GOD'S MAMMOTH LOVE The Unique Unicorn

Scripture: Psalm 92:10; Numbers 23:22; 24:8; Job 39:9–10; Memory Verse: Titus 2:14 – *"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."*

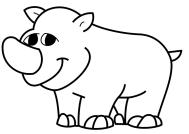
Lesson 3

<u>**UNICORN**</u> - (UNICORN - " a mythical horse-like animal with a single horn projecting



from its forehead ") When we hear the word "*unicorn*" we usually think of a mystical horse-like creature with a flowing mane, wings and a horn in the center of his forehead. This, of course, is a fantasy creature – one that has been created for story books, cartoons, and

even toys. The Bible does speak of the unicorn, but the description of the unicorn is not the kind the world has invented. The unicorn of the Bible is a creature with tremendous strength. He has a horn just as the fantasy unicorn does. The unicorn of the Bible was



probably the rhinoceros. The rhinoceros is not a beautiful animal like the fantasy unicorn, but a rather plain and unusual animal like no other – a Unique Unicorn.

I THE FAIRY TALE UNICORN

The devil would like for us all to believe a pretend, or fairy tale, story about the Christian life. Satan is busy trying to fool the unsaved people to keep them from accepting Jesus as their Saviour. If he can get them to believe a "fairy-tale" about salvation, then he can keep many people out of Heaven. Satan would like for everyone to believe that all one needs to do to be saved is live a good life, look like a Christian and everything will be just fine. This is a lie of the devil. No matter how good you are, being good will never get a person into Heaven. It is only through believing on Jesus and accepting Him as your personal Saviour will you have a home in Heaven. Don't believe the lie of the devil – don't believe in the "fairy-tale unicorn" to get you to Heaven.

II THE UNIQUE UNICORN

The unicorn of the Bible was probably the rhinoceros. The Bible talks about his strength and his horn (only ONE horn). A "unicorn" or rhinoceros is certainly a unique animal. As Christians, we, too, are to be unique. A Christian should act and look in such a way as to make people notice that there is something different about us. A Christian should not be unique in such a way as to be a bad testimony, but in a way that gives God honor. The Bible says that Christians are a "*peculiar*" people – unique – and are excited about the things of God like going to church, reading God's Word, singing, praying, being obedient, etc. We should not want to fit in with the world, but rather fit in with God's standards. It is hard sometimes to take the stand needed to be the right kind of Christian, but as the rhinoceros, we have great strength. Our Strength comes from Jesus Who lives inside those who have trusted Him as Saviour. Depend on Jesus and BE UNIQUE!

<u>CONCLUSION</u>: Although the devil would like for all of us to believe a lie, or a fairy tale, about being a Christian, Jesus wants us to know the truth. The Christian life may not always be easy or "*pretty*", but the Christian life is the true life that will bring happiness to each of us. The world we live in today is not a fairy-tale land of flying horses and pretty, sparkling things, but one day, for those who have trusted Jesus as Saviour, we will live in a place so beautiful and sparkling that no man could ever describe its beauty – that place is called HEAVEN!