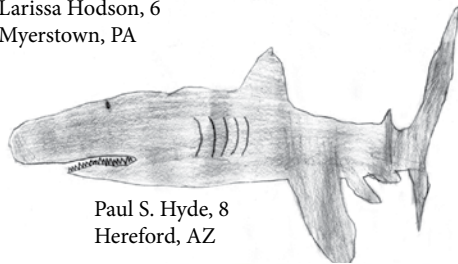




The Bunny

The bunny hops through the meadow.
The flowers are red and yellow.
He eats the buttercups one by one,
Then he stops and looks at the sun.

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Flowers are gems, found everywhere,
Fresh, beautiful, and clean,
Blue, red, violet, and green.

Buttercups, tulips, roses, and daisies,
Lilies, baby's breath, and pansies.

So flowers are made for us their beauty to see.
God made them all for you and me.

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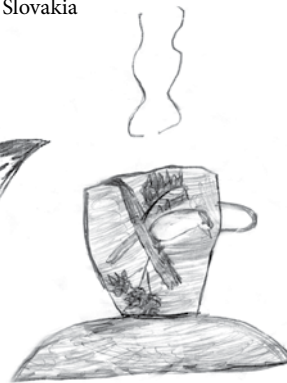
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Flowers

God made flowers
so bright and beautiful,
to cheer each weary passerby,
and bring a smile
to each sick child
along the wayside.

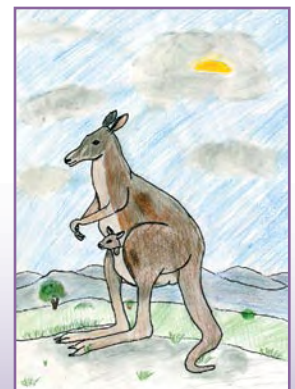
The yellow daffodils
smiling up as if to say,
"Isn't it a beautiful day?"
The roses--such wonderful smells,
So many different colors—
God made them all.

The bluish-purple pansies,
the saguaro cactus flower,
are so very beautiful,
don't you think?
God made them all.

Flitting over flowers
are little yellow bees,
drinking of plants
the nectar so sweet,
making such a beautiful sight.
God made them all.

God made everything
so very wonderful.
Wisdom and knowledge He had
to create the plants
so many different colors
and so many wonderful smells.

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Answers on page 23.

Cavity SWEET Cavity

by Dianna Overholt

Some creatures love their **CAVITIES!**

Did you know that it is good to have some **CAVITIES**? Well, not **CAVITIES** in your teeth. **CAVITIES** in trees, that is. Many creatures make their homes in holes and other hollowed-out **CAVITIES** in trees. Use the clues to figure out the names of these **CAVITY** creatures. Then read down the highlighted letters to find something that these creatures won't do. Happy drilling!

Cavity Creature Clues:

- I've just eaten a dead skunk for lunch and am ready to tuck my bald head in for a snooze. So I (flap, flap) am heading for the tree I roost and nest in.
- I am a medium-sized carpenter with two striking things on my head: a red streak and a sharp bill that I used to hammer out an oval doorway (2.5 inches high by 1.5 inches wide).
- I'm choosy about my cavity. I prefer one that has been made by a downy woodpecker, and I like to line it with shredded bark. Although I don't have wings, I glide short distances through the air, using the sail-like flap of skin under my gray-brown fur.
- I'm hiding in my hollow tree trunk den so that trappers tramping the riverbank won't find my fur.
- I am one small insect in a colony of 2,500 workers. We chew out nests and tunnels in fallen trees. Our sawdust might make you *ah...ah...choo!*
- After flitting about the night sky, my stomach is full with several hundred mosquitoes. I fold up my wings and hang upside down in a hollow tree to sleep.
- I swoop out of my cavity at night, talons and beak ready to grab my supper. I don't screech even if you think I should. My call is more like a whinny.
- If a hollow log is large enough for my bulky 500 pounds, it makes a cozy den for me and my furry cubs.
- Unlike other members in my family who lay their eggs in nests on the ground, I nest in a wooden cavity lined with downy feathers. But it has to be near water where I can fish and swim.

- The 500-pound creature from #8 may try to claw into our cavity and steal the golden, sticky, sweet stuff I am buzzily making.
- Excuse me one minute as I wash my food. Yes, I hide my masked face during the day; and yes, I live forty feet above the ground in a tree cavity.
- People say I'm a playful creature. Watch me slide out of my hollow den into the water. Splash, I'm gone!
- Are there any sunflower seeds for breakfast? I poke my black-capped head out of a hole to see.
- I sniff and shuffle as I climb up to my home with four babies riding on my back. If you try to catch me, I may try to trick you by pretending to be dead.
- See the perky gray tuft on my head? I swoop down to join my friend, #13, at the bird feeder.

Answers on page 23.

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