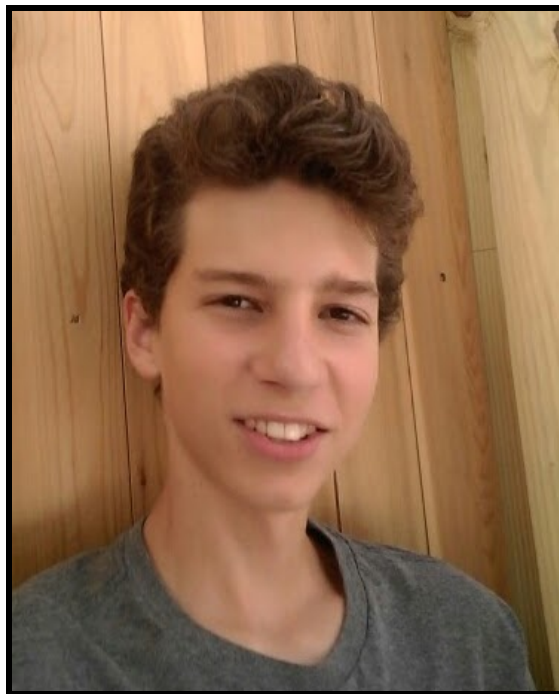




# The Pastor's Child

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**And more!**

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## **Axolotl Journal: Part 2**

My partners and I are wildlife biologists who are looking for Axolotls because we are trying to discover how many are still living in the wild, and how healthy their population is. We want to know these things so that we can try and help these cool creatures, and part of what we need to know is what they eat, and what eats them.

We have learned that Axolotl are not picky eaters, and like to eat pretty much any small animals, insects or fish that they can fit in their mouths. They eat worms, insects, crustaceans, small fish, and even each other! We have seen that Axolotl are not ashamed to eat each other when they are really hungry, sometimes just snacking on their friends' legs or tail.

Aside from each other, from what we can tell, there are only two other things that eat them: storks and people. The Axolotl is a favorite food for the large birds and for the people of Mexico, but because they are critically endangered, the people are eating them less and less, which is good, because we don't think they look that tasty - we think they're cute!

I want to study these amazing animals because they are unique and cool animals. It would be very sad if they no longer lived in the wild, and I think it is important that we try our very best to protect these awesome animals.

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

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# What's up? News for kids

## **Conference:**

A conference will be held on Monday, August 23rd, for all Pastor's Child journalists. That means that anyone who has written an article for the magazine is invited to join us in the church basement at 4:00 on Monday.

## **Hurricane Watch:**

Tropical Storm Fred: Hit the Florida panhandle early this week

Hurricane Grace: Went over the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Cuba, then strengthened into a Hurricane before it hit yucatan peninsula in Mexico

Tropical Henri: Is scheduled to hit New England as a small Hurricane or a large Tropical Storm (Sunday, August 22). If it does hit as a Hurricane, it will be the first hurricane in 30 years to hit New England.

# How to make a Paper Flower

A how to

We all know that paper flowers are awesome. Here is how to make a paper flower:

Step 1: Gather materials

The materials you need are shown below:

1. 3 sheets of tissue paper
2. 1 pipe cleaner or wire

Step 2: Cut one square/rectangle out of each sheet of tissue paper. You can save the rest of the tissue paper for making more flowers or wrapping gifts. Make sure every square is the same size

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Step 3: pile the squares into a sandwich

Step 4: take the middle of the square sandwich and twist it

Step 5: twist the pipe cleaner or wire onto the twisted middle of the square sandwich

Step 6: your flower is done! Put everything away. I hope you enjoy your flower!

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# Exclusive interview with Ruben

## Oliveira

**Here's Ruben Oliveira with an awesome interview! Here we go!**

This interview has been edited for clarity.

**Reporter:** Hi Ruben, and thanks for being interviewed for the Pastor's Child and being the oldest person to be interviewed so far who's a kid. So like normal we have three questions for you today. Our first question is:

*What is it like knowing that you're going to move to Portugal soon?*

**Ruben:** So, knowing that I'm moving to Portugal, it makes me really anxious because I moved away from Portugal when I was 7, so, I don't really know what the future's going to be like. I mean it's going to be fun seeing family all over again. Yeah, it's going to be fun visiting family and seeing everyone again, but I just don't want to leave everyone I know on this side of the world.

**Reporter:** Do you remember anything from Portugal?

**Ruben:** Yes. I remember most of my family. I remember my house, what it looked like. I remember my Grandparent's house, both sides. And I remember my house. That's about it.

**Reporter:** Our second question is: *Is it cool being the third person to be elected to*

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*membership at CHBC at age 15?*

**Reporter:** So is it nerve-racking doing microphones or going to read in front of the church?

**Ruben:** Yeah. I feel really privileged.

**Ruben:** Ok, so giving microphones to people is not nerve-racking. Sometimes it's tough, but it's definitely not nerve-racking because everyone's got their eyes closed. Nobody's, like, looking at you. But then reading in front of the church was - I felt like my heart was beating out of my chest. Pastor Mark was sitting right next to me and I thought he could probably hear my heart just beating five seconds before I got up there. But still, the important part was that it was God's word, and it didn't matter if I messed up. It was still God's word.

**Cameraman:** Like, let's hope that Pastor Mark didn't hear it?

**Ruben:** \*laughs\*

**Reporter:** So our third question is:  
*What is it like having two younger brothers?  
Are they annoying, or do you enjoy their  
company?*

**Ruben:** Yes and yes. Yes, they can be annoying, but I'm glad I'm not an only child. Yeah, they're-

**Cameraman:** I'm annoying?

**Ruben:** You are, yes. David's more annoying. Why am I even saying this?

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They're both annoying. Well, they *can* both be annoying. They're not always annoying. I love they're company, they're great to have around. What is it like for you, Mr. Reporter? Nobody's ever, like, asked you this question and we really wanna know.

**Reporter:** I think my answer is the same as you. My siblings are annoying, but it'd be terrible being an only child. But sometimes, like, when we've been together for like three weeks, it starts to get terrible. So because of that, I know that since you've moved from Mississippi to here, and from Portugal to Mississippi, you've probably been with your siblings a lot, because you need to make new friends and things. Is it really tough being with your siblings for a long period of time?

**Ruben:** Of course it can be tough, but my advice would be: be nice to your siblings. They'll normally be nice back to you and when you're grumpy they'll also be grumpy. So of course it can be hard, but at the same time they can be a lot of fun, and if you don't have any friends and you're trying to make new friends they're always gonna be right beside you.

**Cameraman (whispering):** We are???

**Reporter:** So that was the last question. Thanks for being interviewed today, Ruben.

**Ruben:** Yeah, my pleasure.

Reporter: CJ Dunlop, Editor of the Pastor's Child Magazine

Cameraman: Tiago Oliveira, Journalist for the Pastor's Child Magazine

Watch the real thing at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/fp8SzDPaLApsRMmu9>

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# **The Squirrel Series 1: The Boy**

Based on a true story

Cold. Alone. Wet. I was shivering and I couldn't tell where I was. There was ice on the ground. I looked desperately for nuts but I couldn't find anything. And then I heard a yell:

"MOM!" It was a human. "Mom, it's a squirrel!" I saw another human coming up. This one had a different Gender. I think it was a girl but it's hard to tell with humans. She started talking with the other human, a boy. The boy's eyes widened and then he ran into a building. He came out with something in his hand. He threw it. At first I ran away, but then I saw what it was. It was a nut! I ran at it as it hit the ground. I chewed it quickly then asked for more. This kept on going for a while until the boy ran into the building again.

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Days later the boy came out again. He fed me and quickly went inside again. Weeks went by and he kept feeding me. One day I went next to the building and waited for the boy to come out. He appeared at the window with 2 other humans but only he came out. He sat down and placed a hazelnut in front of him. This was weird. The boy hadn't thrown the nut at me like usual, but it didn't matter. I walked carefully in the boy's direction, grabbed the nut and ran away.

By Tiago Oliveira, Journalist For The Pastor's Child Magazine



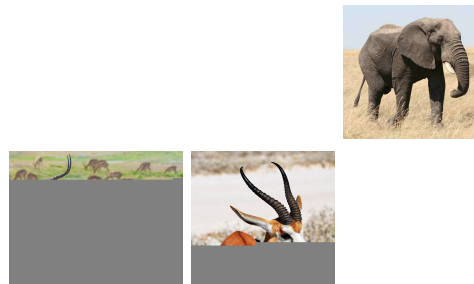
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# Fun Activities

## Silly Savannah Animals

PANT HEEL  
FIG FARE  
HE TEACH  
OR SORE CHIN  
NEAT POLE  
I A LAMP  
I BE LED WEST  
RIC SHOT  
MOON GOES  
GOTH WAR

## Picture Bank



## Rules

Each of the silly phrases above is the name of an animal in the picture bank (and word bank) scrambled. Remove all the spaces inside the phrases and then unscramble them!

## Word Bank (OPTIONAL)

ANTELOPE, CHEETAH, ELEPHANT, GIRAFFE, IMPALA,  
MONGOOSE, OSTRICH, RHINOCEROS, WARTHOG, WILDEBEEST

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## PYRAMID MAZE!

You are trapped inside a chamber in an ancient pyramid! Thankfully, you have access to the map of the passageways. Get out of the pyramid before it's too late!

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## FUN ACTIVITIES ISSUE 17 ANSWER KEY:

	<p data-bbox="812 283 1430 367">&lt;- Olympic Sports Word Search Answers.</p> <p data-bbox="812 399 1430 777">You may have looked at the word search on the left and thought of some obvious Olympic sports that aren't listed. Don't worry. More are coming next week. There are so many Olympic sports that we can't fit them all in one word search!</p>
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# **Babylonia**

## Ancient Biblical Kingdoms: For Kids!

Babylonia was an Empire in ancient Mesopotamia. The city of Babylon was located in present day Iraq, and was founded more than 4,000 years ago as a small port town on the Euphrates river. Under the rule of it's king Hammurabi, Babylonia grew to become a large Empire, and Babylon became one of the largest cities

in the ancient world. Hammurabi wrote a famous text called Hammurabi's code, a text of ancient laws. This code helped turn Babylon into a powerful city, and helped it surpass other city states in the region. Babylonia, however, was short-lived, and after Hammurabi's death, Babylon lost control of many regions and became a small city state again.

Centuries after Hammurabi, a new line of kings greatly expanded the Babylonian Empire, establishing the Neo-Babylonian Empire which covered much of the Middle

East. During this period, Babylon conquered Israel, and the people of Israel went into exile. While the Neo-Babylonian Empire was in power, much of the Middle East experienced a cultural renaissance. The Babylonian's built beautiful buildings and preserved statues and artworks from the time of Nebuchadnezzar II.

Some famous things that the Babylonian's created were the Tower of Babel (though they didn't actually finish that), three rings of 40 ft walls around their city

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(Greek historian Herodotus wrote that the walls were so thick that chariot races were held on them), shrines and palaces, the Ishtar gate, and hanging gardens. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were a maze of trees, shrubs, and manmade waterfalls, and were one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.



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## Verse of the Day: Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart

## Issue 17 Winners

### **There were no winners:**

There was no competition. This week's competition: submit a new minion to add to the footnote minion crew! Submit by Wednesday, the 25th, for a chance to win a special prize! If you are unable to create a digitized minion, feel free to send us a drawing.

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## **More Amazing Animal Facts**

1. Snails can sleep for three years at a time!
2. Elephants have a specific alarm that means “human”!
3. Many Butterflies can drink blood when given the chance.
4. Platypuses swim with their eyes closed.
5. Hippos kill more humans than any other mammal, per year! AHHHHH!
6. Turkeys can reproduce without mating.
7. A tarantula spider can survive for more than two years without food.
8. For every human in the world there are one million ants.
9. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear. Wow!
10. A moth has no stomach.
11. If you cut off a snail’s eye, it will grow a new one.
12. A starving mouse will eat its own tail.
13. Squirrels cannot see the color red.
14. A hippo’s sweat is pink.
15. When a male tiger and female lion mate they make a tigon, when a male lion and female tiger mate they make a liger.
16. Some dogs can smell dead bodies underwater!
17. Dumbledore isn’t only the Headmaster of Hogwarts; in fact, a dumbledore is an old English

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term for a type of bee

18. Starfish don't die of old age.

Other Amazing animal articles:

1. *Amazing Animals*: April Special Edition
2. Reptile world Part 1: Issue 11
3. Incredible Cougars: Issue 13
4. Amazing Animal...Facts: Issue 13
5. More Amazing Animal facts: (This article)
6. **Reptile World Part 2**: Being written now!

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Tiago Oliveira is a journalist for the Pastor's Child Magazine and is in the 7th grade. He is homeschooled. He is 12 years old, and likes to read, write articles for the Pastor's Child Magazine, and do other boring stuff that no one else does (he actually told us that).

# KIDS Section:

## For KIDS 6 or younger

Hi all kids out there! I'm Carissa, and today we are going to talk about rocks. There are many types of rocks, stones and minerals. Minerals are the things that give rocks color. Rocks are pieces of stone, and as I like to think, pieces of mountains. Sand is made of rocks eroding and is made when rocks are tumbled around in the waves. Like seaglass it is

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tumbled but unlike seaglass the rocks turn into tiny tiny pieces which we call sand.

But, seaglass is tumbled around so that the piece of sharp glass looks like a miniature piece of stained glass without a picture.

Minerals include Gold (Au), Silver (Ag), Copper (Cu), Mercury (Hg), Titanium

(Ti), Nickel (Ni), and Aluminum (Al). All of those minerals are also elements (though lots of minerals aren't). Elements are things that, when you break them down, you only get the

same thing. When you think of minerals you may think of gemstones. Here are some gemstones that are minerals.

1. Quartz. When you think of quartz you think of a rare gem, but no. Quartz is very common. If you dig somewhere you will probably find a piece of quartz.
2. Rubies. When you think of a ruby you think of a pretty red stone, but you aren't exactly right. Rubies can be any



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color from pink to blood red. A ruby's month is July and its constellation is cancer. Cancer is the shape of a crab.


3. Emeralds. When you think of emeralds you probably think of the emerald city from the wizard of oz, but there is still more to emeralds than you think. Emeralds are of course green and their constellation is taurus which is the shape of a bulls head. Emerald's month is May.

That's it! We are done for now but see you next week!

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## **Doodle Space:**



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## Short Story: the Ant Series. Spies.

Ant Anne the Ant proved to be a success. As she grew close to the ground, pulling out a large mattress from the basket next to her, she thrust her belly towards the ground with the mattress thrust in front of her. Then she hit the ground with a thud and a bounce.

Ant Anne the Ant stealthily wandered towards the Black Ant capital, spying on fortresses and military bases along the way. As she neared the ocean, she collected her information and stuffed it in a small bottle. Then, one night, she tossed it in the ocean. The Red Ant navy picked it up a few days later.

Ant Anne the Ant soon got to the Black Ant capital, settling in as a local commoner. Eavesdropping on local pubs and hubs for military personnel, she managed to collect a large bit of information in a short amount of time. All of it she tossed into the sea at designated spots for the Red Ant navy to pick up.

After a few weeks, the Red Ant military began to realize how useful a spy could be. The high general collected together some of the military's best soldiers, training them together in a top-secret facility. They would fly together. After three weeks of training, this crew of 7, code-named SHOOT, climbed into a large catapult, and, with a

twang, were launched deep into Black Ant territory.

Team SHOOT was trained well, and after a few days, the Red Ant navy began picking up valuable information at designated drop spots. After a week, Red Ant military troops were even able to stop a Black Ant attack on the fortress of Spice after receiving information in advance from SHOOT!

As weeks turned into months, the Red Ant spies became more and more valuable. But as more and more information flowed to the Red Ants, the Black Ants became suspicious. Why was it that large armies of Red Ants kept showing up at their attack spots before they did?

In a top-secret military meeting, Black Ant king Aykay Vordyzeven decided that the problem must be spies. After this long, it could not possibly be a coincidence.

The next day, Vordyzeven addressed the nation in an urgent speech. The witch hunts had started. The Black Ant nation would be embarking on an all-important spy war.

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# The Toy Review Series: What makes American Girl Dolls so Special?

Sometimes I wonder why my sister spends so much money and time with her American Girl Dolls. What makes them so special? If they're so expensive, why not get another doll? Here are 3 reasons why maybe American Girl Dolls *aren't* actually worth it:

## **1. The Cost**

It makes sense to buy a high quality toy for a high price, but what if it turns out that you don't actually like American Girl dolls. If you *really* wanted an American Girl doll, it might be totally worth the 100 or so dollars that you would spend to get one, but if you just sort of want it, why spend so much money on one doll?

## **2. The Other Brands**

Why would you spend 100 dollars on an American Girl if you can just get the same thing for half the price? There are plenty of rip-offs, such as Target's Our Generation Doll or Michaels' Springfield Dolls, which are just as high-quality as the real thing. So why spend twice the price on something that is basically the same thing?

## **3. The American Girl Doll Conviction**

When you buy an American Girl Doll and enjoy it, often you are basically signing up to buy other American Girl merchandise, such as clothes and accessories for your doll. And that merchandise is, in my opinion, way too expensive. Why spend \$25 on a tiny set of pajamas that you won't be able to use when you can spend less than that on a pair of pajamas for yourself?

So, those are some reasons why American Girl Dolls might not be worth it for everybody. But, if you do really love American Girl Dolls, the high price that you pay might totally be worth it. And if you have an American Girl Doll, don't feel obligated to use it. Toys are meant to be enjoyed, and if you don't enjoy your toy, why bother using it?

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**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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