

Lesson #29

The Story of Jesus

Chapter 29
“The Ascension”
Part 3

Sabbath December 20, 2025

Our Tiny-Tots Song

Praise The Lord



Sing A Joyful Song

Hymn #647

To God Be The Glory

- 1). To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

- 2). O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]
- 3). Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]





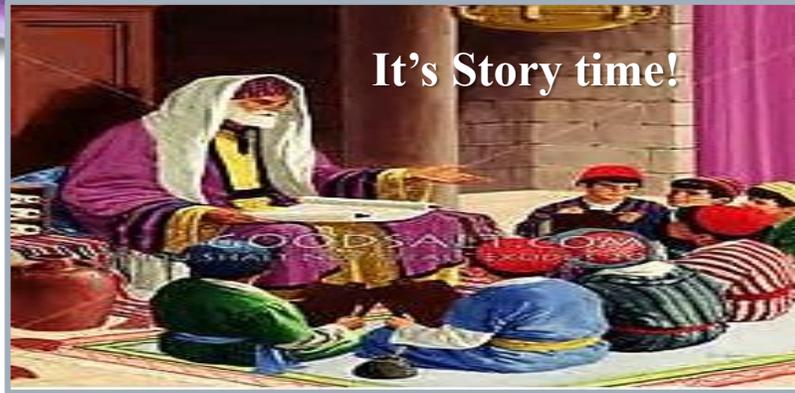
*Opening Prayer-
request one of the little
ones to give prayer.*



*It's Story time!
For our precious Tiny Tot's
Sabbath Lesson.*

*Let's
use our listening ears
little ones!*

Gather around little ones!



By: [Adapted from EGW material] (1896, 1900)

This section of our study was inspired by the Lord for all His precious little jewels. Our book selection is entitled, **“The Story of Jesus!”** Chapter 29 – The Ascension Part 3

Narrated by
Our Dear Brother Graves



The Bible verses for our lessons are taken from the following books:

Our opening scripture is taken from:

Hebrews 1:6 (KJV)

**And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith,
And let all the angels of God worship him.**

Revelation 5:12 (KJV)

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Revelation 5:13 (KJV)

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, [be] unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

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Chapter 29 – The Ascension, Part 3

Continuing: Then the portals of the city of God are opened wide,
and the angelic throng sweep through the gates amid a burst of rapturous music. {SJ 171.1}

All the heavenly host are waiting to honor their returned Commander.

They wait for Him to take His place upon the throne of the Father. {SJ 171.2}

But He cannot yet receive the coronet of glory and the royal robe.

He has a request to present before the Father concerning His chosen ones on the earth.

He cannot accept honor till before the heavenly universe His church shall be justified and accepted. {SJ 171.3}

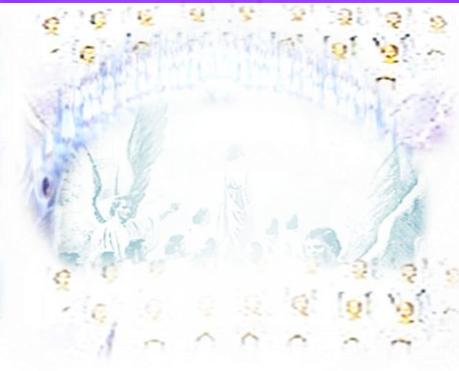
He asks that where He is, there His people may be. If He is to have glory, they must share it with Him.

Those who suffer with Him on the earth must reign with Him in His kingdom. {SJ 171.4}

For this Christ pleads for His church. He identifies His interests with theirs, and, with a love and constancy stronger than death, advocates the rights and titles purchased by His blood. {SJ 171.5}

The Father's answer to this appeal goes forth in the proclamation: {SJ 171.6}

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Continuing: “Let all the angels of God worship Him.” **Hebrews 1:6.** {SJ 171.7}

Joyfully the leaders of the heavenly host adore the Redeemer. The innumerable company of angels bow before Him, and the courts of Heaven echo and re-echo with the glad shout: {SJ 171.8}

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.” **Revelation 5:12.** {SJ 171.9}

Christ's followers are “accepted in the Beloved.” In the presence of the heavenly host, the Father has ratified the covenant made with Christ, that He will receive repentant and obedient men, and will love them even as He loves His Son. Where the Redeemer is, there the redeemed shall be. {SJ 171.10}

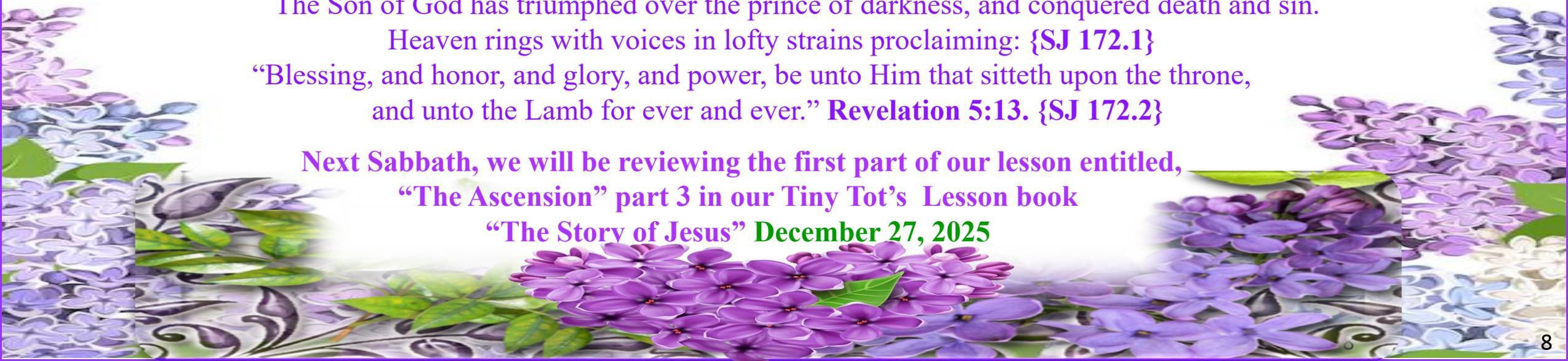
The Son of God has triumphed over the prince of darkness, and conquered death and sin.

Heaven rings with voices in lofty strains proclaiming: {SJ 172.1}

“Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.” **Revelation 5:13.** {SJ 172.2}

Next Sabbath, we will be reviewing the first part of our lesson entitled, “The Ascension” part 3 in our Tiny Tot’s Lesson book

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PRAISE THE LORD, PRAISE THE LORD, LET THE EARTH HEAR HIS VOICE!
PRAISE THE LORD, PRAISE THE LORD, LET THE PEOPLE REJOICE!
O COME TO THE FATHER THROUGH JESUS THE SON,
AND GIVE HIM THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE.





*Opening Prayer-
request one of the little
ones or mommies, daddies or
guest to give prayer.*

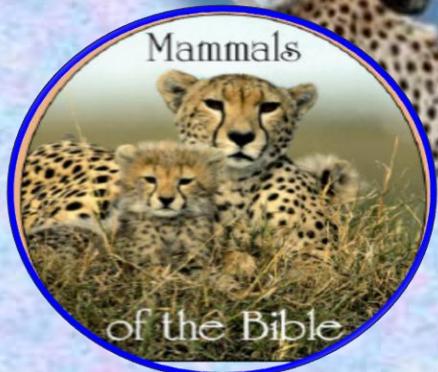
*Even the precious
creatures
within your gate!*



THE
Family
THAT PRAYS TOGETHER
STAYS *Together*

It's time for our Tiny Tots and Parents
to learn Precious Lessons in
God's creation through Nature.

Our topic!
“Mammals” of the Bible



Let's
use our listening ears
little ones!

*This Sabbath, boys and girls, we will continue
with the third part of our Nature Segment entitled,
“An Elephant's Trunk, Tusk and Teeth!”*

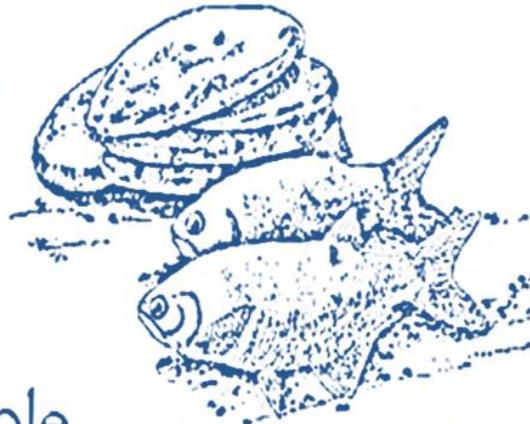
**Narrated by
Our Dear Brother Joshua**

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Lesson 9 — Jesus Feeds the People

Barley Loaves



Perhaps Pygmy Fish
or St. Peter's fish



The Bible verses for our Nature Segment Lessons 9 entitled, “Jesus Feeds the People”

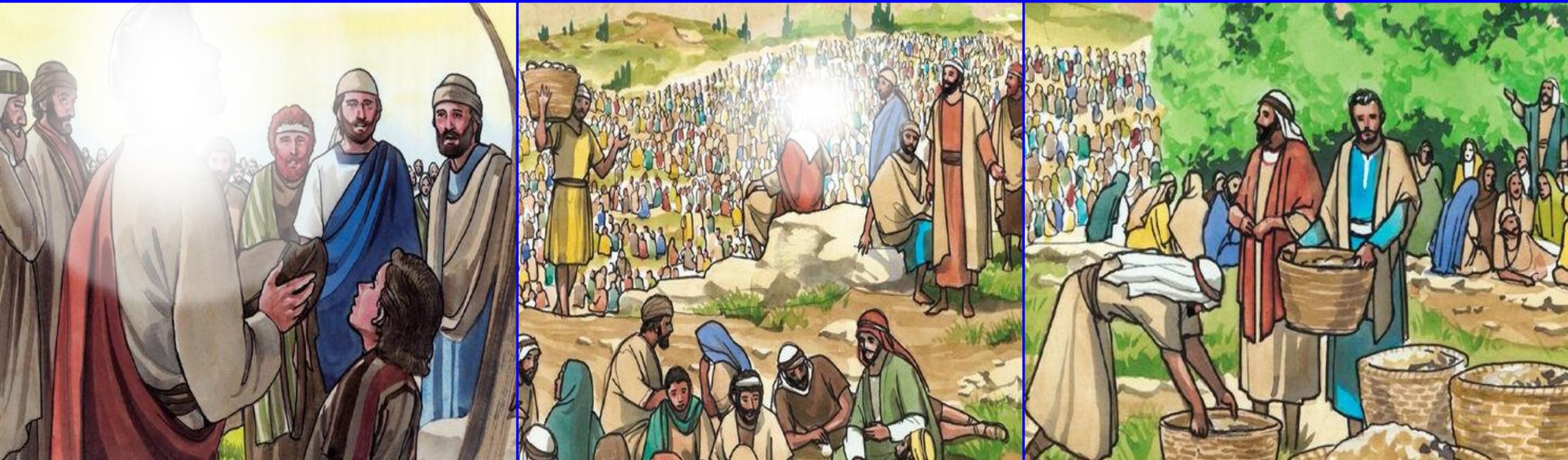
Our opening scripture is taken from:

Mark 6:41 (KJV)

And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave [them] to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

Mark 6:42 (KJV) And they did all eat, and were filled.

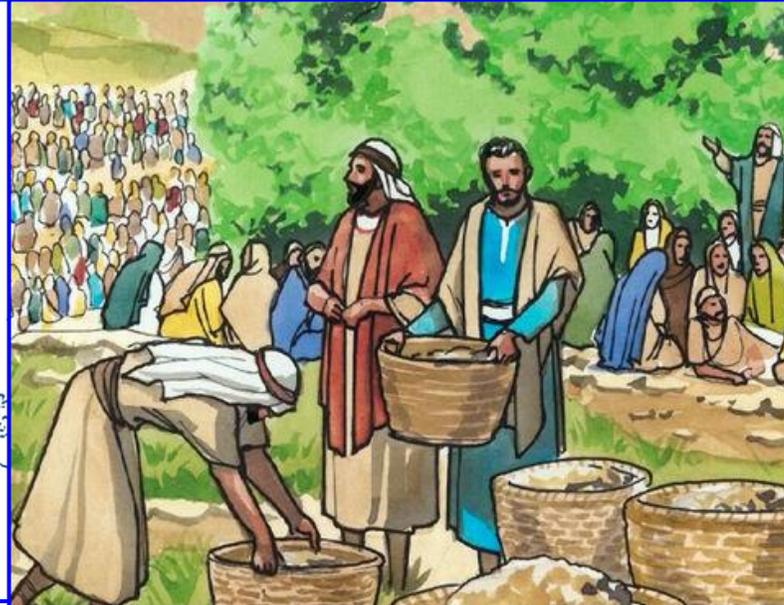
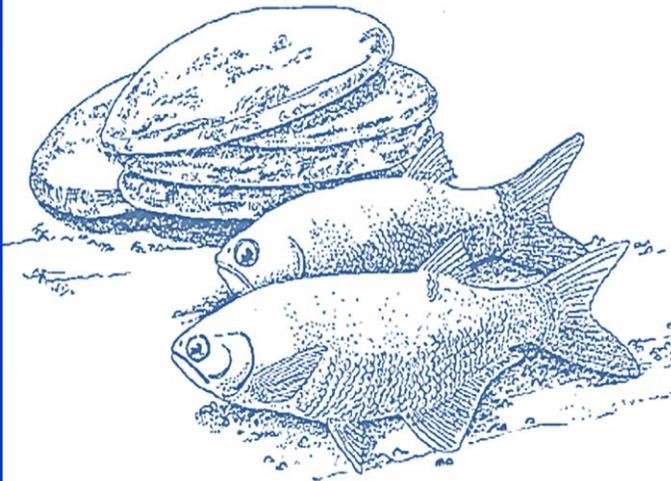
Mark 6:43 (KJV) And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.



Fragments

“And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.”

Mark 6:43



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Memory Verse



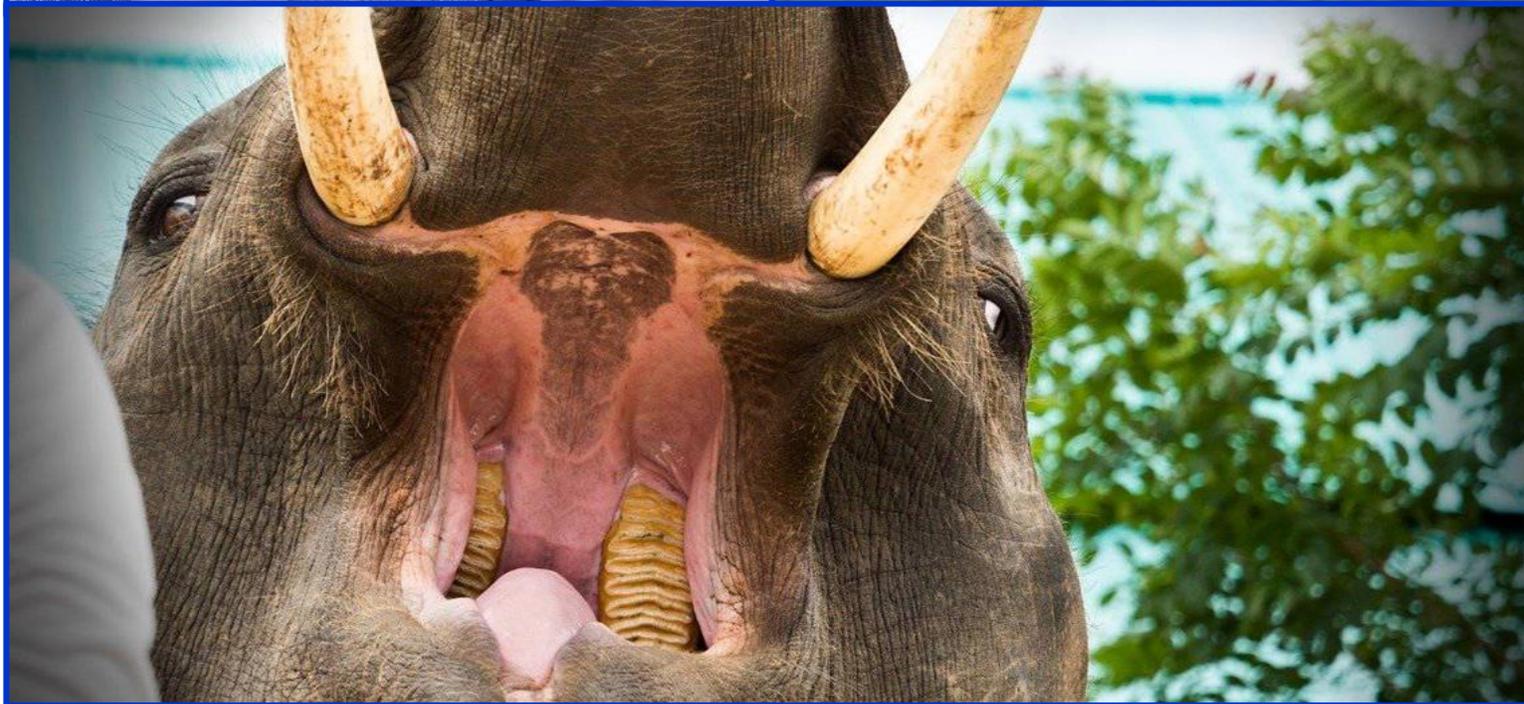
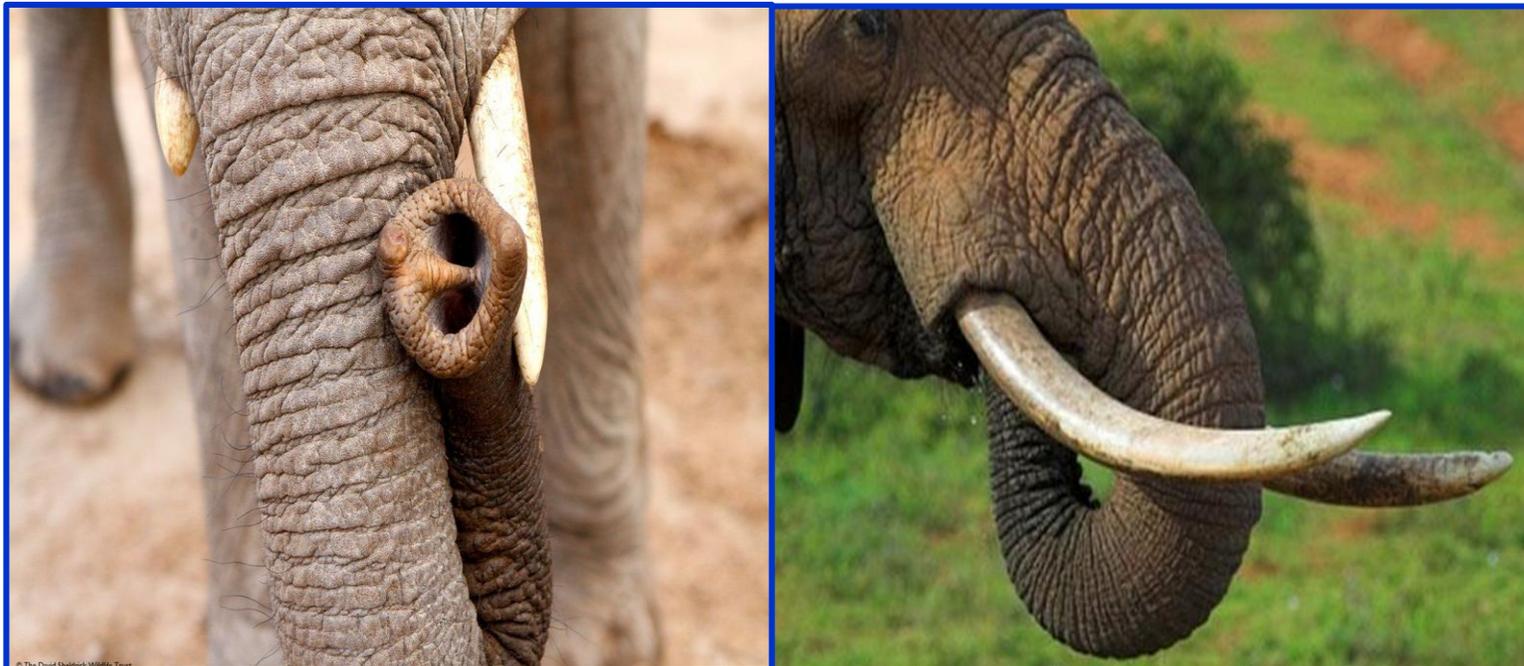
Luke 16:2 (KJV)

And he called him, and said unto him,
How is it that I hear this of thee?
give an account of thy stewardship;
for thou mayest be no longer steward.

Character Quality

Giving vs Stinginess

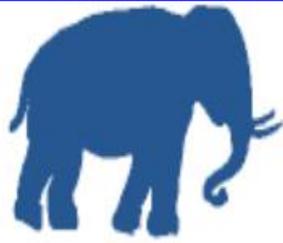
Giving means to convey something and make it available to another to bless their life and glorify God's name.



Looking Through Nature

All Manner of Mammals – Elephants

1. Elephants
2. Kinds of Elephants
3. Elephants' Skin & Hair
4. An Elephant's Trunk, Tusks, and Teeth
5. An Elephant's Senses & Intelligence
6. How Elephants Live



Nature

An Elephant's Senses and Intelligence

Elephants wave their trunks in the air, to catch the smell of food or enemies. They have a very good sense of smell. An elephant can smell people over a mile (1.6 kilometers) away. This reminds me how the air must have had the smell of fish and bread as Jesus gave the people food.



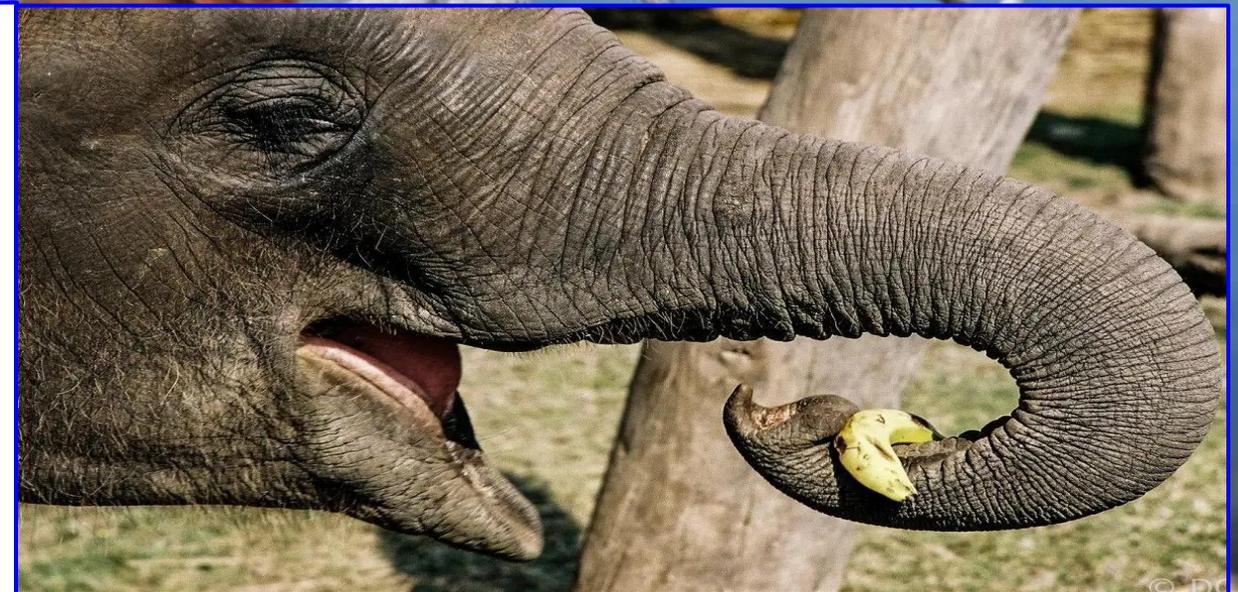
Elephants also have good hearing. For a long time scientists were puzzled to see elephants that were busy feeding, and so forth to suddenly freeze in position with their ears spread out. Now they know that they were listening to unseen elephants. Elephants make sounds and hear sounds that are so low that people cannot hear them. Communication with one another can be done up to 2 1/2 miles (4 kilometers), and maybe even further. Jesus used the sense of hearing to teach the people before He fed them. Some were very sensitive to the Holy Spirit and heard His (low sounds) voice. Elephant families that are related to each other use these low-frequency sounds to keep in touch with each other. When two families that are related to each other are approaching each other and getting closer, they also release a



liquid from some glands on the side of their faces. Then their flapping ears spread the scent on the wind which most likely helps the families find one another. *“Give ear, O my people...”* (Psalm 78:1).

An elephant’s trunk is very sensitive, especially the lip. It can tell shapes, smooth or rough things, and hot or cold with its trunk.

Elephants have poor eyesight and are color blind. The elephant cannot turn its head completely, so it sees only in front and on both sides with its small eyes. It has to turn all the way around to see behind it. Some people did not “hear” what Jesus said, but only saw all the bread and fish He could make. They “saw” with selfish motives.



Elephants are very smart and make at least 25 different calls, each having a special meaning. Besides the low-frequency sounds that people cannot hear elephants also scream, grunt, rumble, purr and trumpet. Elephants do have excellent memories. The matriarch (ruling mother) seems to be the carrier of knowledge for the whole family. She remembers the migration routes, where certain fruit trees are, how to find water during the dry seasons, and other important information. She passes this information on to the younger females, and one will one day take her place as matriarch. Some people were very smart in the multitude and wanted to take some of the fragments home to friends and in so doing, shared with them valuable lessons.

The highly intelligent elephant appears to be able to reason and solve problems. They have been known to build dams and collect water in areas where it was scarce.



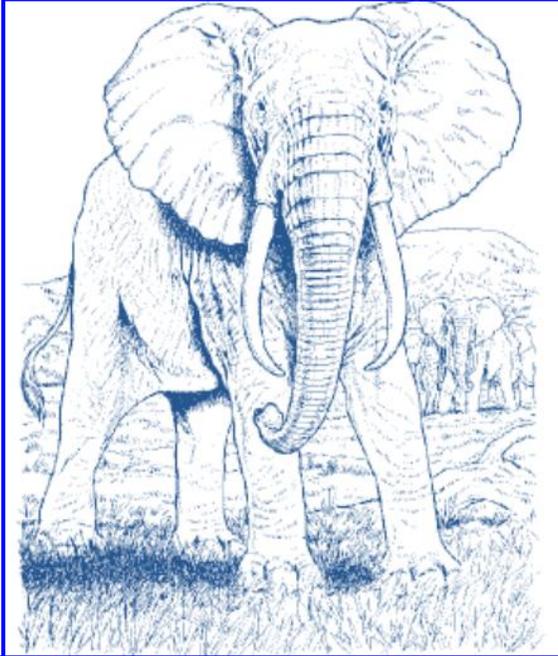
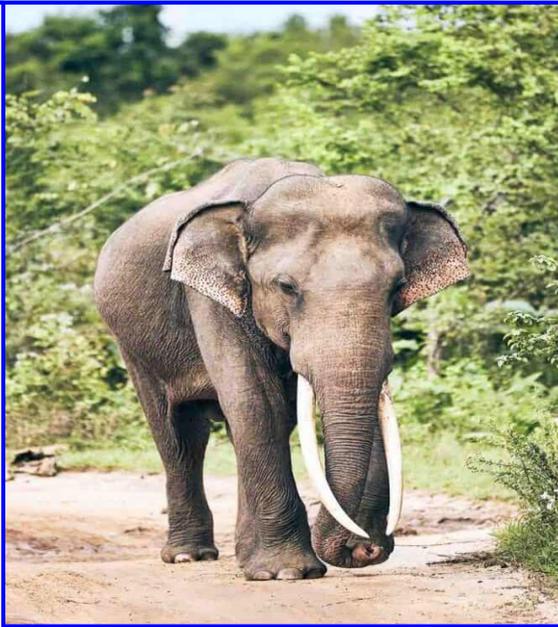
“African elephants are fascinating creatures known for their complex communication skills. These gentle giants produce a range of sounds, from deep rumbles to trumpeting calls, which travel miles to reach other herd members. Such vocalizations, along with behavior like ear flapping and trunk gestures, play a vital role in their survival and social bonds. Despite their size, they exhibit a surprising level of intelligence and empathy. Whether navigating vast savannas or dense forests, African elephants’ vocal prowess ensures they remain connected, making them one of nature’s most intriguing communicators. Dive into these captivating facts to learn more about these vocal marvels.”

<https://facts.net/gallery/35-animals-known-for-their-vocalizations/>



It can remind us of how Jesus solved the problem of getting food when it was scarce.

God has also given the elephant enough sense to use natural remedies when he gets hurt or sick. One elephant used soothing mud packs to treat his infected tusk. He had to walk through the woods backwards to protect the area until it healed. Once a whole herd of elephants was growing thin because they had gotten parasites. A healthy female elephant seemed to understand the problem and led the herd to a limestone rock face of a mountain. There the elephants hacked out the limestone and fed pounds of it mixed with gravel to each other. After one day they were all cured.



Once a scientist saw an elephant treat another elephant's bleeding gunshot wound by putting earth on it and pinching it together with the lips of her trunk as if they were fingers. It is an object lesson of God's compassion. *"He healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds"* (Psalm 147:3).

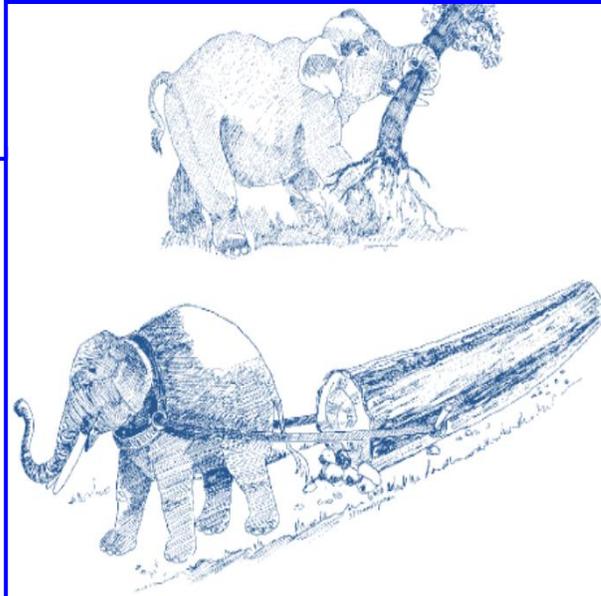
Jesus has supplied the elephants' needs by **giving** them intelligence and instincts. He supplied the needs of the multitude, and He will take just as good of care of us too.

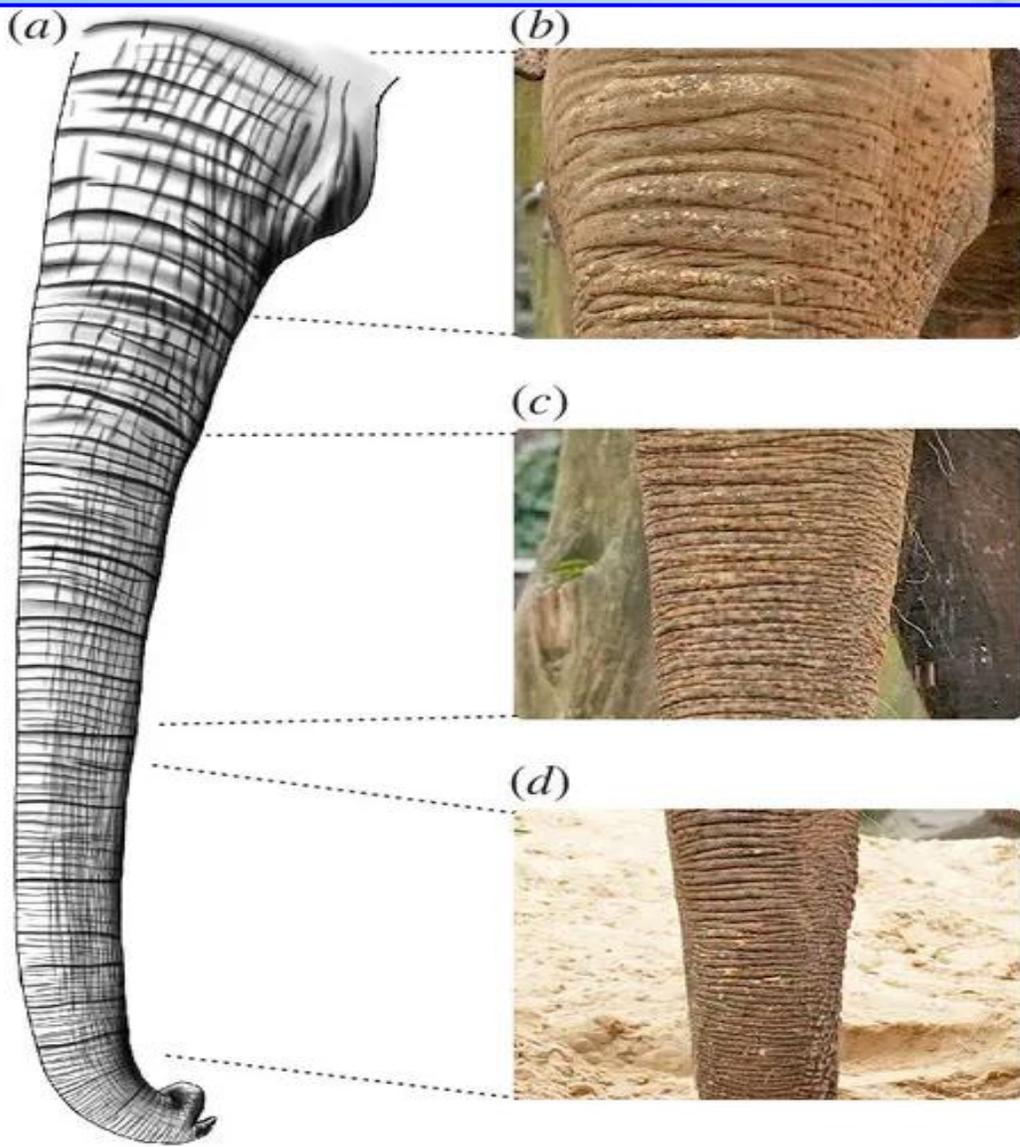


When in captivity, an elephant is a quick learner and can learn to do many things. A well-trained elephant may know as many as 40 voice commands. Do you hear the commands of the Holy Spirit? Because of his intelligence, gentle nature, and great strength the elephant has long been used to help man do his heavy work. In India, elephants are used as bulldozers and tractors. They fell trees, and collect and haul lumber. Elephants have even been used in armies.

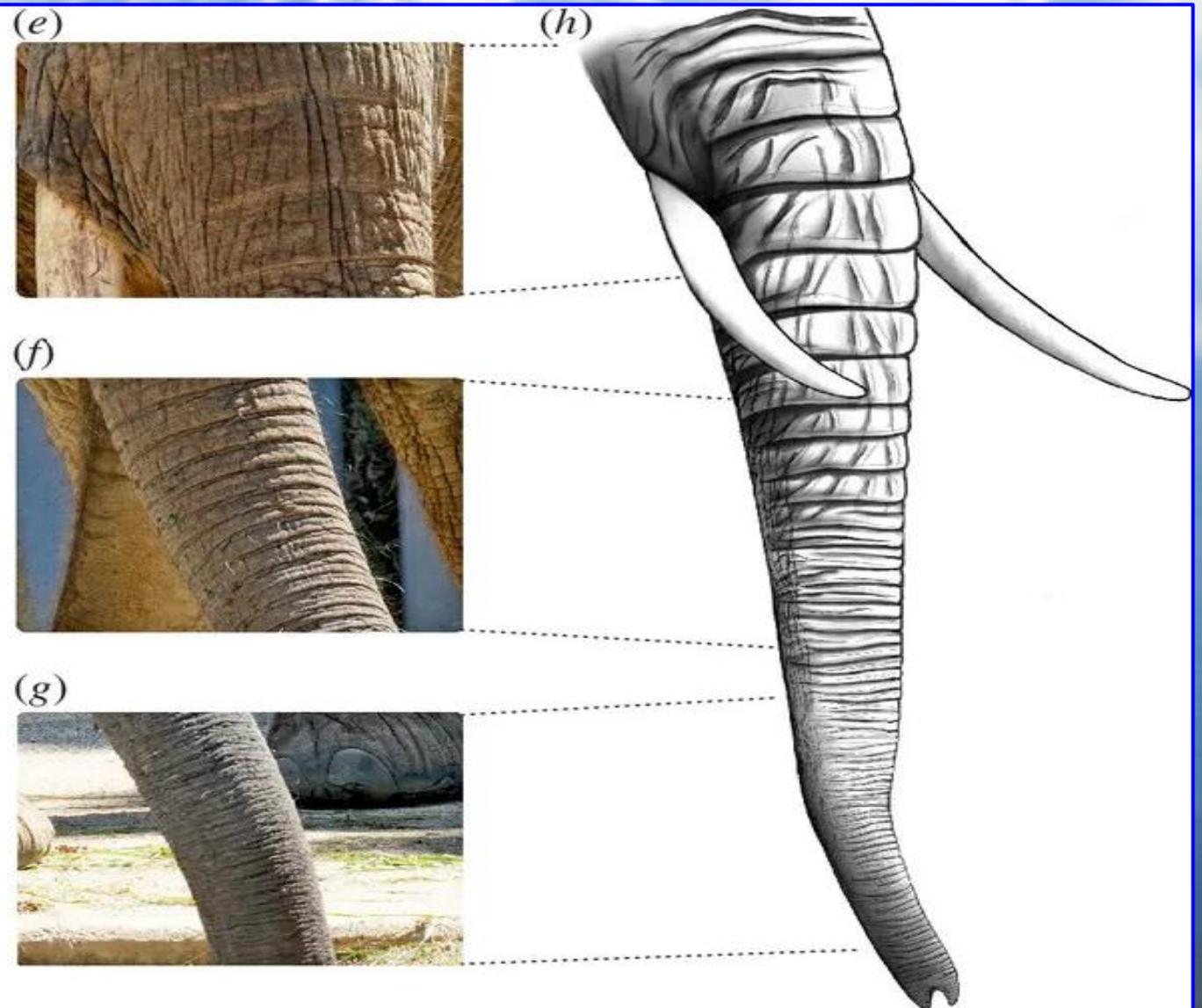


It has been said that the elephant is the true king of the beasts. With its great intelligence, it also has greater strength, than the other animals. It can travel through forests, swim across rivers, and cross whole countries in a night. Even though it is huge, it can hide like a mouse from a hunter and noiselessly disappear. (This makes me think of how Jesus hid Himself by going up into a mountain when the multitude wanted to make Him king.) And if an elephant is captured, it becomes the friend and servant, even the protector of man. Its great intelligence, power and willingness to humbly serve remind us of the King of kings, Jesus Christ.





Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*)



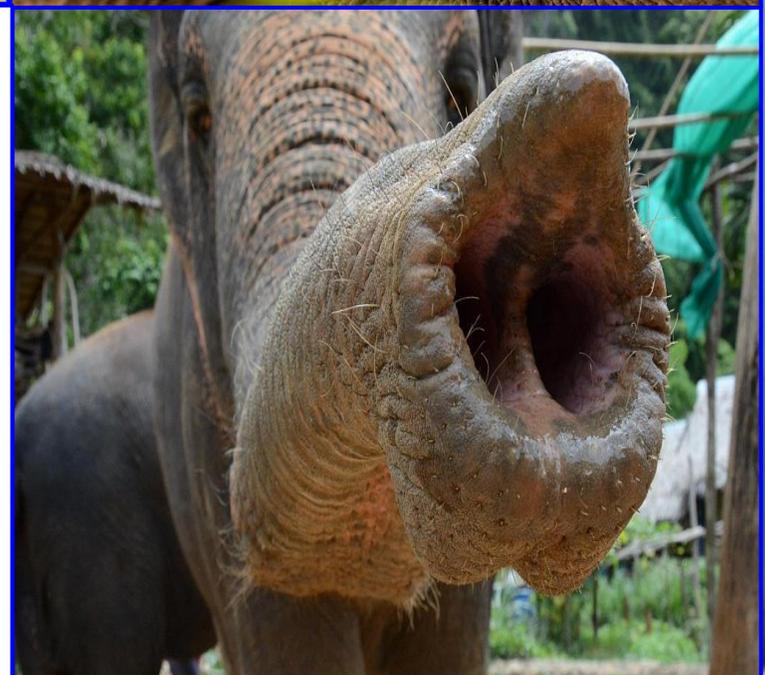
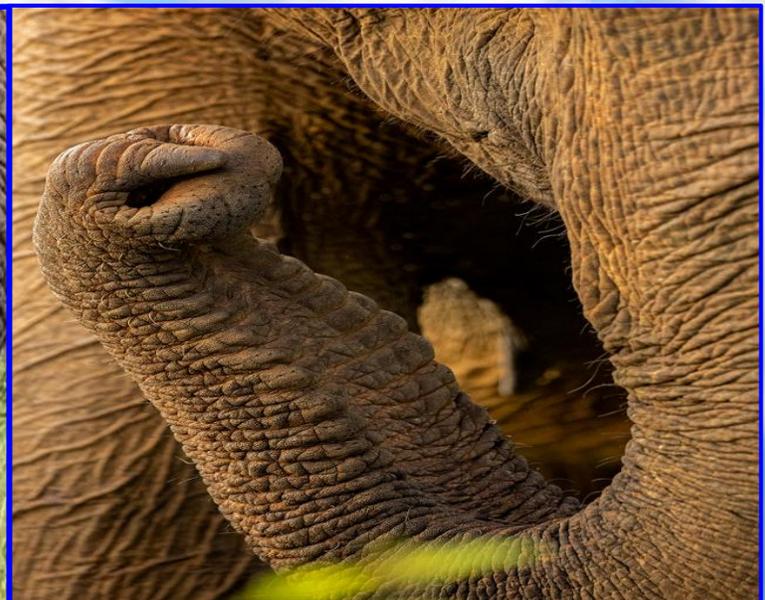
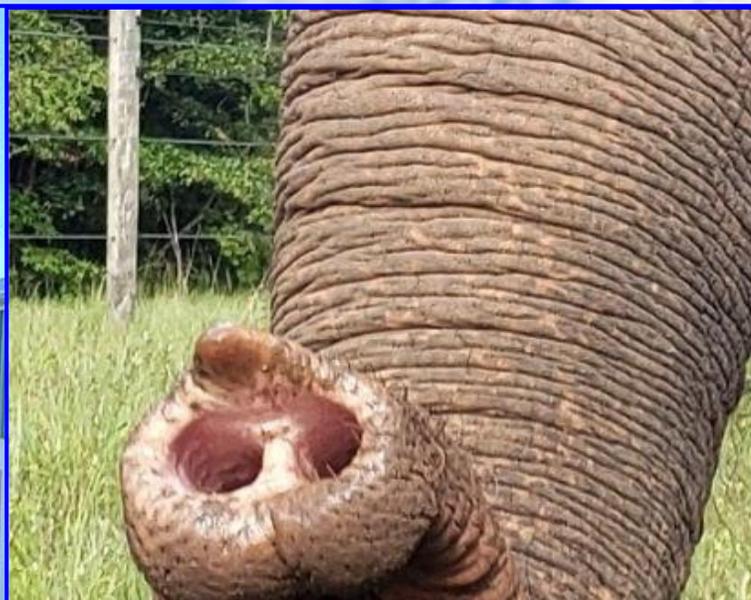
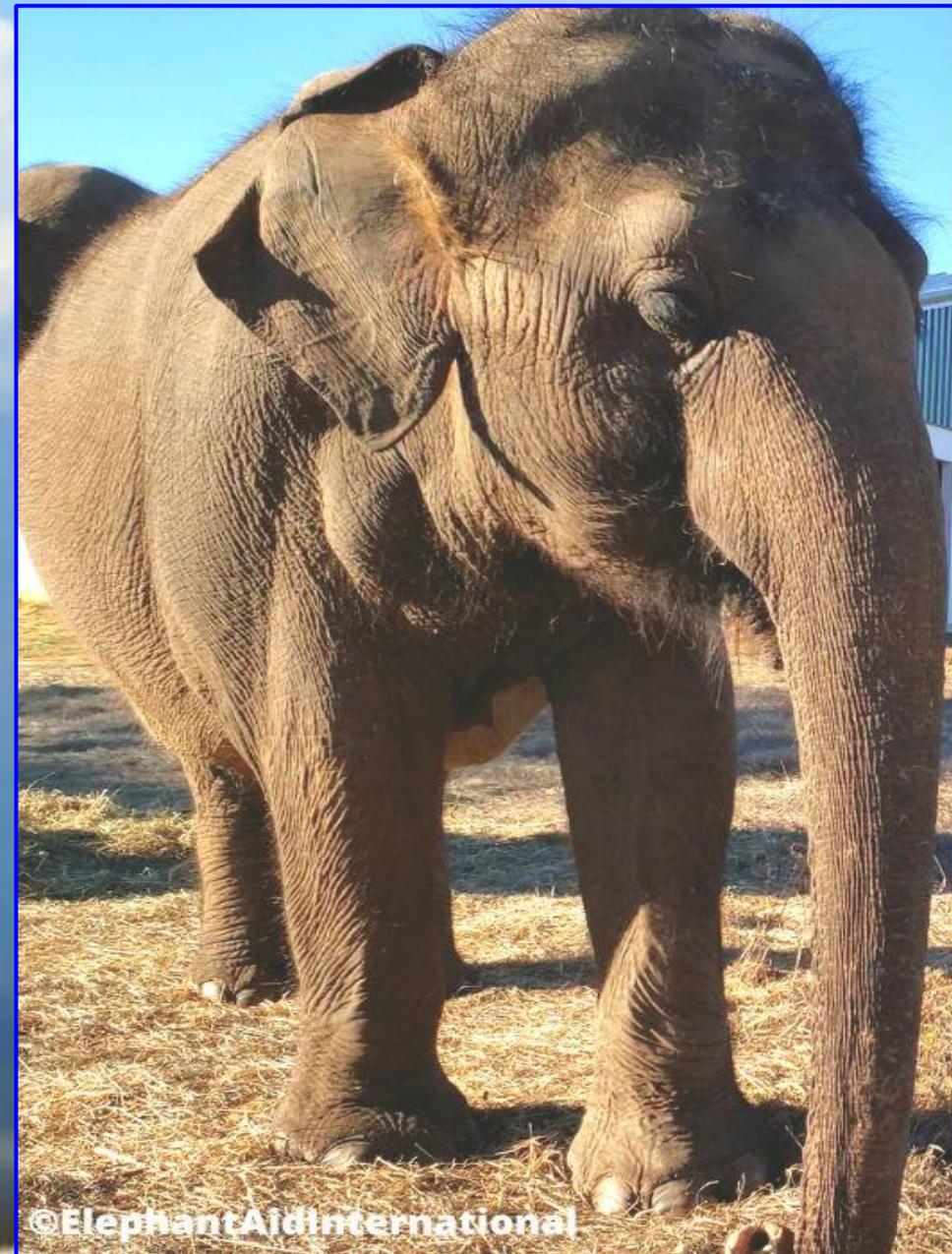
African elephant (*Loxodonta africana*)



**Asian Elephant Trunk:
One "Finger"**

Asian Elephant



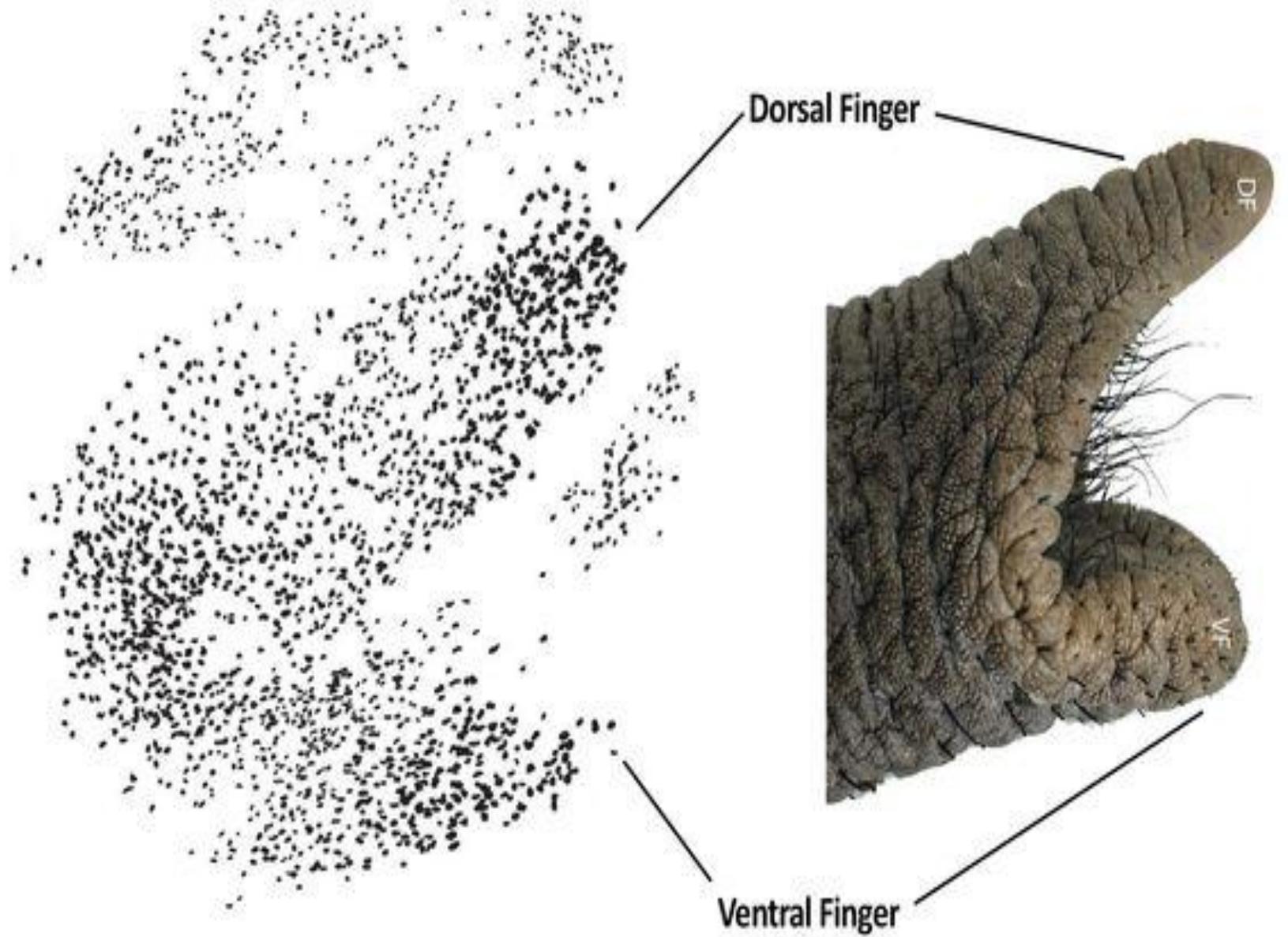


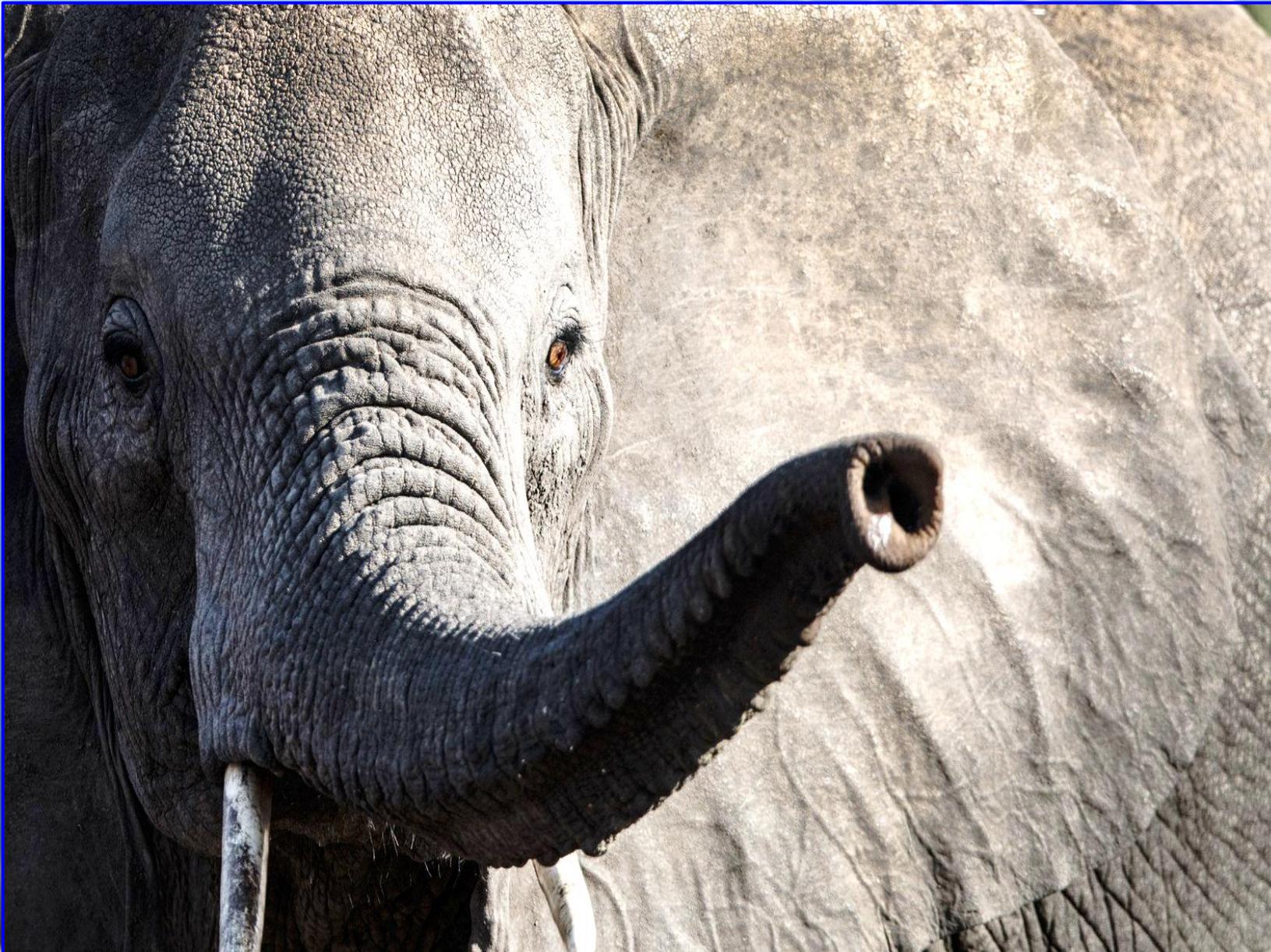
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**African Elephant Trunk:
Two "Fingers"**

African Elephant





Communication & Emotional Intelligence

<https://youtu.be/0Ogv27BebwM>



<https://natureandwildlife.tv/african-elephant-vs-asian-elephant/>

Communication & Emotional Intelligence

Elephants have sophisticated communication methods that include vocalizations, infrasound, body language, and tactile interactions.

Feature

Vocal Communication

Infrasound

African Elephant

Louder trumpeting and rumbling calls
(Low-Frequency Sound)

Asian Elephant

Softer, low-frequency calls
Used for long-distance communication
(up to 10 km) Also uses infrasound but more
dependent on touch and body language.

Tactile Communication

Use trunks to touch and reassure each other

More reliant on physical contact within smaller
groups.

Memory & Problem-Solving

Remember water sources for decades, recognize old friends

Similar intelligence levels, but more adaptable to changing
environments.

Why Are Elephants Considered Highly Intelligent?

They recognize themselves in mirrors, showing self-awareness.
They mourn their dead, exhibiting deep emotional connections.
They use tools, such as branches for scratching or water storage.”

“Research on vocal communication in African elephants has increased in recent years, both in the wild and in captivity, providing an opportunity to present a comprehensive review of research related to their vocal behavior. Current data indicate that the vocal repertoire consists of perhaps **nine acoustically** distinct call types, “**rumbles**” being the most common and acoustically variable. Large vocal production anatomy is responsible for the low-frequency nature of rumbles, with fundamental frequencies in the infrasonic range.

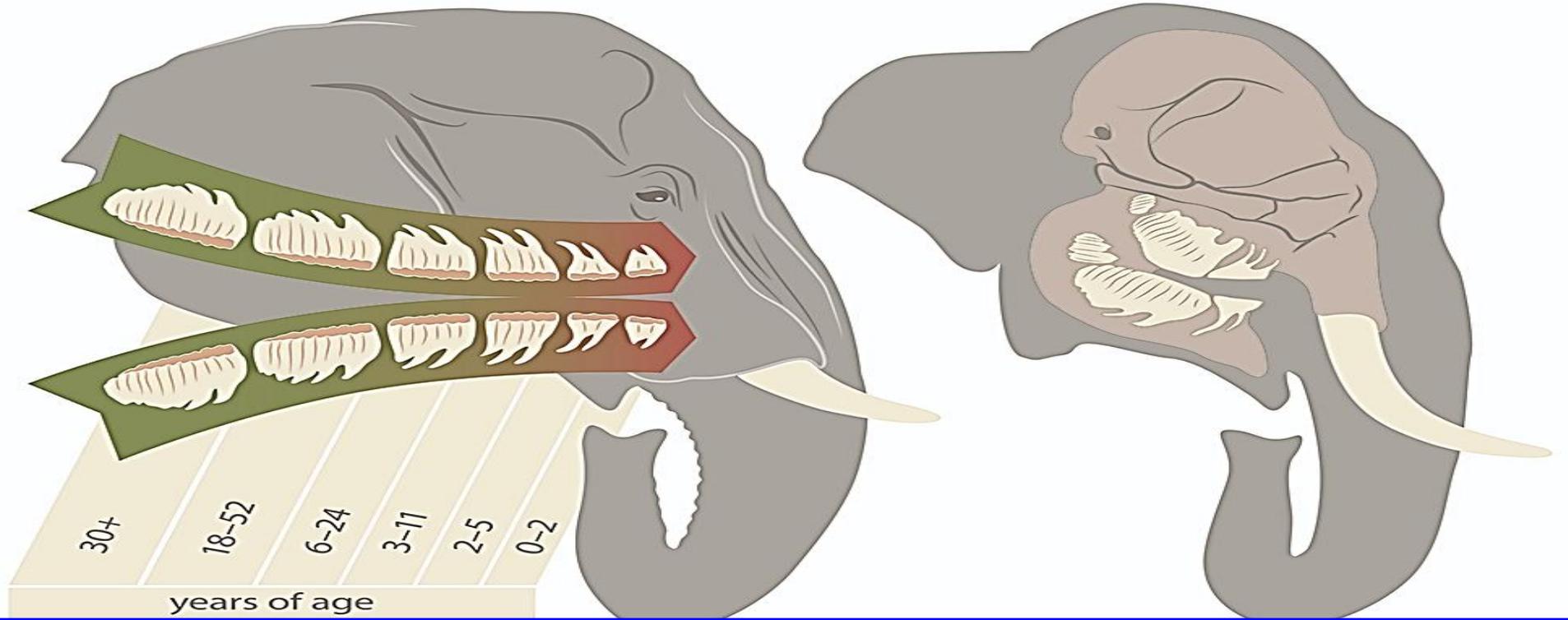
Additionally, resonant frequencies of rumbles implicate **the trunk in addition to the oral cavity** in shaping the acoustic structure of rumbles. Long-distance communication is thought possible because low-frequency sounds propagate more faithfully than high-frequency sounds, and elephants respond to rumbles at distances of up to **2.5 km**. Elephant ear anatomy appears designed for detecting low frequencies, and experiments demonstrate that elephants can detect infrasonic tones and discriminate small frequency differences.

Two vocal communication functions in the African elephant now have reasonable empirical support.

First, closely bonded but spatially separated females engage in rumble exchanges, or “**contact calls**,” that function to coordinate movement or reunite animals.

Second, both males and females produce “**mate attraction**” rumbles that may advertise reproductive states to the opposite sex. Additionally, there is evidence that the structural variation in rumbles reflects the individual identity, reproductive state, and emotional state of callers. Growth in knowledge about **the communication system** of the African elephant has occurred from a rich combination of research on wild elephants in national parks and captive elephants in zoological parks.”

Zoo Biol 29:192–209, 2010. © 2009 Wiley-Liss, Inc.



How Many Teeth Does an Elephant Have?

“All elephant species, including the African and Asian, have 26 teeth. They have two upper incisors called tusks, **12 wide**, flat molars, and **12 slightly narrower**, pointier premolars.

Keeping in mind that elephants are herbivores, it makes sense for most of their teeth to be molars and premolars. These flatter teeth allow them to grind up plant matter easily.

They don't have canines or sharper teeth, as they do not need to tear through flesh and meat.

Different Types of Elephant Teeth

Here is a breakdown of the different types of elephant teeth and their uses.”

<https://leozoo.org/elephant-teeth/>

Dear little ones, this last slide will end today's lesson.

But before we finish the study, we will read a communicative poem called “The Christian Mother and Her Child.”

The Christian Mother and Her Child

Child: What can I do for Christ, Mamma,
Who does so much for me?

Mother: **Give Him** your youthful heart, my child,
And from all evil flee.

Child: I think He has my heart, Mamma,
And I detest all sin.

Mother: Then end each day with prayer, my child;
With prayer each day begin.



Child: I pray both morn and eve, Mamma,
And love God's Word to read.

Mother: Act too, that all may see, my child,
That you are Christ's indeed.

Child: All this I strive to do, Mamma;
Can I do nothing more?

Mother: Yes, tell that Christ has died for us,
All of our sins He bore.

Child: To whom can one so young, Mamma,
The Saviour's mercy teach?

Mother: To all you love, and all you know,
And all your voice can reach.

Child: But there are dying souls, Mamma,
In many a distant land.



Mother: Well, send them men to preach the Word,
That they may understand.

Child: How can I send them men, Mamma,
Who am so weak and poor?

Mother: Help those who do, and that with prayer,
A blessing to secure.

Child: If prayer would turn my pennies to dollars,
I sure your plan would try.

Mother: Elijah and the widow's oil
My answer will supply.

Child: O yes! I see; I have not much,
But what I have I'll give;
And God may make some dying soul
Through my small savings live.



Mother: Do thus, my child, and you will find,
When sun and stars are dim,
That Christ regards what's done for man
As if 'twere done for Him.

**IN GOD WE WILL
TRUST**



*Our Closing Hymn for our Toddler's study is entitled,
"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"
Hymn #542*

1. God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings, protecting, hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. **[Refrain]**

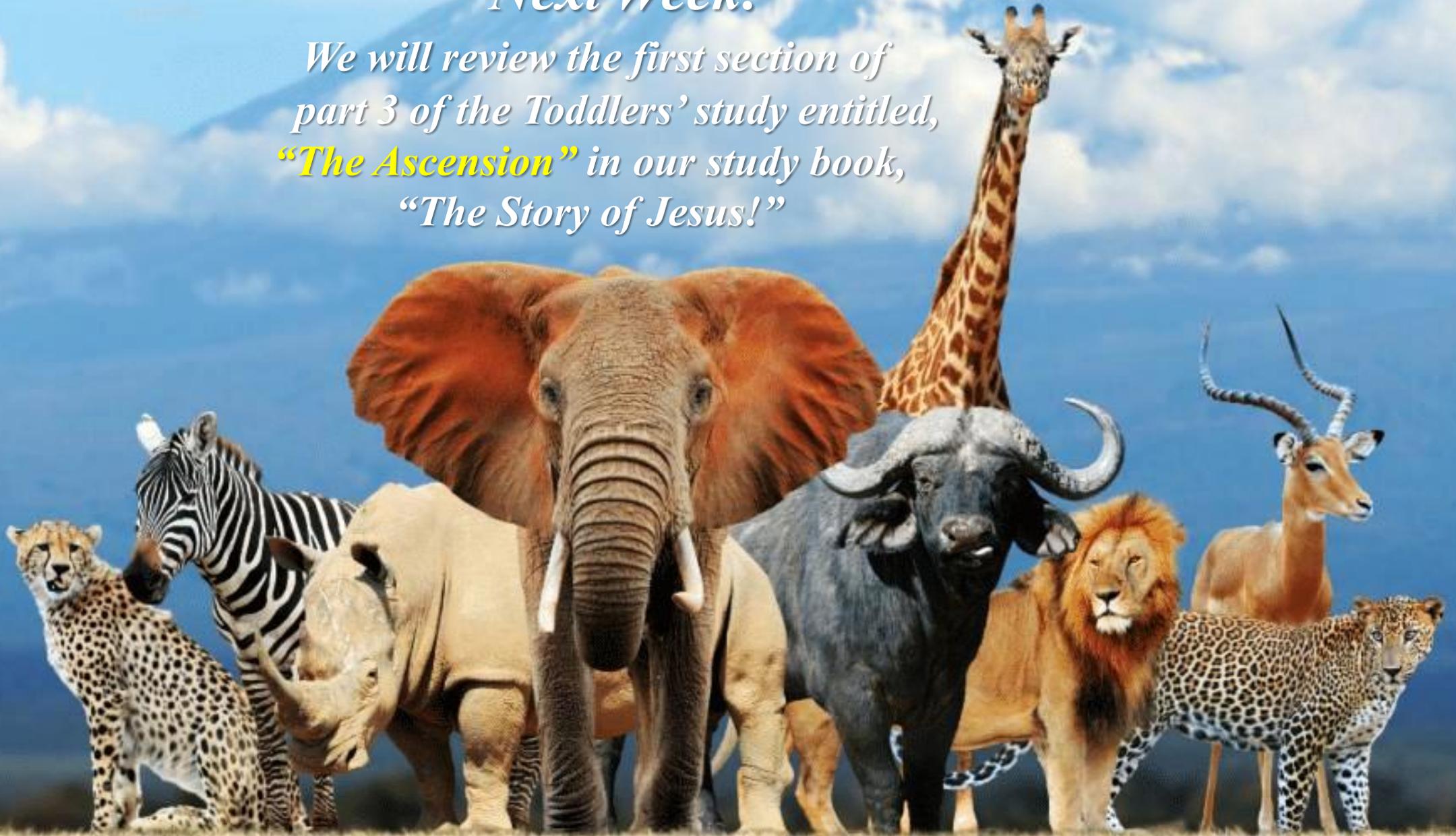
4. God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threat'ning wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again. **[Refrain]**

Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

3. God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. **[Refrain]**

Next Week:

*We will review the first section of
part 3 of the Toddlers' study entitled,
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Review

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