Episode: What Are the Galapagos? or “The Rematch”

Charlie’s Big Green Activity Sheets

Learning Goals

LEARN that Earth’s amazing creatures live everywhere from the Galapagos to right in our own neighborhood. (Life Science)

UNDERSTAND that the Galapagos Islands are a special place where many unusual and special animals live. (Environmental Awareness)

CREATE your own fabulous creature out of yummy, healthy food. (Fitness and Nutrition)

Life Skills

Healthy Eating: Have fun while eating well.

ACTIVITY SHEETS INCLUDED:

• Make Your Own Trading Cards: Fabulous Creatures
• Which of These Things Describe the Galapagos?
• Find the Fabulous Creatures!
• Charlie’s Big Green Recipe: Edible Creatures

Materials

Make Your Own Trading Cards

The trading cards on the next two pages include two animals that you might find around your home and two animals that you might find in the Galapagos Islands. Can you tell which are which?

Cut out the cards on the next two pages. Fold them over along the blue dotted line. Cut a piece of a used cereal or cracker box to fit in between the front and the back to make them stiffer. Tape or glue them together.
Make Your Own Trading Cards: Fabulous Creatures

**BLUE-FOOTED BOOBY**

**HOME:** Ocean coasts: Galapagos Islands, California, Mexico, and South America

**DANGER:** NOT endangered

**DID YOU KNOW:** Blue-footed Boobies plunge into the ocean with wings folded to capture fish for food. Sometimes they even snatch a flying fish right in mid-air.

**LOOK & LISTEN:** Blue-footed Boobies are normally silent, but they trumpet and whistle when looking for a mate.

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**SQUIRREL**

**HOME:** Nests in trees:
All around the world

**DANGER:** NOT endangered

**DID YOU KNOW:** Squirrels build their nest homes in holes inside trees. They bury nuts in the ground and then go get them when they are hungry.

**LOOK & LISTEN:** Squirrels make chattering, barking noises. You can see them in trees near your home or a park.
Make Your Own Trading Cards (continued)

**FABULOUS CREATURES**

**MARINE IGUANA**

- **HOME:** Ocean coasts; Galapagos Islands
- **DANGER:** Nearly extinct. Food sources are disappearing.
- **DID YOU KNOW:** Marine Iguanas are the only lizards that can swim and dive! They can dive down 50 ft. and stay under for 30 minutes.
- **LOOK & LISTEN:** Iguanas bask on warm rocks in the sun so that their bodies stay warm when diving in the cold sea.

**ROBIN**

- **HOME:** Gardens, trees, and rural areas; North America and Canada
- **DANGER:** Not endangered
- **DID YOU KNOW:** Robins’ main food is earthworms. You can see them hunting for worms on lawns.
- **LOOK & LISTEN:** Robins can usually be heard before they are seen. Their song is made up of clear notes rising and falling: “cheer-up, cheerily, cheer-up, cheerily!”
Which of These Things Describe the Galapagos?

Check all that apply.

- The GALAPAGOS are ISLANDS in the OCEAN.
- The GALAPAGOS are filled with FABULOUS CREATURES.
- The GALAPAGOS are a delicious FRUIT.
- The GALAPAGOS can only be reached by SPACESHIP.

Hey Kids! Do you know who I am?
I am LONESOME GEORGE, a real Giant Tortoise that lives in the Galapagos Islands. I am 60 years old—some people say I could even be 90 years old! The most amazing part is that I could live 50 years more. Some of my turtle friends lived to be 175 years old! I move VERY slowly, and spend most of my days eating plants.
Find the Fabulous Creatures!

**DIRECTIONS:** Look at all the wonderful animals in this picture. Most of them live in the Galapagos Islands. Can you find the animals that might live around your home also? **CIRCLE** the animal you think is most fabulous. **BONUS:** Can you find all 7 Blue-footed Boobies?

For Parents/Teachers:
This is a great coloring page for kids! To download this picture alone as black-and-white line art, go to www.biggreenrabbit.com
**Edible Creatures**

**INGREDIENTS:**

**ESSENTIAL**
- Rice cake
- Peanut butter or cream cheese

**PICK WHAT YOU LOVE BEST**
- Olives
- Radish
- Bean sprouts
- Cucumber slices
- Green beans
- Pickles
- Banana slices
- Raisins
- Red pepper
- Grated carrots
- Carrot slices
- Pretzels
- Kiwi slices
- Grated cheese

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Spread peanut butter or cream cheese on a rice cake.
2. Open your creature’s EYES (olives, raisins, kiwi slice, radish).
3. Sprinkle on some HAIR (grated carrots, bean sprouts, grated cheese).
5. And, how does your creature ROAR? Give him or her MOUTH (pickle, red pepper, pretzels).

**Special Instructions:**

ANYTHING GOES! There is no wrong way. Let your child be creative and make a one-eyed, hairy-faced, earless wonder! Do it with your child and eat it too — he or she will follow you.