

# Interview with an Ostrich

CHARACTERS: Vontrice, Ostrich

PROPS: none

RUN TIME: 2 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Job 39:13-18, Isaiah 43:20, 50:11.

FK reading level: 4.3

VONTRICE: Welcome to Animal World. I'm Vontrice Veterinarian, the host of this show. On every show we examine the wonders of God creation in the world of animals. Today Ollie the Ostrich joins us. *(waits but OLLIE does not come out)* Ollie? Ollie! *(OLLIE pops up looking around frantically)* Welcome.

OLLIE: Where am I? This doesn't look like my desert or a race track?

VONTRICE: You're *(fill in location)* to tell everyone about ostriches.

OLLIE: Are you sure I'm not supposed to be racing? I'm really fast. 43 miles per hour. One step covers 12 feet! I laugh at the horse and its rider.

VONTRICE: Yes, you are one fast bird even if you can't fly.

OLLIE: I'm the biggest too. Seven to nine feet tall and 200-350 pounds. You wanna race?

VONTRICE: No. Just talk. Is it true you bury your head in the sand?

OLLIE: No. If there is danger I get down low to the ground like this *(demonstrates)* and my coloring camouflages with the desert. But if something gets to close I go all ninja on them.

VONTRICE: How?

OLLIE: I kick like a kung fu master. My long legs pack a powerful punch that can kill a lion or man. *(VONTRICE looks at foot)*

VONTRICE: Wow, you only have two toes but each one has a claw as sharp and a knife!

OLLIE: Yup. *(distracted)* Where's my purse? *(getting panicky)* I can't find my purse! Oh no! *(Looks frantically then calms down)* Wait a sec. I didn't bring one.

VONTRICE: I heard you abandon your eggs in the sand.

OLLIE: No. I just leave them behind. They are way too heavy to carry around. Each one weighs three pounds! Plus God gave their shells a toughness so you could stand on one and not break it.

VONTRICE: Impressive.

OLLIE: It wasn't my doing. It was God's.

VONTRICE: Like the prophet Isaiah says "The animals of the field will honor Me, jackals and ostriches, because I provide water in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people.

OLLIE: *(panicking)* Jackals? I hate jackals! They might eat me! *(OLLIE repeats getting low to the ground)*

VONTRICE: There aren't any jackals. I was just quoting the Bible. Speaking of drinks, I bet you get thirsty after racing around in the hot dry, desert. Can you explain how God provides water in the wilderness?

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OLLIE: Plants! I eat plants and get water that way. Hey, have you seen my purse? I bet that jackal stole it.

VONTRICE: You didn't bring a purse.

OLLIE: Of course I did. I'll just run after him and give him a good swift kick. Bye! (*exits quickly*)

VONTRICE: I understand why Job 39 says "God has deprived her of wisdom; He has not endowed her with understanding." Stay tuned for another Animal World episode coming to you soon!