

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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MR OYSTER AND MR CRAB

Do you have a guilty conscience? Is the net of truth closing in upon you? The Bible says, "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Number 32:23). Having a guilty conscience is an awful burden to carry, but you can be set free from all such troubles. To illustrate the point, I want to take you to the bottom of the sea. There, in the shallows, lives a shell fish called Mr Oyster. On hot days, the sun's rays penetrate the waters, making Mr Oyster warm so he will open up his shell to allow cool currents of water to pass through. However, whenever his shell is open, Mr Oyster can be easily attacked and eaten by certain fish. Having no eyes, Mr Oyster cannot see these fish coming. He only realises his danger when he is being dragged out of his shell to be gobbled up, but by then it is too late.

Living on the seabed, there is another little creature called Mr Crab. The same

fish that love to eat Mr Oyster would also love to have Mr Crab for dessert. Fortunately for Mr Crab, he has eyes so he can see the fish coming but his short legs prevent him from out-running the fish. Wisely, Mr Oyster and Mr Crab have become partners. They help one another so as not to be eaten by the fish. Mr Crab climbs into the open shell of Mr Oyster. Whenever he sees the fish coming, he nips the soft flesh of Mr Oyster with his little pinchers. Mr Oyster immediately closes his shell, and both he and Mr Crab are kept safe and sound.

Like Mr Oyster, we live in a world where we are open to the danger of temptation and sin. There is a little verse in Psalm 139 that says we are 'fearfully and wonderfully made' (Psalm 139:14). God has placed within each one of us an alarm system called our conscience. Just

as Mr Crab warns his friend Mr Oyster of the danger he is in, so too it is for us. Whenever we are confronted with temptation, God pricks our conscience. Sadly, despite all the warnings, many people purposefully continue on and sin against God, leaving them with a guilty conscience.

The only way to have a good conscience is to have a clear conscience and the only way to have a clear conscience is to have a clean conscience. The only way to have a clean conscience is to come in repentance to the Saviour, depending on His finished work upon the cross of Calvary, because "...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). I hope today that you have a good conscience and a life that is bright for the Saviour rather than a guilty conscience and a life that is wrecked and ruined by sin.



SEAS FOUND IN THE BIBLE

Place your answers to the questions below into the boxes provided. Take each of the letters in the highlighted squares and reshuffle them to discover a word connected to sea water.

- MARK 1
- Jesus saw Simon and Andrew cast a net into this sea
- 1 KINGS 18
- What arose from the sea that was the size of a hand?
- MATTHEW 8
- What animal ran down violently into the sea?
- REVELATION 4
- The sea of glass was like unto what?

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