

CHILDREN'S CORNER



A Fly in the Ointment

Boys and girls I want to talk about two things this time – perfume and dead flies! I wonder if you have ever gone into a chemist shop with your mum. I can remember doing this when I was small. The thing I always remember was the smell of the strong fragrance from the perfume counter. The different odours from all of those beautifully coloured fancy bottles, sprays and ointments just seemed to fill the air.

Ok, that's the perfume... but what about the flies? Did you know that there are around 300,000 different types of fly? Now, although they don't bite or sting, they are, to say the least, very annoying and very dirty. Not only do they vomit on what they eat themselves, but they also lay around 3,000 tiny eggs and they like to do that where there is food. Thankfully a fly only lives for about 30 days – but dead flies cause problems too.

There's a little verse found in Ecclesiastes 10:1 that says, "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary (or the perfume department) to send forth a stinking savour." You see, our lives as Christians should be sweet and pleasant, just like that fragrance from the perfume counter.



However, when we do something wrong, perhaps by being cheeky or disobedient, then that fault is like a dead fly. It spoils and takes away from the sweetness that should be in our lives, and makes us unpleasant in the eyes of those around us. How careful we must be! So, examine your life today and make sure that there are no dead flies to spoil the fragrance of your walk with God.

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Quiz: Bible Animals

Below are listed some animals. Which one is not mentioned in the Bible? If you are not sure the texts will help you in your search.

Lion



Psalm 59:14

Dog



Exodus 8:4

Sheep



John 10:11

Rat



1 Peter 5:8

Eagle



Isaiah 40:31

Answer:

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