

# kid zone



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# HOPPERS

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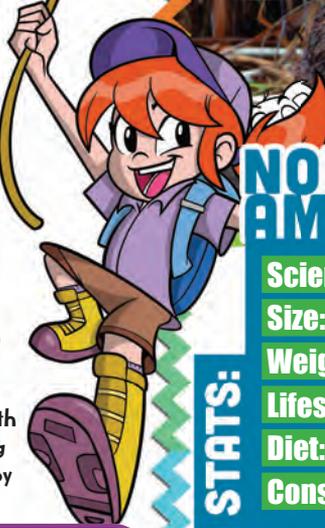


PUZZLES \* QUIZZES \* STORIES \* RECIPES \* PRIZES



## Hop into this week's Kidzone!

We're off to see *Hoppers*, the latest film from Disney and Pixar (in cinemas 26 March). Everyone's favourite Kidzone pets, Diesel and Marco Polo, star in this week's awesome story. Creature Feature learns all about North American beavers and Cheffy makes beaver cupcakes — cute! BitBoy plays 'Pokémon Pokopia', Faith shows you how to make your own speaker and check out the Lord's Prayer with Sam. All this plus the colouring comp and puzzles galore! Happy reading!



## NORTH AMERICAN BEAVER

### STATS:

- Scientific name:** *Castor canadensis*
- Size:** 36 to 43cm tall, 74 to 89cm long
- Weight:** 16 to 30kg
- Lifespan:** 10 to 12 years
- Diet:** herbivore
- Conservation status:** least concern



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- 🦫 North American beavers live in ponds, rivers, marshes, lakes, streams and wetlands across North America.
- 🦫 They have long, orange teeth which continue to grow throughout their lifetime. They are self-sharpening and are worn down with daily use.
- 🦫 They will chew trees with their strong teeth until they fall and then make massive structures (like walls) out of logs, branches and mud to block streams and create ponds.
- 🦫 Beavers also use branches and mud to make lodges, which are dome-like homes often located in the middle of ponds. Beavers enter their lodge via an underwater entrance.
- 🦫 They are the largest rodents in North America (and the second largest in the world!) and they move with an awkward waddle on land which can make them vulnerable to predators. However, in water they are super swimmers and can swim at speeds up to 10km/h.
- 🦫 They have oversized lungs which allow them to stay underwater for up to 15 minutes, in which time they can travel more than 1.5km.
- 🦫 They have large, webbed rear feet they use like flippers and their tails act like rudders on a boat, steering them where they want to go.
- 🦫 Beavers are social animals and live in groups called colonies. Often, a lodge is home to one family of beavers: a mum, a dad and their offspring.

# ANIMAL QUIZ

Take our fun quiz inspired by the animals in *Hoppers!*

Why do beavers build dams?

- 1**  A to store food
- B to create a safe home
- C to mark their territory

Which movie features a raccoon character called Meeko?

- 4**  A Pocahontas
- B The Jungle Book
- C Zootopia 2

What is a baby rabbit called?

- A joey
- B fawn
- 7**  C kit

Which of these lizards is only found in Australia?

- 11**  A bearded dragon
- B Komodo dragon
- C chameleon

How many pairs of wings do dragonflies have?

- A one
- B two
- 2**  C three

'There's a Bear in There' is a song from which classic kids TV show?

- A Bluey
- 5**  B Play School
- C Sesame Street

What type of animal is a frog?

- A reptile
- B amphibian
- 8**  C mammal

In *Finding Nemo*, what kind of fish is Dory?

- A clownfish
- 12**  B pufferfish
- C blue tang

What is the name of Disney's famous deer character?

- A Bambi
- 3**  B Thumper
- C Simba

Migration is a movie about a family of what?

- A whales
- B butterflies
- 6**  C ducks

When geese fly together, they form the shape of which letter?

- A V
- B T
- 9**  C W

Answers on page 14.

**Traveller sat cross-legged on the couch. She was doing the puzzles in the latest edition of *Kidzone*, her big ginger cat Marco Polo curled up beside her. There was a loud knock on the front door and Jym appeared from the hallway.**

“Hey Trav! Ready to go to the park?”

Traveller nodded. She looked past him in surprise. “I thought you were bringing Diesel.”

“I put him in the backyard in case your parents didn’t want him inside,” Jym said. “There he is, at the glass doors. You’re a good boy, aren’t you Diesel?”

Diesel sat at the glass doors, his tongue hanging out. He barked loudly at Jym.

“Quiet, boy,” Jym said. Diesel stood up and barked again, louder this time. Then he jumped up on the glass door. “That’s him saying he wants to come inside.”

Traveller laughed. “It’s like he’s talking to you. He can come inside. You’d better let him in before he breaks the glass!”

Jym grinned, sliding open the door, and Diesel bounded in. He saw Marco on the couch and ran up to him. They touched noses.

“Diesel likes Marco – look at his tail wagging,” Jym said.

Traveller nodded. “They’re such good friends. I’ll just put my runners on, then I’ll be ready to wa-”

“Don’t say that word!” Jym inter-

rupted her.

Traveller looked mystified. “What word?”

Jym groaned. “Too late!”

Diesel’s ears had pricked up as soon as Traveller had started to say ‘walk’. He ran to the chair where Jym had put his lead and grabbed it in his slobbery mouth. He sat in front of Jym, looking up at him, and dropped the lead at his feet.

“That’s him saying he wants to go on a walk,” Jym said. “I never say the ‘w’ word unless I’m ready to go immediately, because he starts whining otherwise.”

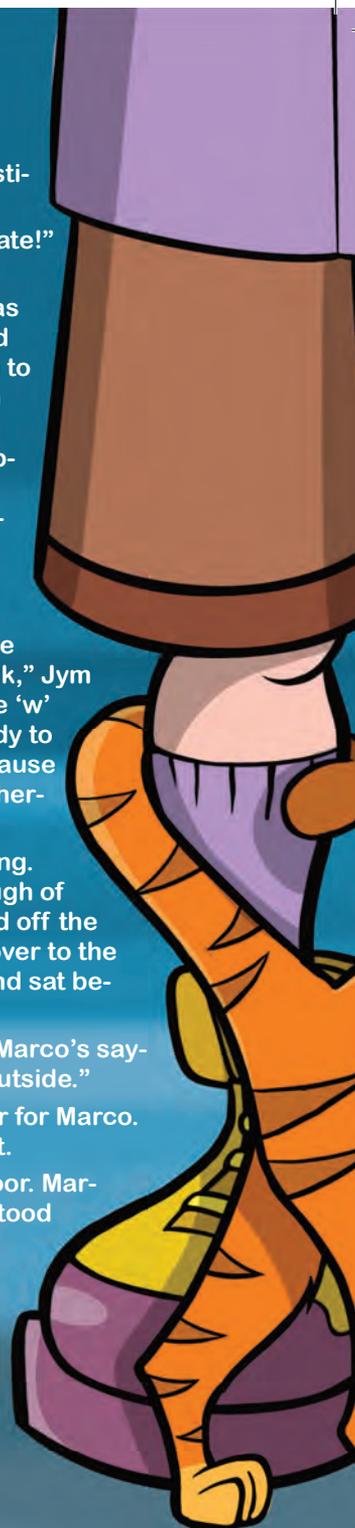
Diesel started whining. Marco had had enough of the noise. He jumped off the couch and strolled over to the glass sliding door and sat beside it.

Traveller laughed. “Marco’s saying he wants to go outside.”

She opened the door for Marco. He walked through it.

Traveller shut the door. Marco stretched, then stood on his hind legs and pawed on the glass. Traveller rolled her eyes. “Looks like he wants to come in again.”

“But he’s only been outside for one second,” Jym said.





"I know, but when he does that, it means he wants you to open the door for him." She slid it open and Marco walked through slowly.

Jym laughed. "It's like our pets are talking to us!"

Traveller laughed too. "Now Marco

is telling me how much he loves me," she said, pointing to him as he rubbed up against her legs. She bent down to tickle him under his chin.

Jym crouched next to his dog. "And this is how Diesel says he loves me," he laughed as Diesel gave him a big slobbery lick on his face.



## BIBLE MESSAGE

Just like we communicate in different ways, we can pray in different ways too. We can pray out loud, we can pray in our heads, we can pray with other people, and we can pray by ourselves. No matter how we pray, God hears us! "Then you will call my name. You will come to me and pray to me, and I will listen to you," (Jeremiah chapter 29, verse 12<sup>=</sup>).

# What are you saying?

By Faye Michelson

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

# CK'S TREEHOUSE



I love to play hide-and-seek. Can you find me on one of this week's Kidzone pages?

## MARCH

SAT 14

Sophie Alexander (12)

SUN 15

Ruby Williams (9)

WED 18

Ellie Sweeney (9),  
Lily Barton (10),  
Rafferty Jackson (12),  
Luke Summerscales (14)

Dear Kidzoners, Thanks for all your letters, photos and drawings – I love collecting them, so keep sending them to me so I can hang them up in my tree house. I can't wait to hear from you!

—Cousin Koala (CK)

Send your letters to:  
Cousin Koala, 95-99 Railway Rd,  
Blackburn Vic. 3130

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### To CK

My name is Jarrad. My So can you add me to the b I wish I could see your 'Sup Jamboree' edition. I love M Did you know that my favou Bible is the battle of Jericho? By the way, I hope you like t Do you like Mario too?

From Jarrad

P.S. Tell BitBoy about this!

G'day Jarrad!

So good to hear from you! Thanks for the cool draw! I'll put it in the tree house all the other amazing art Kidzoners send me. Sorry 'Super Mario Pary Jamboree' popped the cover here fo you'll be rapt to hear th Mario issue coming up – n Galaxy Movie (28 March) did a 'Mario Tennis' edit pumped, because I love you like him, too. And I c an awesome Bible story, P.S. Happy birthday fo zone team know how ol we have it

### EMAIL

Hi CK, It is such an honour to talk to you. I have never emailed you before. I always read the KidZone magazine and love doing the colouring competition. I have recently uploaded the *In Your Dreams KidZone* mag and uploaded it. I hope I win.

Do you like Pokémon? Next time can you make a Pokémon magazine? Bit-Boy is my fave character. Please tell him to play Pokémon.

The photo I am going to show you is my Pokémon card collection.  
From Kobe.

G'day Kobe!

Golly gosh! It is an honour to speak with you, too! Thank you for emailing me!

Did you spot 'Pokémon Pokopia' on page 12? Looks like BitBoy enjoys Pokémon as well!

Your card collecting is very impressive! Do you save your own money to buy them or do you wait for birthdays and Christmas?

I'm so glad you enjoy the colouring competitions. It gives everyone a chance to be so creative and I love seeing all the hard work and amazing results!

Bear hugs, CK



## Please put my name on the BIRTHDAY LIST

Full Name ..... Birth Date .....

Age Now ..... Parent's signature .....

If you are aged between five and 14, and would like your birthday/letter printed in Kidzone, fill in the coupon and send it to: Cousin Koala™, 95-99 Railway Rd, Blackburn 3130 or head to <https://www.kidzonemag.com.au/cktreehouse>.

Include a letter in your own handwriting and permission (signature) from your parent to have it printed.



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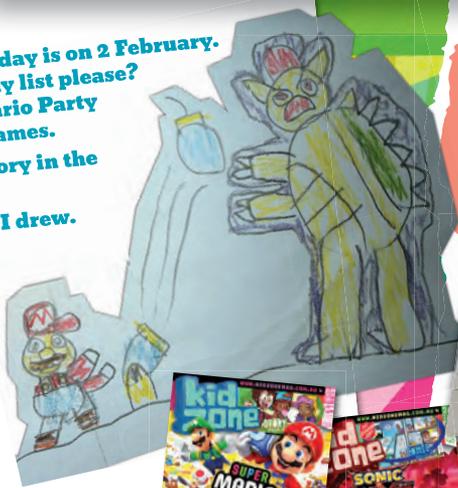
I've made some things for you – one is my favourite animal, a cow, and the other is of Jaiden Animates. From Willow

G'day You an aweso should If you call it?

**COUSIN KOALA**



1. My birthday is on 2 February. Can you put me on the birthday list please?  
 2. 'Super Mario Party' and 'Mario games'.  
 3. My favourite story in the comic is 'The Battle of Jericho'.  
 4. My favourite character is Mario.  
 5. I like the pic I drew.



**Hi letter.**

Hi Cousin Koala,  
 I'm Tony and I love *Kidzone* and all the themes, jokes and comics. I have a brother named Jarrad. I was wondering if you had a *Sonic the Hedgehog* magazine. *Sonic* is my favourite. I also made you a comic! From Tony.  
 P.S. Can I please have my name on the birthday list, it's on 2 February.



Hi there Tony!

Thanks for sending in your awesome comic! It must have taken you ages to think up the story and do all the drawings! Great work! I can't wait to show it to Rod, our amazing *Kidzone* cartoonist.

*Sonic* is pretty cool, and we have had a few *Sonic* editions in the past - the latest was 'Sonic Generations'. BitBoy also played 'Sonic Rumble' and 'Sonic Crossworlds' last year. *Sonic the Hedgehog 4* movie is coming out early next year so I'll let the *Kidzone* team know *Sonic* is your fave, and you never know!  
 Catch ya later! CK

P.S. I hope you and your brother had a fab birthday! Can you please let the *Kidzone* team know how old you are so we can pop your name on our birthday list?



Hi Willow!  
 You are very clever! How did you make these awesome pictures? Is that Ari on Jaiden's shoulder? How cool! And the cow is super cute. You had to name this cow what would you call it? I am going with Lavender. Bear hugs, CK

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# HOPPERS

Mabel Tanaka is a fiery and passionate animal-lover. She has a deep personal connection to the tranquil glade she would often visit with her grandmother. It's the one place in her hometown of Beaverton where she can go to feel calm and grounded.

Mabel is outraged to discover that the glade is under threat thanks to local mayor Jerry Generazzo, who plans to build a new stretch of highway through it as part of his bid for re-election.

As she looks for ways to take action, Mabel learns that her college professor, Dr. Sam, and her colleagues have figured out how to 'hop' humans into lifelike robotic animals and communicate directly with wildlife. Mabel jumps at the chance to use the top-secret technology for her mission and 'hops' her mind into the body of a robotic beaver.

As she explores the many wonders of the animal kingdom as a beaver, Mabel meets a host of new animal friends, including the larger-than-life, jovial beaver King George, the leader of the pond and king of the mammals. With the help of King George, Mabel works to unite the entire animal kingdom as the wild and unexpected comedy adventure unfolds.

**KING GEORGE**

King George is a beaver with a heart to match. He leads the pond and is an optimistic beaver who loves aerobics and names. He has a harmonious relationship with all in the pond.

**MABEL**

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## GEORGE

George is a larger-than-life character with a joyful personality and a sense of humor. He's the leader of the group and king of the mammals. Friendly, optimistic and kind, George is a character who loves leading group activities, learning everyone's names and working together in harmony. His motto is "We're in this together!"

## MABEL BEAVER

Mabel Beaver has the same passion for animals, but now she is one! Forced to think quickly on her tiny, webbed feet, Mabel Beaver learns the ropes of her new world by gaining the trust of King George.

## MAYOR JERRY GENERAZZO

Mayor Jerry Generazzo is running for re-election in Beaverton. He's self-obsessed and thinks he's super cool. But under his shiny, perfect hair and matching public persona, Jerry is losing his cool over the one thing he can't control: Mabel.

## DR. SAM

Dr. Sam is Mabel's biology professor at Beaverton University. She also happens to be a brilliant inventor and scientist leading the top-secret research project: Hoppers.

## BIBLE MESSAGE

Are you an animal-lover like Mabel? When God created the world's wonderful wildlife – like beavers! – and beautiful environments, humans were asked to not just enjoy it, but look after it too (Genesis chapter one, verses 26 to 28).

Movies like *Hoppers* remind us that humans haven't always done a great job at looking after God's creation. There are many endangered species and fragile habitats that need to be protected and restored. But the good news is that we can!

We can all learn how to protect the environment and local wildlife and make life better for us humans, too — today and for the future!

# EATS BEAVER CUPCAKES

## what you need:

a batch of your favourite homemade or store-bought cupcakes, chocolate icing, white mini marshmallows, chocolate buttons, brown mini M&Ms, lolly eyes, brown Smarties, Belvita chocolate breakfast biscuits



## directions:

- 1 Ice the cupcakes.
- 2 Chop mini marshmallows in half lengthwise to create two 'teeth'. You'll need two teeth per cupcake.
- 3 Add the 'teeth' on top of the cupcake, towards one edge. Add two chocolate buttons above the 'teeth'.
- 4 Add a brown mini M&M as a nose above the chocolate buttons. Add two lolly eyes above the nose.
- 5 Add two brown Smarties as ears.
- 6 Wedge one Belvita biscuit between the cupcake and the cupcake paper for the beaver's tail.



yum!

# LAB

with Faith

## MAKE YOUR OWN SPEAKER ...

### WHAT YOU NEED:

adult's help, cardboard tube, disposable cups, scissors or craft knife, play dough or modelling clay if needed, paint or felt-tipped pens, stickers (optional), ask a grown-up to borrow their phone

### DIRECTIONS:

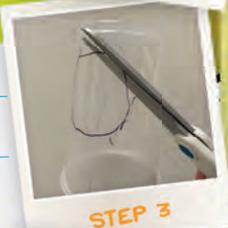
- 1 Paint your tube and let dry. Decorate with stickers.
- 2 Hold your tube against the side of one of the cups and with a felt-tipped pen, draw a circle on the cup. Do the same with the other cup, making sure the circle is in the same spot as the first cup so they will sit evenly when the speaker is put together.
- 3 With an adult's help, cut out the circles in the cups.
- 4 Insert each end of the tube into a cup, making sure they face the same direction. Be careful not to rip the cups!
- 5 If there are any gaps around the cups roll out a small piece of play dough or modelling clay until it's soft and push it around the cups to make sure they are airtight.
- 6 Place the speaker on a table. Take the smartphone and place it on the top of the tube in the middle and draw a line just a fraction longer than it. With an adult's help, cut a slit along the line to fit in the phone. Place the phone inside the slit and turn on some music! Cool!



STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4



STEP 5



STEP 6



### How it works!

The speakers work a bit like cupping your hands around your mouth when you speak the sound is louder. Sound waves usually travel out in all directions and lose energy (become quieter) as they continue spreading. The paper cylinder in the speaker also funnels the sound outwards to the cups, which resonate. The concentration of the sound waves (tube) and the resonating (cups) make the sound appear louder when you are in front of the speaker.



## BIBLE MESSAGE

What sort of music do you love? Some of my fave songs are the ones we sing in church when we worship God. People have been singing songs to God for thousands of years! "Sing to him. Sing praises to him. Tell about all the wonderful things he has done!" (Psalm 105, verse 2").



PLATFORM: SWITCH 2

# POKÉMON pokopia



## BUILD A POKÉMON PARADISE!

### SHAPE THE WORLD AND BUILD A COSY NEW LIFE WITH POKÉMON.

Play as a Ditto that has transformed to look like a human! Find and befriend your fellow Pokémon, carve out a life for yourself, and work together with Professor Tangrowth to build a town for everyone to live in.

As you work to help nature flourish, more Pokémon will appear for you to meet and learn from! Create habitats, cultivate crops and more in a world with varied weather and real-time day and nights.

Gather materials to create items and furniture, work the fields to grow delicious crops, create habitats for the Pokémon you meet, take photos of fun moments, customise your hairstyle and clothing ... there's so much to do!

No need to rush, though — go at your own pace and enjoy the journey. With a real-time day and night cycle, varying weather, and other surprises, just taking a nap in your bed and letting time pass can be pretty relaxing.

As your town develops, your fellow Pokémon may also come to you with requests to help solve their problems or make the town a more comfortable place to live in. Eventually, you'll be able to build a nice big home of your own and then invite Pokémon — and even other players — to visit and hang out together.



## BIBLE MESSAGE

*There's so many important things to do in this game! But the most important task has to be helping fellow Pokémon. Just like in real life, helping people whenever we can takes the number-one place on any good to-do list. "Do everything you possibly can for those who need help" Proverbs chapter three, verse 27.*

Entries will be judged on artistic merit.



**Colouring Competition**  
Kidzone has three  
Hoppers Mabel Beaver  
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Full Name

Age

Address

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Parent's signature



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# SAMUEL'S MEGA BIBLE PUZZLE!

Spot all eight differences between these two pics.



**Do you talk to your friends?** Of course you do! How else would you get to know them? That's why it's important to pray (another word for talk) to God. But do you sometimes wonder what to talk to him about? In the Bible, we read that one day, one of Jesus' friends asked him to teach them how to pray. We call this the Lord's Prayer. It goes like this:  
☞ "God, our Father, we want people to give honour to you. We want the day when you rule everyone to come soon. Please give to us the food that we need each day. Forgive us for our sins, because we also forgive everyone who has done wrong things against us. And do not let us agree to do wrong things." (Luke chapter 11, verse two and four#). You can pray this today!

## JESUS LOVES YOU! & wants to be your friend!

If you would like to know more about prayer and how to read the Bible fill in the coupon below and send it to us. We'll send you some cool info!

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ANSWERS  
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# Competition winners

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...



ESTHER G  
(11 - SA)



RAFAEL J  
(7 - NT)



KOBE N  
(WA)

EVIE B  
(9 - VIC.)



FREYA M  
(5 - WA)

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## COLLECTOR CARDS

Collect a new card every week!

- Carefully cut along the dotted line to remove your card from the magazine.
- Fold in half.
- Now stick together and you're done!

"Here am I, Send me!"  
(Isaiah chapter 6, verse 8).

**FAVE BIBLE VERSE**

Marco is Traveller's much-loved, old cat. Traveller is always cuddling him, dragging him from room to room and dressing him up in baby clothes. He's an adventurous cat, who is often sent on perilous missions by Flower & Gabby's Dollhouse.

- Meow!
- Run
- Cat on the Dollhouse
- Flower & Gabby's Dollhouse
- mackerel!
- Tuna & Gymnastics
- Orange



**MARCO POLO**  
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**MARCO POLO**

Fold here ▼

