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# God's BIG WORLD

discover something new today

Look out  
for lizards!



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flower

# Hedgie Pet



This  
hedgehog  
is a pet.

**TEACHING TIP** In the photo, 5-year-old Wyatt Crespo plays with his pet hedgehog. More and more people like to keep hedgehogs as pets. There are hedgehog toys. There are hedgehog characters in children's books. The little creatures don't often make people snuffle and sneeze with allergies. They are quiet and easy to care for. But hedgies can carry a disease. People have to be careful. (Hedgehogs can spread salmonella.)

It has quills. It rolls into a ball. It is prickly.

Would you like a hedgehog pet?

God gives small animals ways to protect themselves. Hedgehogs roll up. Other animals don't want to bite them.



# Tall, Old Plant

This plant is as old as a grandpa. It grew and grew!

It went through a roof. The flower opened.

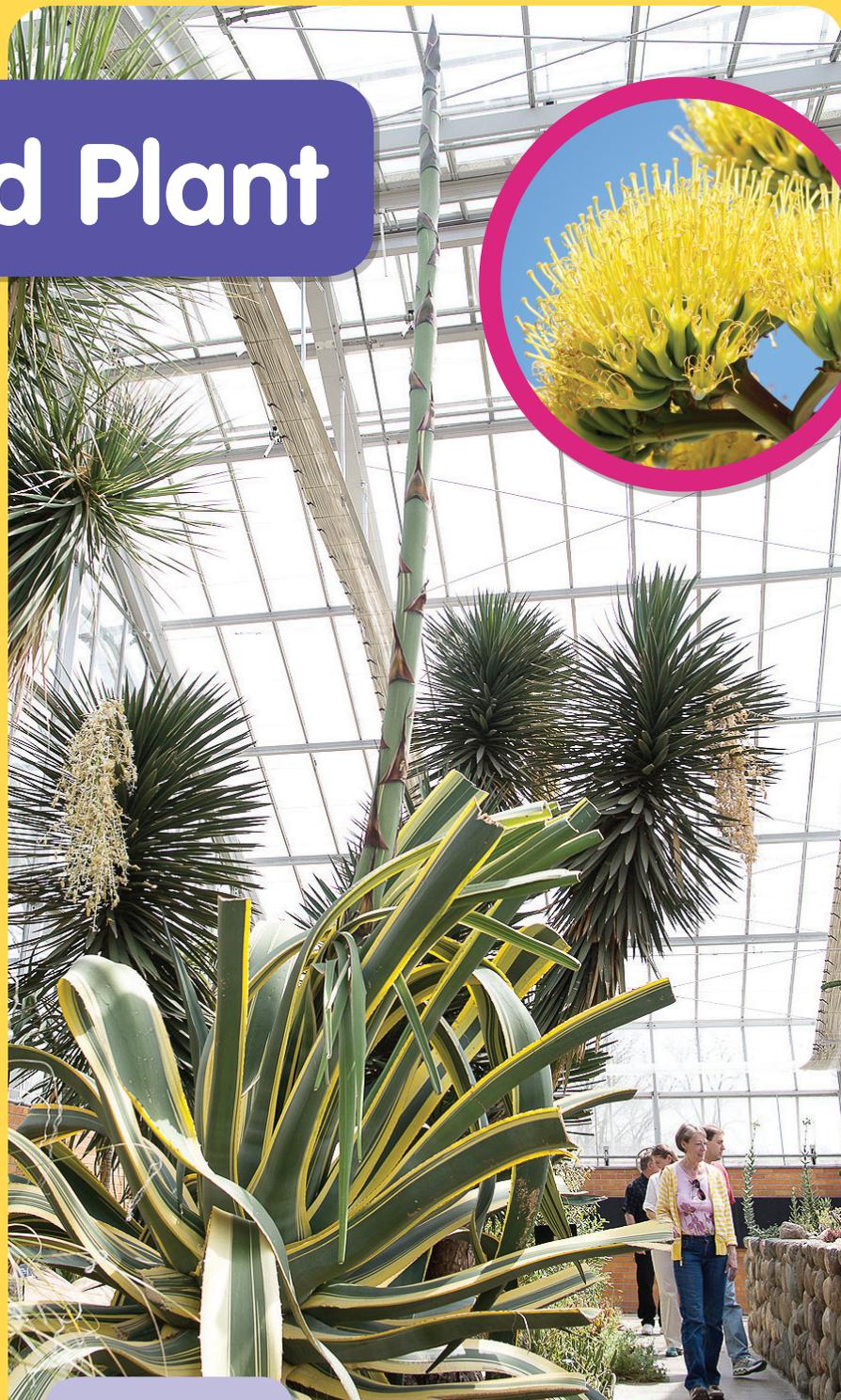
Now the plant will die.

This is a desert plant. God makes it grow and bloom.

Read Isaiah 35:1.



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**TEACHING TIP** ▶ The plant is an agave. It looks like a tall stalk of asparagus. It blooms once in its life. Then it starts to die. It does not leave seeds. Instead it shoots out "pups." A new plant will grow from them.

**The plant grew tall.  
Its flower is yellow.**

This is a desert plant. God makes it grow and bloom.  
Read Isaiah 35:1.

Many lizards live in this park.

## Look out for Lizards!

**TEACHING TIP** ▶ The park takes up only half a city block. (Parque de Simon, also known as Seminario Park or Iguana Park, is at the center of Ecuador's largest city, Guayaquil (WHY-ya-kill)).

**READ TO ME**

Have you ever been to a park filled with giant lizards? *Iguanas* are in the middle of a city in South America.

They climb trees. Clunk. Sometimes they jump or fall off a branch.

They bob their heads up and down. They sleep in the sun.

Park rangers bring them fruits, vegetables, and lettuce to eat every day. Tourists buy bags of banana chips to feed the critters.

And people often bring plain white bread. Then all the lizards make a mad dash! Bread has sugar. Iguana candy!

Watch out if you are a little kid. Some iguanas are almost as big as you are. They have sharp claws and teeth. They can bite if your fingers look tasty.

Iguanas usually live in rainforest treetops. But many people in the United States keep them as pets.

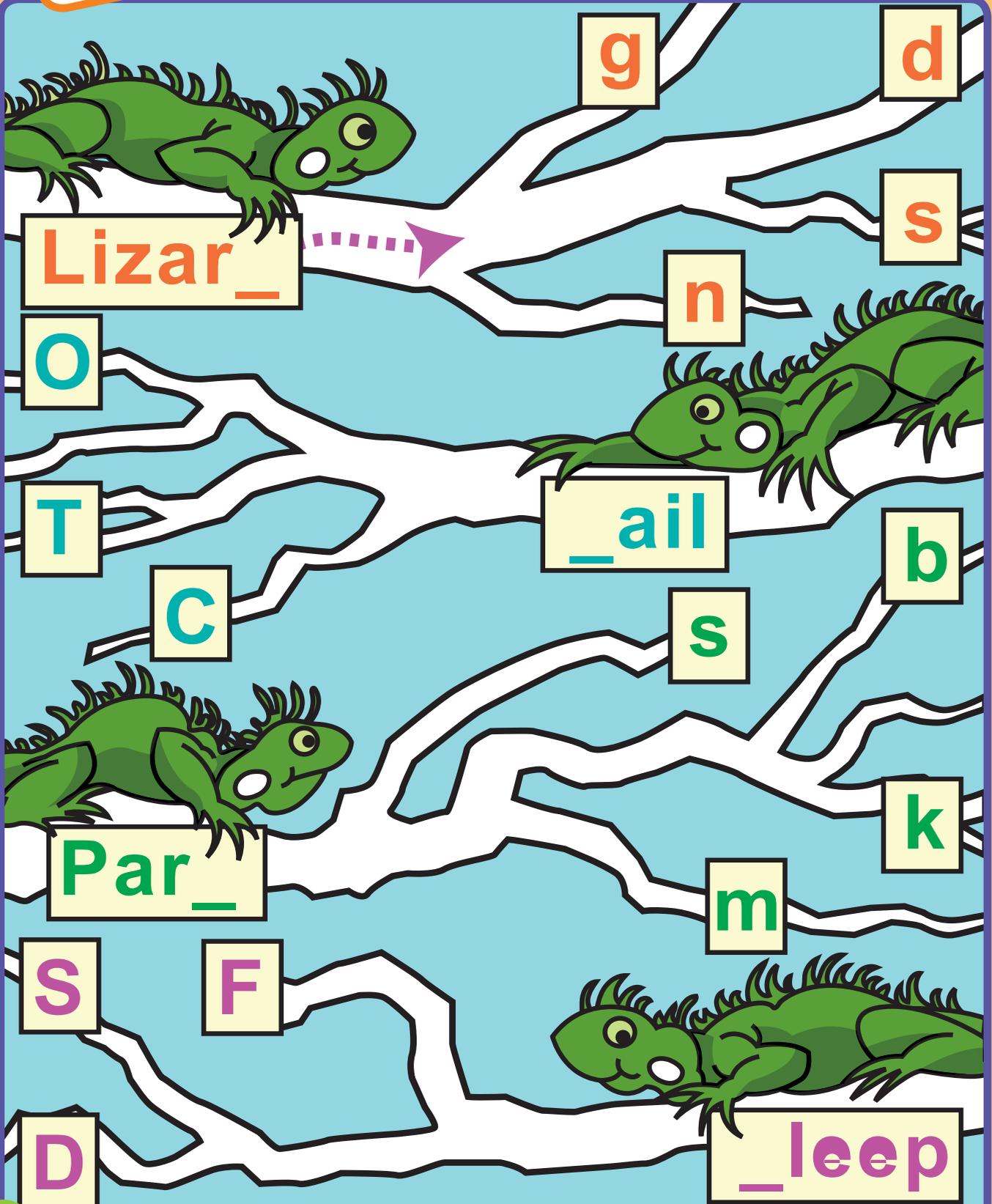
Sometimes a wild animal will catch an iguana by the tail. Snap! The tail breaks in two. The iguana gets away. And then it grows a new tail.



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Think

by Rich Bishop Iguanas climb out on branches. They are looking for the letter that will finish a word. Draw a line along the branch with the right letter.





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