



'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell.

This classic lift the flap book has been a firm favourite with toddlers and parents alike. Lift the flaps to discover the animals the zoo has sent.

### Biblical Reference:

#### Genesis 1:25

*"And there it was; wild animals of every kind, cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug. God saw that it was good".*

### Next month's book is:

'Have you filled a bucket today?'  
by Carole McCloud

### Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

 <https://youtu.be/UywEnHKTMXk>

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## Theme: God made everything

### Genesis 1:28

*"Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of the earth"*



### Theme exploration:

The Bible says God created the world, and every living creature that lives in it. You may wish to read the story of creation or watch it here: <https://youtu.be/teu7BCZTgD>

The creation story can be found in most children's Bibles and is usually the first story. God made each fish, bird and every living thing, and at the end of each day He said that 'it was good', so God didn't need to send anything back. Because everything God has created is good, God wants us to take care of everything for Him.

### As a family this month you could:

- Make a pretend zoo with your toys.
- Visit a zoo, safari park or a pet shop. How many different animals can you see? How different are they, for example are they all furry?
- Go on your own bug safari.
- Go to the library and look at or borrow a book about animals.
- Can you think of an animal for every letter of the alphabet?
- Make your own animals out of empty boxes, maybe even create a brand new animal. What would it eat, where would it live, can it fly or swim?
- Which is your favourite animal – why?



### We believe in the power of prayer

#### A prayer for you to pray for your child:

*Creator God, thank you for this precious child.  
Help them to grow up caring for all animals, whether they are big, small, bouncy or scary. Amen.*

#### A prayer we commit to pray for you as parents:

*Loving Father God, bless these parents as they care for their precious child/ren, give them the awe and wonder of a child, to appreciate your creation. Amen.*