a purpose for the snake. Satan, God's enemy, had a purpose for the snake. He wanted the snake to make the man and the woman disobey God. So the snake told the woman to disobey God's rule to not eat the fruit. The woman listened to the snake with a purpose and disobeyed God. Then she gave the man some of the fruit and he ate it, too, disobeying God's rule. And because of this, all the rest of the people in the world are sinners too.

The snake had a purpose. It was a bad purpose. It was the Devil's purpose.

We should not fulfill bad purposes.

Who were the man and the woman in the story?

Genesis 3



A LAMB WITH A PURPOSE

A long time ago, when the children of Israel were traveling through the desert, there was a perfect little lamb. He had been chosen to fulfill a very special purpose.

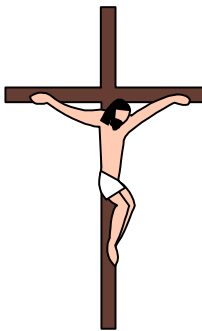
After Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they became sinners. God couldn't allow sin to be in his presence. So man and God were separated from each other for the first time. Because Adam and Eve sinned, all people are sinners. Because we are sinners, we cannot be in God's presence.

But God loved Adam and Eve so much, that he promised them that someday He would provide a way for them to have their sins forgiven so they could be in His presence again.

When the children of Israel were traveling through the desert, God gave them some very special instructions. They were told to give the life of a perfect lamb to Him, and He would forgive their sin. This lamb, and many, many others through the years, were to remind them that one day God would provide a "Special Lamb" who would die for all the sinners in the world. He would be the perfect, one and only sacrifice for the sins of all people, and if they would believe in Him, he would forgive them of their sin and make them God's children. And one day they could go to heaven and live with Him forever.

The little lamb had a very special purpose. God's "Special Lamb", "Jesus Christ" fulfilled the purpose of God to provide a way that all sinners could be forgiven and made as if they had never sinned. He, a perfect man, died on the cross for your sin and my sin. He was buried. But then, he arose from the dead. Only He could make the sacrifice for our sins, because He was God's perfect son.

The Bible tells us that if we really believe that Jesus did this for us and if we ask Him to save us, he will do just that. The purpose of God's lamb is to save us from our sins. Have you believed in Him and what He did for us? Will you let Him fulfill His purpose in your life? I surely hope so. It is the most important thing in the world to do.



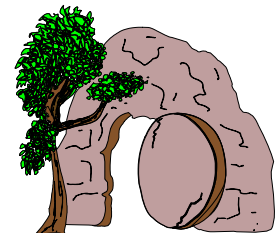
"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."
Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
Romans 6:23

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8

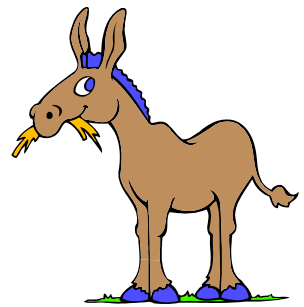
"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."
Romans 10:9

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
Romans 10:13



A DONKEY WITH A PURPOSE

Once upon a time, a long time ago, in a land far, far away, lived a donkey. We'll call her name Dottie. Dottie was a very good donkey. She had a master (owner) whom she served very well. She took him wherever he wanted to go.



One day as she was taking her master to do something that God didn't want him to do, she saw an angel with a sword drawn ready to hurt her master. She went over to one side and accidentally hurt her master. She refused to move forward. Her master got really mad and hit her with a stick. And then something really amazing happened. God let the donkey talk. And she said: "What have I done to you that caused you to hit me three times? Am I not your donkey that you have always ridden and have I ever done any thing bad to you before? Then God made it possible for the man to see the angel. Then he knew that God was giving him a message. He was grateful that God had a purpose for the donkey and that purpose was to warn him.

Dottie, the donkey, served the purpose God gave her and the man learned a lesson. God has a purpose for you. You may not know what it is, but someday God will show it to you if you are listening to and obeying Him.

Do you know what was the man's name in the story?

--Numbers 22

A FISH WITH A PURPOSE

Once upon a time, a long time ago, in a sea far away, lived a very important fish. We don't know his name, but we sure know his fame.

God had a special job for him to do; so He prepared him and sent him on his way. The fish obeyed God and did what he was told to do.

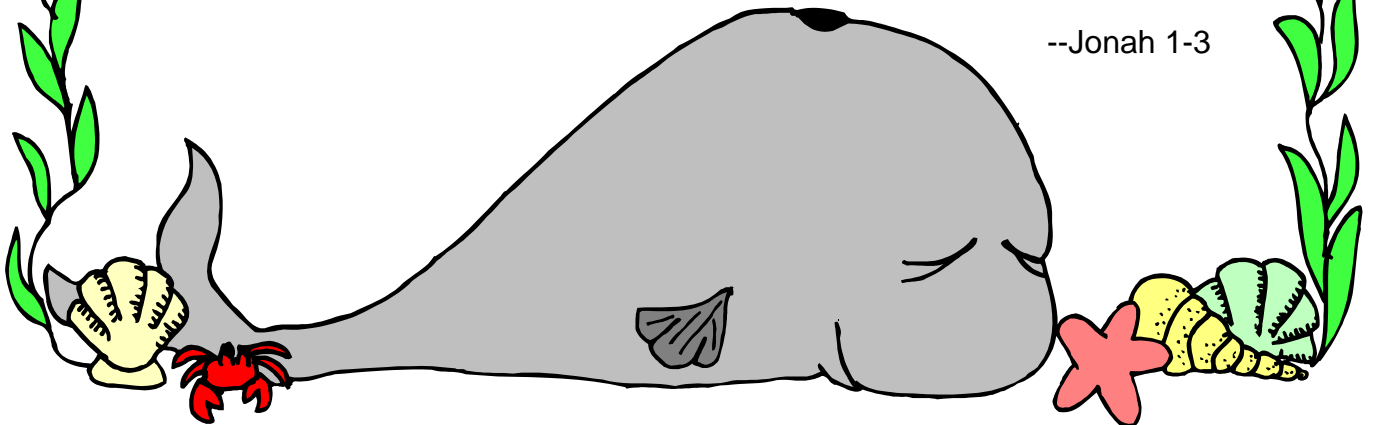
At the same time, in the same part of the world, lived a man. God also had a job for him. But, not like the fish, the man didn't want to obey and do the job that God had told him to do. So he ran away to the sea, where the fish was found to be. He bought a ticket to go on a boat, hoping God would forget the job he had for him to do.

But God didn't forget and so He sent a storm, a big storm, a storm so big the boat was about to sink. Everyone was scared as the boat tossed to and fro. They knew God had sent the storm, so they searched for whom to blame. They questioned everyone on the ship, the last one being the man who had run away from God. He said: "It's my fault. Throw me off of the ship." They finally agreed and over this man went.

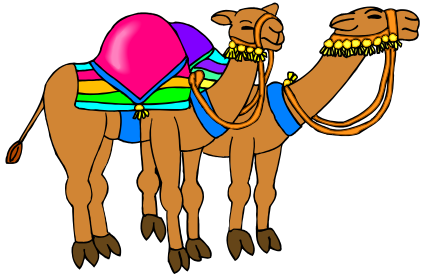
Now was the time for the fish to fulfill God's wish. Up to the surface he went and guess what he did find. A man all wet and scared, in the ocean he did see. God said: "Fish, take this man in, and see if he will turn to me." So the fish swallowed the man and gave him a room inside to spend some time with him. The man began to pray, and pray, and pray to God who had rescued him. And God in his love and mercy said: "Fish, take him to the land." And, unlike the man, the fish obeyed and did what God had said. Then God told the fish to vomit the man onto the land, because he had a job for him to do. And, unlike the man, the fish obeyed and the man saw the land. He'd learned his lesson and took off running his mission to fulfill. For God had told him to go and his message to proclaim, so many people would repent and obey the message that was sent.

Are you like the fish who obeyed when God did command, or are you like the man who fled to another land? The man's name you know, I'm sure; and did you learn the lesson God has sent to you?

--Jonah 1-3



A CAMEL WITH A PURPOSE



Once upon a time, a long time ago, in a country far, far away lived a very special camel for whom God had a purpose. He lived with lots of other camels. These camels belonged to a very special man, whom God had blessed and promised to bless even more. The camels served this man very well and fulfilled the purpose God had given them.

The special man had a very special son. The father loved the son and wanted him to have a very special wife. He also had a very special servant. One day he called his special servant and told him his special desire for a very special wife for his very special son. He made him promise to go to a very special land to find this very special wife.

So his servant went and chose a very special camel and nine others to take him on this very special journey. The servant prayed to God and asked him for a very special request. He prayed that God would show him who would be the very special wife for the very special son. He asked God to let him know in a very special way.

When they arrived at the city where they were going. The servant made the camels to kneel down near a well of water. He said to God: "Let it be that the young lady to whom I say, Please give me a drink of water from your pitcher, and that she will say: Please take a drink and I will give to your camels, too; let this be the very special lady that you have chosen for my very special master's son. He had not even finished this prayer, when a young lady came and answered him in that very same way.

The servant prayed again and thanked God for giving him a successful mission. They invited him and all the camels and men who were traveling with him to the house of the very special lady. He told them why he had come and they were very happy.

The very special lady said she would go back with the very special servant to marry the very special son of the very special man. And the very special camel with a purpose obeyed his master and helped his master fulfill a very special task.

God has very special things for you to do, too. Are you willing to obey God, the father, and do the things He wants you to do? I hope so. We have to learn to obey God, our parents, our teachers and our pastor. Then we can do these very special things.

Who is the special man in this story? Who is the special son? Who is the special lady? I bet you know!

