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The Pastor's Child

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Axolotl Food Chain and Facts

Part I: Food Chain

Axolotls love to eat. They are carnivores who are not super picky, and will eat pretty much anything they can get in their mouths, including each other. Axolotls mainly eat worms, insects, tadpoles, crawfish and small fish, but do also have cannibalistic tendencies. They have few predators, but are eaten by storks and people. Axolotls are considered a delicacy in Mexico, and were eaten by the Aztecs.

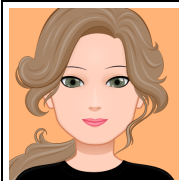
Part II: Interesting Facts

The Axolotl is a very interesting creature, but the most interesting thing is that they can grow back full limbs if they ever lose any. Axolotl will often be attacked by other Axolotls who will bite off their limbs, gills or tail, and when this happens, they can grow back whatever gets eaten.

Another interesting fact about the Axolotl is that even though they usually spend their whole lives in their larval form, they can grow up. It is very rare, but if an Axolotl goes through metamorphosis and finishes growing, then they become a Mexican salamander. The Axolotl will spend almost its entire life underwater, but if they grow up, then they will leave their water home and live on the land as a salamander.

The final cool fact about the Axolotl is that they are nocturnal, hunting mainly at night, which is handy because they have bad eyesight, and rely on their other senses to hunt.

By Bronwyn Plant, journalist for the Pastor's Child Magazine



Bronwyn Plant is a journalist for the Pastor's Child Magazine and is in the 5th grade. She is homeschooled. She is 10 years old.

What's up? News for kids

Laser Tag Competition:

We will be hosting a Laser Tag competition on Monday, June 21, in the church parking lot and playground. If you would like to participate, meet us in the church playground at 4:15. The competition will consist of a few games, then a tournament. There will be a prize for the winner!

Vermont is 80% Vaccinated:

80% of the eligible people (everyone 12 and older) in Vermont (a state in the northeast US) are now vaccinated! That's really big because there has been a lot of vaccine hesitancy in other places in the country.

Comics: Baseball Jokes



Exclusive interview with Will Behrens

And... It's time for the interview! This week: Will Behrens. Why is Will being interviewed? He won the joke competition! Read on to find out what Will has to say.

Reporter: Hi Will, and thanks for letting us interview you for the Pastor's Child magazine. So you are being interviewed because you won the Pastor's Child joke contest. So, what was your joke?

Will: Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel prize?

Reporter: Why?

Will: Because he was out standing in his field.

Reporter: Ohhhh. (Laughs). So like normal we have three questions for you today. Our first question is:
What's it like being out of school when others are still in it?

Will: It's kind of fun because I'm alone at home a lot, and I get to do stuff without being interrupted. Yeah.

Reporter: What things have you been able to do?

Will: I like doing Legos, making - um, drawing a lot. I like playing with soldiers and shooting targets.

Reporter: That sounds pretty fun. So, our second question is:
Is it hard to be the second oldest child, and have two younger siblings and an older sibling?

Will: Yeah, because one, the younger siblings are always asking me to do stuff, and two, you're not in charge-in charge because there's an older sibling who tends to be really bossy.

Reporter: That's what a lot of people have said.

Will: Yep.

Reporter: So our third and last question is: *What would you recommend that other kids do over the summer?*

We've already gotten to that, because you said what you are doing over the summer, but what do you think other kids should do?

Will: Swimming is a lot of fun, and it cools you down a lot. Going on bike rides is cool. I don't recommend it though. It's really tiring. And it's fun to just get out with friends, do water balloon fights, water gun fights, it's a lot of fun. And at the end of the day to just have a popsicle cool off.

Reporter: So do you think outside time is a lot more fun than inside time over the summer?

Will: Well, because your parents are going to tell you to go outside, but some stuff to do inside is to play with Legos, watch a bit of TV with your siblings, and other stuff like that.

Reporter: What do you think you would do if you were still in school? What do you think you would think about that when other kids are going outside?

Will: How do I get out of class?

Reporter: Yeah. So that was the last question for today. Thanks again for being interviewed.

Will: You're welcome.

If you would like to watch the entire interview, please visit <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Yri2EoodptQCeqX46>. An awesome thing about this interview is that it is the first with the new (fake) Pastor's Child microphone! This kid's magazine is becoming more and more professional.

Reporter: CJ Dunlop, Editor of the Pastor's Child Magazine
Camerawoman: Carissa Dunlop, Co-Editor of the Pastor's Child Magazine



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Doodle Space:

Short Story: the Cicada Series. In the Fortress.

See <https://www.pbs.org/video/wfyi-local-productions-return-cicadas/> for more information about cicadas

Peter flew upwards abruptly along with the rest of his squadron, bumping heads sharply with a few other cicadas, barely squeezing through a small gap in the ceiling of the tunnel. As he emerged into a lighted room, he heard a faint thump as a door was closed on the remaining enemies. "Finally," Peter thought. "Safety."

Peter looked around the room, taking it in. Bare walls cut out of the home tree surrounded him, with weapons and supplies stacked up around the room. Through an archway to his left, Peter could see a large hall full of great stores of defensive material. A humm of activity flowed around the room.

"The home tree," Joshua said. "The fortress our fathers used 17 years ago. And our grandfathers 17 years before that."

As Peter's eyes adjusted to the light, he took notice of the two brightly-clad cicada warriors standing in front of him and his comrades. They boasted hardened faces, strong stature, and heavy spears and shields. Peter at once knew that they were to be respected.

"Yes," said one of the warriors. "We were expecting you, sons of Wingsor."

Despite the threatening strength and size of the cicada warriors, and the fright that the squadron had just been through, Christopher managed to keep his good nature and talkativeness.

"And what help must we perform?" He asked.

The cicada warrior stared at Christopher blankly. In a world of seriousness and respect, it wasn't often that a cicada skipped the respect and got to the nitty gritty. Thankfully, a higher ranking cicada with red stripes on his chest and a glorious-looking helmet stepped out from behind the warriors. He was smiling.

"I see you've cut through the greetings so soon!" The warrior said. "I guess now that we're in the midst of battle, we should actually get down to business."

"Yes, most definitely," Joshua replied.

"Where should we go?"

One of the cicada warriors promptly spoke.

"If I may speak, my lord, the ramparts yonder. We are under great pressure in that section of the fortress."

Joshua sighed grimly. It was going to be a long day.

"Good," he said. "I am glad my squadron can be of service."

In single file, the cicadas flew away from the beautiful room and into another dark tunnel. It was war. There would be no rest.

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Advice Column

#	Question	Answer
1:	What do I do if I have tried solving a math problem again and again, and feel like giving up? - Anonymous stressed-out test taker	This is a really good question. As far as I know, everyone in this life will be stumped by at least one math problem, and that's ok.

Any questions you need advice on? Email them to us at thepastorschild@gmail.com.

Book Recommendations

Need new books to read? Well, maybe check out these:

1. Great Medieval Projects You Can Build Yourself by Kris Bordessa
2. 10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) about Christianity by Rebecca McLaughlin
3. The Slowest Book Ever by April Pulley Sayre
4. On the Far Side of Liglig Mountain by Thomas Hale

Any other recommendations? Email them to thepastorschild@gmail.com.

Fun Activities

Medieval Times

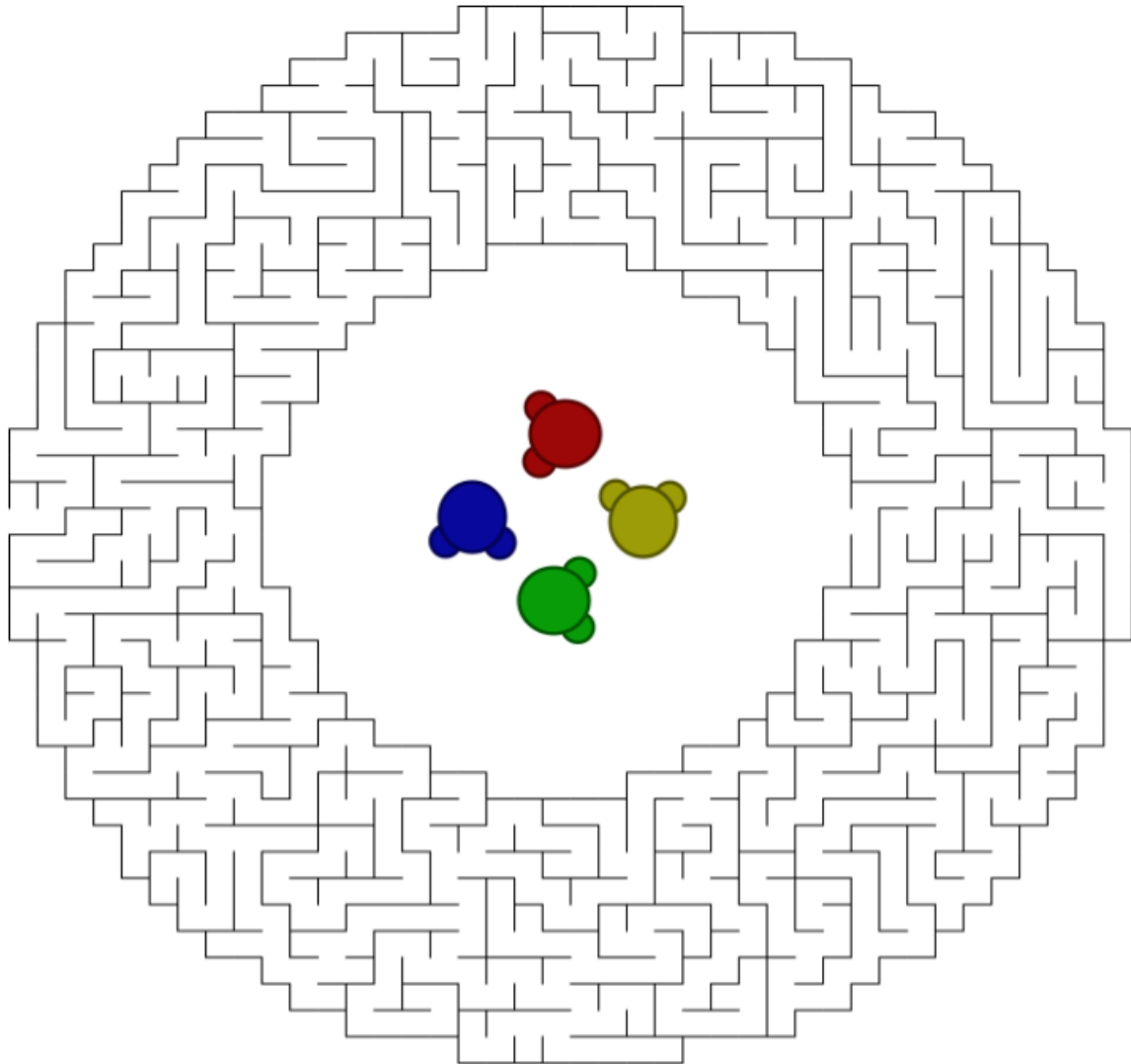
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Word Bank:

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CRAZY DONUT!

Walking through your local park, a large donut fell from the sky, surrounding you and your friends! Complete the maze to get out of the donut to safety before it is too late!



FUN ACTIVITIES ISSUE 15 ANSWER KEY:

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A History of Father's Day

By the time you receive this issue, it is probably Sunday, June 20th. That is Father's Day. Father's Day may have always been around during your lifetime, but do you know how it started?

The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19th, 1910 in Washington State. However, it was not until 1972, 58 years after Mother's Day was made an official holiday, that Father's Day became a national holiday.

The campaign to celebrate Father's Day did not meet with as much of the same enthusiasm as did Mother's Day. As one florist (someone who works with flowers) said, "father's haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have."

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church held a service in honor of 362 men who had died in an explosion, sponsoring the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers.

The year after that, in Spokane, Washington, a woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, campaigned for a holiday to celebrate male parents. In 1910, Washington State celebrated the nation's first Father's Day.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag when he pressed a button in Washington, DC. In 1924, President Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated on the third Sunday of June. In other countries, especially in Europe and Latin America, Father's Day occurs on St. Joseph's Day, a Catholic Holiday which happens on March 19.

So, Father's Day isn't actually that old of a holiday. Really, it might just be a few years older than your parents! But, despite how old it is, we should definitely celebrate all of our father's hard work for us, and how they love us so much.

Thanks to history.com for information on this topic.



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Who was Fanny Crosby?

Important people in the history of Christianity.



Born in 1820 in Putnam County, New York, Francis Jane Crosby, or as she was called, Fanny Crosby, wrote over 9000 hymns, some of which are some of the most popular in every Christian denomination. And, for many people, the most amazing thing is that she did this all in spite of her blindness.

Two months after Fanny Crosby was born, she became ill. Unfortunately, the family doctor was far away, and another man who pretended to be a certified doctor treated her by prescribing hot mustard poultices to her eyes. Her illness eventually relented, but this treatment left her blind. A few months later, Fanny's father died. Her mother was forced to find work as a maid, and Fanny was raised mostly by her Christian grandmother.

Fanny developed a love of poetry at a young age, but also a love for the Bible. She zealously memorized five chapters a week! Eventually, Fanny's mother's hard work paid off, and shortly before her fifteenth birthday, Fanny was sent to the New York Institute for the Blind. She stayed there 12 years as a student, then 11 as a teacher. At that school, she continued to indulge in her love for poetry. Once the principal even asked her to avoid such "distractions" in favor of her general instruction.

A while later, though, a traveling phrenologist (someone who studies the shape of a skull for insights into character or mental capacity) changed the school's mind and reignited Fanny's passion. He said "Here is a poetess. Give her every possible encouragement. Read the best books to her and teach her the finest that is in poetry. You will hear from this young lady some day."

It didn't take long for Fanny to become a great poetess. By age 23, she was addressing Congress and making a friendship with the president himself.

In 1858, a former pupil at the New York Institute of the Blind, Alexander van Alstine, married Fanny. Considered one of New York's best organists, he wrote the music for many of Fanny's hymns. Often, musicians came to Fanny for lyrics.

Once, a guitarist named William Doane came to Fanny's house and said that he had a tune that he was going to play at a Sunday School convention, but had no lyrics. He also said that his train to that convention was leaving in 35 minutes! Doane sat down at the piano and played the tune. "Your music says, 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus,'" Fanny said, scribbling out the hymn's words immediately. "Read it on the train and hurry. You don't want to be late!" The hymn became one of Fanny's most famous.

Some of Fanny's most famous hymns are "Blessed Assurance," "All the Way My Savior Leads Me," "To God Be the Glory," "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "Rescue the Perishing," and "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross."

Fanny Crosby continued to write poetry until her death in 1915, a month shy of her 95th birthday. "You will reach the river brink, some sweet day, bye and bye," was the hymn's last stanza.

Verse of the Day: Ephesians 1:17

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Issue 15 Winners

Joke contest:

Congratulations to Will Behrens for winning the joke contest! His joke was: Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize? He was out standing in his field. Hahaha! See Will's interview on page 4.

KIDS Section:

For KIDS 6 or younger

Hi all kids out there! I'm Rose, and today we're going to learn about food. Do you have a favorite food? Why do you like it? Well, today we're going to talk about food all over the world, and where it comes from. Plants we eat, like strawberries, carrots, and tomatoes, can be grown by farmers. (Thanks, farmers!)



Meat comes from animals, like cows and fish. Dairy, like cheese and yogurt, comes from milk. And sugar, which is in sweet things, comes from sugar



cane. In America, we eat a lot of pizza, hot dogs, and burgers. But in England, people eat fish and chips, too. When I lived in England, I ate fish and chips! They are like big chicken nuggets made out of fish, and french

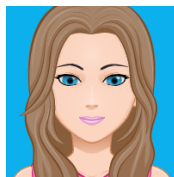


fries, which are called 'chips' in England. (They call our kind of chips 'crisps'!) In China, they eat meat, rice, noodles, and tofu, which is made out of soybeans! Delicious!



Definitions:

Dairy: food made out of milk Tofu: curd made from soybeans Delicious: very yummy!



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The Pastor's Child Issue 16. Issue 17 and the June Special Edition are coming out next Sunday.

Remember: Church at 10:30 AM in the church building (525 A St NE).
Prayer Service on Zoom or at church at 5:00 pm.

Thanks for reading!

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