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There is a super cute new baby with big eyes and round cheeks at the zoo. People are lining up to see her. Her picture is in the news. Who is this black and white ball of fur? She's a baby panda!

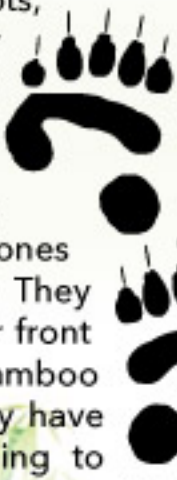
Giant Pandas are an endangered animal. There are only about 1500 of them living in the wild. About 300 live in zoos around the world.



Pandas live in the bamboo forests of the mountains in China. Only a few kinds of bamboo grow here. Pandas eat shoots from these bamboo plants. Pandas eat fast, they eat a lot, and they spend

about 12 hours a day doing it. They must to do this to stay healthy.

Pandas have some special body parts that help them stay alive. Their teeth are very wide and flat. This helps them crush the bamboo shoots, leaves and stems. Their jaws have very strong muscles. Pandas have five fingers on each paw. They also have special large wrist bones that are like thumbs. They hold the stems in their front paws to get the bamboo into their mouths. They have a special stomach lining to protect them from bamboo splinters.



Pandas are shy. They do not go into places where people live. When a panda is an adult it usually lives by itself.



Everyone thinks this zoo baby is special! And she is. God made her in a special way so that she is able to live in a special place and eat special food.

God made you special too! He knows all about you. He loves you. He wants you to know Him and love Him back. God's special book, the Bible, says that He cares about each and every person that was ever born. He knows the good things we do and also the bad things (sins) we do not want anyone else to know about. The Bible says that everyone does bad things and will be punished for doing them.

But you are so important to God that He sent His very own Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take the punishment for us.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 NKJV

God loves you so much that He wants to forgive you for your sins. First you must agree with Him that you have sinned. You must also believe that Jesus died for you so you can be forgiven and live with God in heaven some day. That is why God made you – you are special to Him!



GIANT PANDA

• FACTS •

* Pandas can live up to 35 years.
* Pandas are pink when they are born.
* Pandas are most active during the day.
* Giant pandas get the water they need from bamboos.
* Pandas live alone most of the time.



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