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THE BIG FISH OF THE OCEAN By Vera Dolores Bromley

You often hear about fish traveling in schools. That means that a lot of fish travel together. But there is one fish that always travels alone. That is the swordfish.

The swordfish is often referred to as a "Mighty Hunter." He likes to go after a school of fish and gobble them up one after the other when he gets hungry. He can eat and eat until he is filled.

The swordfish has a long, sharp beak that can even go right through the side of a boat.

When men go fishing for the swordfish they use harpoons. They have to be very careful because the swordfish is very strong and dangerous. He gets very angry when he is harponned and can run his "sword" right through the boat and wreck it.

The swordfish lives in warm climates where the seas are warm, too. They are related to the mackerel family, a fish that you can often see in the market when Mother takes you shopping.

Swordfish are very good to eat and have an almost meaty taste. The fish market sells them in steaks.

Sometimes swordfish grow as big as 800 pounds, so you can just imagine how hard it is to catch them and how big a fight they put up to keep from getting caught.

The swordfish swims very fast and likes to stay on the surface of the water.

The next time you get to go to a city where they have an aquarium, ask Mother and Dad to take you so that you can see the huge swordfish, who gets his name because his long, sharp snout is shaped like a sword, and is his weapon for taking care of himself and finding his food.

God prepares every creature in the water and the sky, as well as on earth, to fit its surroundings. God gave the swordfish his sword so he could hunt for his food to keep himself alive.

GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD
By Thelma C. Carter
(Illustration #1)

Have you ever thought about how big things, inventions, discoveries, historical events, and famous people have their beginnings in little things?

The raindrop is a tiny thing. The biggest raindrop scarcely measures one-fourth of an inch in diameter. The usual size is one-twentieth of an inch! Our Bible tells us in Job 36:27-28: "For he maketh small the drops of water: . . . which the clouds do drop. . . upon man abundantly."

The single raindrop is not only a very tiny part of the ~~tons~~ of rainfall and snow that fall on the earth Year by year, but it is also a part of the millions of drops that make the clouds, fog, and dew.

Early day settlers looked for the path of the raindrop where, nearby, they might build the waterwheel to grind their grain and gunpowder. Today, raindrops, collected together along with the turbine and generator, produce the power and electricity we use in our homes and industry.

It sounds unbelievable, but it's true that a tiny creek or stream, small enough for a boy to jump across, will provide enough "raindrop wallop" to produce the electricity for an average home!

Many times "little things" appear unimportant until they become the "big thing!" We never know how important are small gestures of friendliness and invitation until they lead the way to our friend's decision for Christ!

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RHYME TIME
By Mildred L. Ackerman

Here are seven words which rhyme with O A T. Can you fit them into the spaces where they belong?

- Mote 1. Jesus sometimes preached from a _____.
- Quote 2. Joseph had a beautiful _____.
- Boat 3. Noah built the ark so it could _____.
- Wrote 4. Many of the psalms David _____.
- Coat 5. Jesus spoke of the beam and the _____.
- Float 6. When Jesus spoke the people took _____.
- Note 7. Bible verses are a comfort to _____.

- Answers: 1. Boat
2. Coat
3. Float
4. Wrote
5. Mote
6. Note
7. Quote

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