



MANATEES



1. Is a manatee a mammal or a fish?
2. A manatee is a mammal - they are warm blooded, breathe air, babies develop in their mothers and are born live. The mother then feeds it milk.

2. Color a picture of a manatee

You can download pictures of manatees from the following site.

<http://www.cybersleuth-kids.com/coloring/> <http://www.epa.gov/espp/coloring>

3. Learn the following facts about manatees:

Where it lives

Answer: Manatees live in Florida, Georgia and Puerto Rico in the coastal waters (salt and fresh water)

What it eats

Answer: Manatees only eat plants - sometimes as much as 100 pounds a day (find someone who weighs 100 lbs)

How big it is

Answer: Manatees can be as big as 12 feet long and 2500 pounds (mark out how long 12 feet is, and compare 2500 pounds to something they know, like a small car)

How long it lives

Answer: Manatees live up to 60 years (find someone the Adventurers know who is 60 years old)

4. Manatees are endangered species. What does "endangered" mean?

Answer: Endangered means a plant or an animal that is so rare (there aren't very many of them) that they may become extinct (there won't be any more).

5. What day were manatees created on?

Answer: The fifth day, Genesis 1:21-23 "Every creature which moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly.

6. Visit a park or shorelines where manatees are known to gather. Usually this is January-March. Take a picnic lunch. If unable to do this, watch a Manatee video.

7. Do a craft about manatees.

HELPS: Manatee cookie cutter can be ordered for \$10.50 from <http://www.drittersinthemailbox.com/> go to <http://www.floridaoceanographic.org/> for extra information, information, ideas on paper sack manatee puppets, and more coloring sheets <http://www.savethemanatee.org/> is a great resource for information, activity sheets, etc. to download.

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