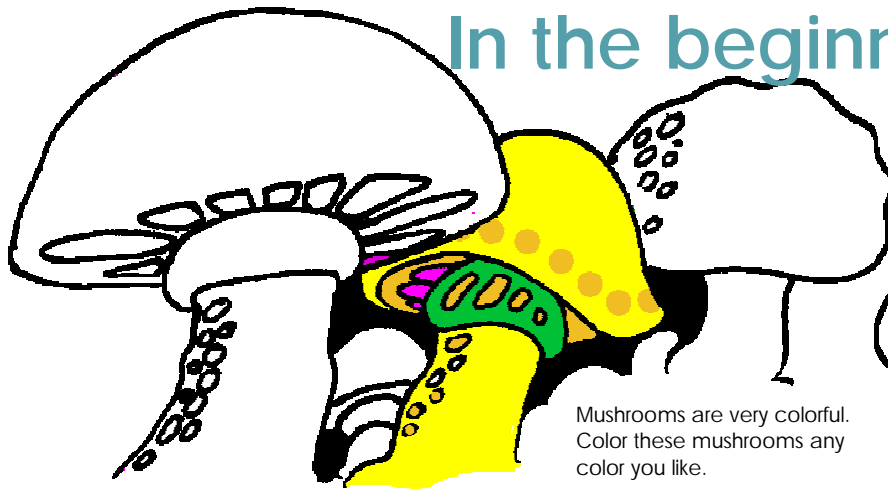


In the beginning God created...



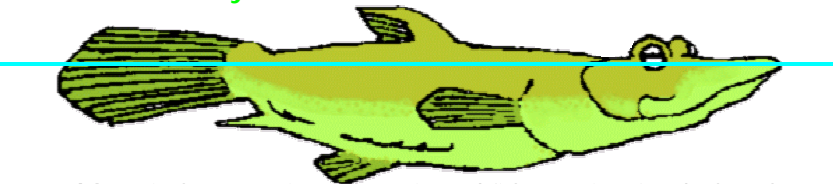
Mushrooms are very colorful. Color these mushrooms any color you like.

The mushroom is a mysterious, delightful little plant. It is a decomposer...something that breaks larger things up into smaller parts that can be reused.

Without decomposers dead things would be piled so high there would be no room to live.

The mushroom is 90% water and very small compared to the giant plants in its community. It reproduces by shooting spores into the air...to land who knows where.

God new exactly what was needed...and added a flair of brilliant artistry.



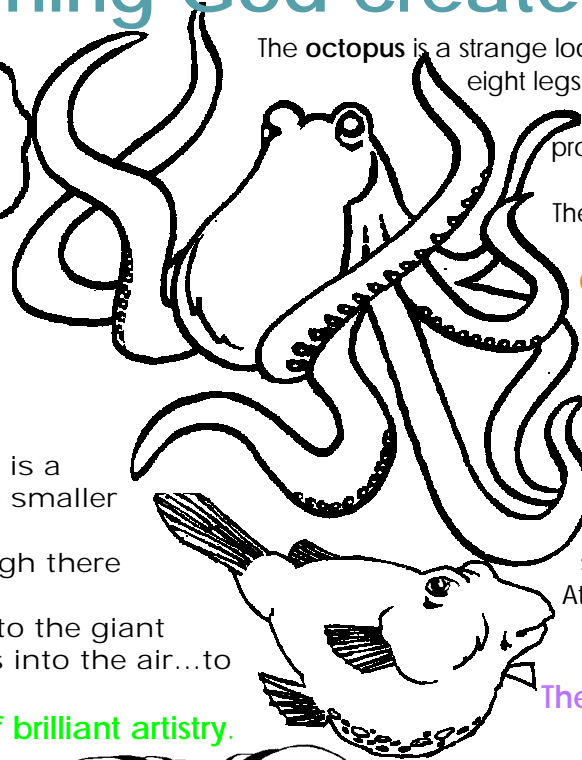
Anableps is the amazing four-retinaed fish. It swims just below the surface of water and can see below and above the water at the same time. It has a retina on the upper and lower part of each eye.

Things above the surface focus on the lower retina, and things below the surface focus on the upper retina. The Anableps has no way to keep its eyes wet so it has to lower its eyes into the water often.

Scientists do not know the reason for this unusual ability. Maybe it is just God's way of showing us his power and creative genius.

"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities— his eternal power and divine nature— have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."

(Romans 1:20)

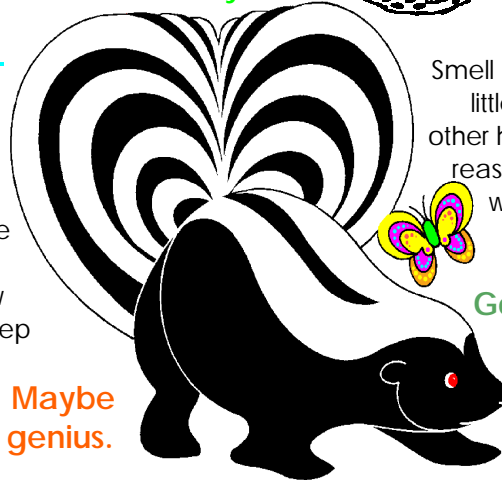


The **octopus** is a strange looking critter with a funny looking head and eight legs that go in all directions. When threatened the octopus produces an inky cloud for protection. It has a special way to get away from its enemies really fast. The octopus can change colors, so you can make our friend any color you like.

God must have had fun creating the octopus.

When the **Puffer Fish** is threatened, it just blows itself up to look larger. When the enemy is faced with a much larger prey it will many times leave the Puffer alone. Some Puffers they have sharp spines that can be a mouth full of trouble. At times the Puffer blows itself up and floats on the surface of the water... belly up. A belly up fish is usually dead.

The Puffer is another example of the genius and humor of God.



Smell can be a delightful sensation. The **skunk** is a cute little thing, but skunk perfume is not delightful. On the other hand a rose is a beautiful thing to smell. There are reasons for smell. It can be a delightful attraction or a warning of danger. The cute skunk has the ability to be mighty stinky...and its enemies usually leave it alone.

God must have grinned as he made the skunk.

