

Jehovah Says

"Say to them, "This is what Jehovah of armies says: "Return to me', declares Jehovah of armies, 'and I will return to you', says Jehovah of armies."

-Zechariah 1:3



In what way did the Jews need to return to Jehovah?

Imitate Jesus

Then he went down with them and returned to Nazareth, and he continued subject to them. Also, his mother carefully kept all these sayings in her heart.

-Luke 2:51



Jesus' parents were imperfect, yet he still listened to them. How can you learn from this example?

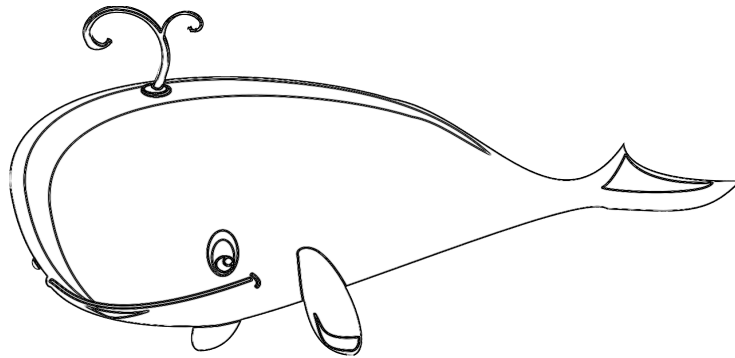
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Meet The Animal: Whale



Whales are fully aquatic, meaning they feed, mate, give birth, suckle and raise their young at sea. Whales range in size from 28 ft. 298 lbs. dwarf sperm whale, to 98 ft. 210 short tons blue whale, which is the largest known animal to have ever lived. The sperm whale is the largest tooth predator on earth.

Some whales have no teeth, but have fringe like structures that enable to expel huge mouthfuls of water that they take in while retaining the krill and plankton they feed on. In contrast, toothed whales have conical teeth in order to catch fish or squid.

Whales must regularly surface to breathe air, and some whales can stay under water for up to 90 minutes. They have blowholes on the top of their heads where they take in air, and expel it. They are warm blooded and have a layer of fat, or blubber, under the skin. Whales can travel up to speeds of 20 knots, though they are not as agile or flexible as seals. Whales produce a great variety of vocalizations, notably the extended songs of the humpback whales. Although whales are widespread they prefer the colder waters of the Northern and Southern Hemisphere, and migrate to the equator to give birth. Males typically mate with multiple females every year, while females only mate every two to three years. Calves are typically born in the spring and summer; females bear all the responsibility for raising them. Mothers in some species fast and nurse their young for one to two years.

Whales were once relentlessly hunted for their products, but are now internationally protected. The North Atlantic right whales nearly became extinct in the twentieth century, with a population low of 450, and the North Pacific grey whale population is ranked critically endangered by the ICUN. Besides the threat of whalers, they also face threats from bycatch and marine pollution.

Whales are beautiful sea animals created by Jehovah. Many people enjoy learning about whales, and many like to go whale watching. Do you like whales?

Community Worker: Firefighter



A firefighter is a first responder trained in fire fighting, primarily to control and extinguish fires that threaten life and property, as well as to rescue persons in confinement and dangerous situations.

The skills needed to be a firefighter are regularly practiced during training evaluations through a firefighters career. Initial firefighting skills are taught through local, regional or state approved academics or training courses.

Firefighters work closely along with paramedics and policeman. Firefighters need to be available at all hours of the day or night, and need to arrive on the scene within minutes. This is why there is shiftwork.

Have you ever seen a firetruck rushing down the street? Do you know any firefighters?