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GOD'S WONDEROUS WORLD

By Thomas Garner

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We are reminded of the beautiful natural world God created. As it is recorded in Genesis 1:11, "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb . . . , and the fruit tree." In the same chapter God commanded, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth."

Nature works in strange ways to protect God's natural world. For a time, the park officials were greatly disturbed by the increasing herds of hippopotami, 20 to 30 in a herd which were consuming tons of water plants. These great animals were even going on shore and destroying trees and shrubs. As a result, smaller animals, fish, and birds were deprived of food.

Some strange events took place within a few months. First, the herds of hippos were struck with an epidemic and many died. Second, the streams and lakes once more filled with plants and the small animals and birds returned to their favorite lake-front homes.

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THE ELEPHANT'S SUITCASE

By Lucretia Penny

Illustration No. 4 - Two elephants

The elephant has no suitcase

So he's lanky he is strong

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He always brings it back

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DO WE REMEMBER?

By Lois Snelling

We remember certain places mentioned in the Bible because of what happened to Jesus there. Which of the places in the second column do you remember in connection with each of the things in the first column?

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| 1. A memorial supper | A. Bethlehem |
| 2. A famous outdoors sermon | B. Gethsemane |
| 3. A manger | C. An upper room |
| 4. A cross | D. Bethany |
| 5. Moneychangers | E. Calvary |
| 6. A baptism | F. A mountain |
| 7. A night of prayer | G. Cana |
| 8. A wedding feast | H. Jordan River |
| 9. A cock's crowing | I. The temple |
| 10. A visit to Lazarus | J. Palace of Caiaphas |

Answers:

- 1-C (Luke 22:12)
- 2-F (Matt. 5:1)
- 3-A (Luke 2:15-16)
- 4-E (Luke 23:33)
- 5-I (Mark 11:15)
- 6-H (Mark 1:9)
- 7-B (Mark 14:32)
- 8-G (John 2:1-2)
- 9-J (Matt. 26:57-58, 74)
- 10-D (John 11:1-2, 17)

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