

3. Easy yet Meaningful Questions

Each study has a worksheet with 16 descriptive lines or questions. These are usually not difficult since the answers are also provided and participants merely agree or disagree with the given answers. Though in some cases those in the study may only partly agree with the answer, for the most part the questions are just true / false.

In the study on Elijah's ravens (1 Kings 17:2-7), most would quickly agree with the worksheet statement that the ravens were not bakers. Yet, this simple line reminds us that there must have been a human



baker or a number of such that made the bread which the ravens brought to Elijah twice a day. The birds got it from someone. Probably the helpful human bakers are deliberately not mentioned to better stress that the Lord provides.

4. Taking Time to Think

Those doing the study on Noah's dove (study #2) may quickly agree with the worksheet statement that the dove was an ideal bird to send out, but it is important to stop and think about why it was ideal. Why was it more helpful than the raven, even though ravens were a great help to Elijah later? (See study #12.) Why wouldn't an eagle or a duck have been good choices for Noah? More importantly, was it necessary to send out the dove at all? God later told Noah when to leave the ark. So was Noah's investigation just a big waste of time?



5. Taking Time to Compare

Many worksheet lines call for thoughtful comparison. For instance, in the study on the deadly quail, one line says that the quail in Numbers chapter 11 were "like and unlike the quail in Exodus 16:13." In one case,



they were deadly, and in the other they were not. Yet they were the same kind of bird. Another line on the same worksheet says that the deadly quail were somewhat like Bathsheba. Though very different in many ways, physical lust was involved in both cases!

6. The Happy Endings

Many studies deal with sin and Fall related brutality in the animal kingdom. Yet, the final study in the set is a happy one on the peaceful animals in the future millennial kingdom as predicted in Isaiah 11:6-9. The wolf and the lamb shall be together again.

Other happy endings are found earlier in the series with Daniel's miraculous emergence from the lions' den and Jonah's miraculous reappearance from the great fish both of which were resurrection like.



7. Descriptive D.I.Y.

The phrases on all 22 worksheets were selected from Descriptive-It-Your-self master lists. Using these lists, you can make your own descriptive studies. <https://www.toaministries.com/contact/descriptive-studies-home>