



ALASKA!

DISCUSSION

1. Read Genesis 9:2. How does Buddy's "noisemaking" near the river relate to this verse?

Since the Flood, animals (even bears) have had a fear of man. By making a lot of loud noise with yelling, clapping, and using the whistle and foghorn, Buddy was telling the animal to stay away.

2. Buddy explains that 85% of a black bear's diet is plant material, such as grass, berries, or honey. What clues does this give to understanding the bear's (and other animals) diets in the Garden of Eden?

Until the Fall, all animals ate plants. Genesis 1:29–30 makes this clear. Here we have a bear, which people would immediately characterize as a carnivore based on its teeth, eating plants more often than meat. It is easy to see how the bear and other modern carnivores and omnivores would be vegetarian just a few thousand years ago in a time before sin.

3. Even with their different coloring and variations, bears are still bears (created by God after their kind). If evolution and “millions of years” were true, what would we expect to see in the fossil record?

If evolutionary ideas were true, we would expect to see transitional forms of many different kinds of animals as they are evolving into different kinds of animals. This isn't seen anywhere in nature. What we see instead is the incredible variation of God's creation and animals reproducing after their kind as the Bible tells us.

4. Think about the design features of the polar bear's paws and the caribou's hooves that Buddy shared in the video. How does God provide for these two creatures (and others) to thrive in and adapt to their environment?

Polar bears and caribou represent two very different animals that God created to survive and thrive in the cold of Alaska. The pads of polar bears' feet allow them to grip the ice, and the thick fur keeps the paws warm. The hooves of the caribou are perfectly designed to adapt to the surroundings at different times of the year.

5. “Gold is mentioned over 450 times in God's Word, the Bible. It often symbolizes God's Glory and His Holiness.” In what ways should we seek after God, like prospectors would seek gold in Alaska?

The Gold Rush saw many people leave their way of life in search of a great treasure. Likewise, we leave behind our old lives when we follow God and trust in Jesus Christ, the greatest treasure of all. Just as gold is a valuable treasure, so is Jesus Christ. Read the parables in Matthew 13:44–46 to learn more.

6. Along the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, Buddy said that we should expect to find “billions of dead things, buried in rock layers, laid down by water all over the earth” . . . which is exactly what we find! Watch and listen to Buddy’s song *Billions of Dead Things* at [youtube.com/watch?v=kUay5MwrTr8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUay5MwrTr8). How does this help us understand the truth about fossils?

Noah’s Flood gives us a great deal of information about the world that we see around us. It helps explain the rock and fossil layers, why there are fossilized sea shells on the tops of mountains, and why there are so many detailed fossils preserved for us.

7. Jesus calls His disciples to be “fishers of men.” Can you think of friends, family, or neighbors that you need to tell about the Good News of Jesus?

We are all sons and daughters of Adam, so we all share the same sin problem and need for a Savior. But, “if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). As “fishers of men,” we must spread this truth to everyone—to explain Jesus’ death on the Cross and His resurrection conquering the grave—so others will come to Jesus in repentance and faith.

ACTIVITIES

1. Visit a local zoo and kidsanswers.org/mammals/bears/ to discover more about bears found in Alaska and across the world!
2. Research other animals, resources, and the history of Alaska to create a presentation on how God is glorified in all He has created in Alaska. (The Northern Lights may be of particular interest to you.)
3. As Buddy said at the end of the video, take a walk outside and take a moment or two to thank God for His handiwork.

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