

# Interview with a dove

CHARACTERS: Vontrice and dove

RUN TIME: 3 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Psalm 55:6, Song of Solomon 2:11-12, Jeremiah 8:7, Matthew 3:15-17, Luke 2:23-25

FK reading level: 3.4

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. Let's dive right in to today's interview with a dove.

DOVE: Hi. I'm Donnie Dove.

VONTRICE: Welcome. On what day were doves created?

DOVE: Day five with the other birds.

VONTRICE: When do you next appear in the Bible?

DOVE: On Noah's ark. After forty days of rain and nearly a year on the ark, Noah opened the window and sent me out to see if the water had receded from the ground. But the first time, it was still too wet so I went back to the ark for seven more days.

VONTRICE: Then what happened?

DOVE: Noah sent me out and I brought back a freshly plucked olive leaf!

VONTRICE: So Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth?

DOVE: Yes. But no one went out just yet. After another week, he sent me the third and last time. When I didn't come back, they all left the ark.

VONTRICE: It must be nice to have wings to fly wherever you want.

DOVE: It sure is. David said it best when he wrote, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest."

VONTRICE: Doves symbolize peace. Are you peaceful?

DOVE: Yes. But we are also a symbol of spring. In North America people look for robins as a sign of spring but in Solomon's kingdom, they looked for us.

VONTRICE: Really?

DOVE: Solomon wrote this in chapter two of his song: See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

VONTRICE: Do people ever call you bird brain?

DOVE: Yes. That is so unfair. I'll tell you who the prophet Jeremiah said were a flock of bird brains. Can you read Jeremiah 8:7-8?

READER: Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons, and the dove, the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration. But my people do not know the requirements of the LORD.

DOVE: People that don't know what God requires are the bird brains, if you ask me.

VONTRICE: What is your favorite dove story in the Bible?

DOVE: Jesus baptism. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.

VONTRICE: That was when God said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

DOVE: Yes. My second favorite is when Jesus as a firstborn male was consecrated to the Lord. His parents were poor and had to offer a pair of doves instead of a lamb.

VONTRICE: Thanks for flying in for an interview!

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