



IF GOD WERE A GREAT BIG BEAR

ACTIVITY KIT

Activities for classrooms,
church groups, and for
parents and kids to share

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ANIMAL GUESSING GAME

Here is a poem that didn't make it into the book. Can you guess what animal it is about?

IF GOD WERE A _____ ,

AND HE VERY WELL MIGHT BE,

HE'D GIVE HIMSELF BIG FRONT TEETH

TO CHEW WITH, WOULDN'T HE?

HE'D MAKE POPLAR TREES BESIDE A CREEK

SO HE COULD BUILD A DAM,

AND BE HAPPY AND SAFE IN HIS OWN POND

WHICHEVER WAY HE SWAM.



And here is another poem. Can you guess the animal?

IF GOD WERE A _____ ,
AND SHE VERY WELL MIGHT BE,
SHE'D GIVE HERSELF A BEAK TO DRINK
FROM FLOWERS, WOULDN'T SHE?

SHE'D HAVE TINY WINGS THAT BEAT MUCH FASTER
THAN OTHER KINDS OF BIRDS,
AND A HUMMING SOUND SO SHE COULD SING
WHEN SHE DIDN'T KNOW THE WORDS.



DRAWING ACTIVITY: ANIMAL IN ITS HABITAT

Choose an animal. What would God make for that animal to be happy and have all it needs?
(Hint: Where does that animal live? What does it like to do? What does it like to eat?)

Draw a picture of the animal you chose surrounded by everything it loves.

Can you write a poem about your animal?

IF GOD WERE A _____

AND SHE VERY WELL MIGHT BE,

SHE'D MAKE _____ AND _____

AND _____, WOULDN'T SHE?

Add some more if you want.



COLORING PAGE

Color the bear and the world around her below.



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

How does it make you feel to think that God is in you?

How does it make you feel to think that God is in you and your friends and all your neighbors?

How does it make you feel to think that God is in you and your puppy and butterflies and squirrels and flowers and trees?

What do you think that the animals and birds and fish feel when people destroy the places they live and the food they eat?

How do you feel about that? What do you think God feels?

If God is in us, what should we do to preserve God's Creation?

