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GET A LITTLE CLOSER

Jesus opened their minds so they
could understand the Scriptures.

LUKE 24:45

Some scientists say we know more about the surface of
Mars than about the bottom of the ocean. But the National
Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—NOAA for short—is working to
change that.

EXPLORE THE UNKNOWN

In 2009, NOAA launched the *Okeanos Explorer* ship to map and explore the ocean floor. A remote-control vehicle named *Deep Discoverer* dives down to 19,000 feet underwater. (That's over 3½ miles down!) Along the way, it takes pictures, collects samples, and discovers creatures like the *Dushickium* (pronounced *duh-sheek-ee-um*)—a new species of comb jelly—and a “ghost-like” octopus no one has ever seen before!

Each year, *Okeanos* maps between 25,000 and 35,000 square miles. But since the ocean is over 199,000,000 square miles, they've still got a lot of ground . . . I mean . . . water to cover. Space satellites can give us a rough outline of what's down there. But to fill in the details, explorers need to dive in and get a little closer.

That's true about God, too—if we just “look” at Him during church once a week, we can learn some things about who He is. And that's great! But to fill in the details, we need to dive into His Word and get a little closer. That means looking up words we don't know, asking for help with verses we don't understand, and talking to God about what it all means. When you set out to discover more about God, you'll meet the One who's more amazing than anything you could discover here on Earth—even at the bottom of the ocean.

Are there still unexplored parts of the ocean floor? There are! “Towers” formed from sand and silt rise up from volcanic activity in the Gulf of Mexico. Great streams of fresh water flow through cracks in the ocean floor—like if the squamous *Play-Doh* through your fingers. As you get closer to the water, a cool life shape of huge flower petals, to scientists called them “*barrels*.”

God, I want to deeply know You. Help me fill in the details and understand what I read in Your Word. Amen.



A PLAN AND A PURPOSE

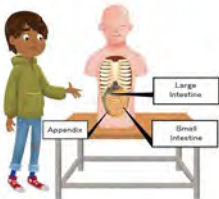
—THE LITTLE APPENDIX HAS A PLAN FOR YOU!—

—LEARN MORE!—

This might sound gross, but did you know that there's this little worm-like pouch inside your body? It's about two to four inches long, and scientists had no idea why it's there—until recently. That little pouch is called the appendix (uh-PEN-diks). It's attached to your large intestine, which is attached to your small intestine (which is 20 feet long and not all that small), which is attached to your stomach. *Wow!*

Those organs all work together to digest your food—except the appendix. For years, scientists believed the appendix had no real purpose. But now they believe it's actually pretty important. It stores good bacteria (not the bad kind that makes you sick), which is important because your digestive system needs good bacteria to break down your food. But when you get sick, especially with a stomachache, the good bacteria can get flushed out of your system. That's when the appendix comes to the rescue! It releases the stored-up good bacteria and gets your digestive system back on track!

Okay, let's think about this. If God has an important purpose for even that tiny, worm-like pouch in your belly, just imagine what He's got planned for your whole body! God created you and put you in this time and place for a reason. And He's going to use everything that happens in your life—yes, even the things that don't seem to have a purpose right now—to help you grow and learn and be able to carry out His plan for you. Some days, it might be hard to see, but never doubt that God's got a plan and a purpose created just for you!



Lord, I know You have good plans for me—plans that will show off just how awesome You are. Please direct me in the next step to take.
Amun.

EXPLORE THE WONDER

Ever wonder how food gets through your digestive system? Muscle power! Waves of muscle movement—kind of like the waves in the ocean—push food down your esophagus, into the stomach, and then through the intestines. It's called peristalsis (jeh-uh-STAL-sis). Since it uses muscle power instead of gravity, you could digest your food standing on your head!



LOST AND FOUND

God is being patient with you. He does not want anyone to be lost. He wants everyone to change his heart and life.

— PETER DINKOV

No one had seen a Somali sengi since 1973. What's a Somali sengi? you ask. It's a species of elephant shrew. Yeah, it's mouse-sized, but it really is related to the elephant—just check out its extra-long nose!

For almost 50 years, scientists believed the Somali sengi was extinct. But they kept hearing rumors about sengis being spotted in the rocky lands of

Djibouti in Africa. So, in 2019, scientists set out over 1,200 traps to find them. For bait, they used a mixture of peanut butter, oatmeal, and yeast. Turn out, sengis love peanut butter! Scientists caught—and safely released!—12 Somali sengis. The animal everyone thought was lost had been found.

Scientists didn't want the Somali sengi to be lost, and God doesn't want you or anyone else to be lost either. This isn't "lost" like being lost in a city. This "lost" means a person hasn't trusted God to be the Lord of their life. That's why God never stops searching for us and chasing after us with His love. Sometimes it's in big ways, like sending Jesus to save us from sin. And other times it's in smaller ways, like sending a friend to remind us how much God loves us.

God never gives up on anyone—not the noisy neighbor, the pizza delivery guy, or that mean kid on the bus, and definitely not you. He's always working, searching, and chasing because He wants absolutely everyone to be found and to follow Him!

God, I want to be more like You. Help me to never stop showing the world how much You love everyone in 2. Amen.

EXPLORE THE WONDER

Where is your favorite place to play?
How many things do you like to play?
Use the information you've written
to draw a picture of the day you had
your picnic. How long did you stay
under the shelter of your tent?
And how many little ants did you
visit? (You can draw two-inch-long ants and
a real ant.) And how long did you stay?





WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER GOD'S
AMAZING CREATION, YOU EXPERIENCE THE
WONDER AND MAGNIFICENCE OF GOD!

Join Pastor Louie Giglio in discovering why snow is white, what causes the glow of the mysterious milky seas, and what it means for a planet to go rogue. Just as Psalm 104:24 says, each wonder we explore reveals God's brilliance and power:

What a wildly wonderful world, God! You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow with your wonderful creations (104).

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