

Clean & Unclean Animals

Vayikra 11:1 – 11:47

'For I am יהוה your Elohim, and you shall set yourselves apart. And you shall be set-apart, for I am set-apart. And do not defile yourselves with any creeping creature that creeps on the earth.

'For I am יהוה who is bringing you up out of the land of Mitsrayim (egypt), to be your Elohim. And you shall be set-apart, for I am set-apart.

'This is the Torah of the beasts and the birds and every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth, to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the living creature that is eaten and the living creature that is not eaten.' "

(Vayikra 11:44-47)

Noah knew about clean and unclean animals (*Beresheet 7:2, 8:20*).

Looking at the animals with the split hooves and chewing the cud:

"Chewing the cud - we can relate this to Torah – every year we regurgitate the scripture, going through it again, studying on it, chewing on it over and over.

The split hoof - we can see this resemblance to our Messiah Yeshua – the lamb of God, when he was nailed through his feet to the cross." (*Rabbi Itzhak Levy*)

Kosher in hebrew is pronounced – Kashér - כָּשֵׁר



Silly piggy, you're still not clean!

Chewing the cud and split hoof

(Vayikra/Leviticus 11:1 – 8; 39-40)

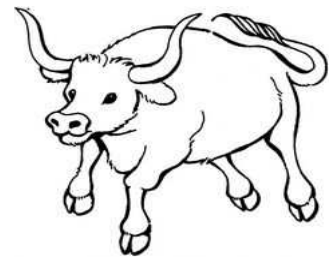
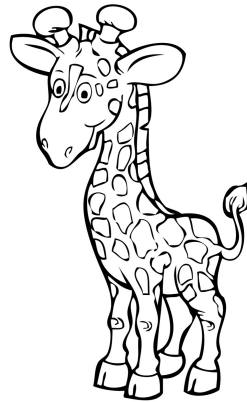
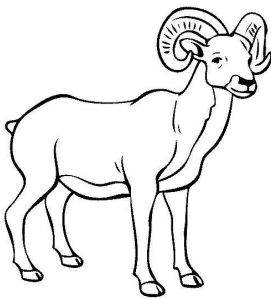
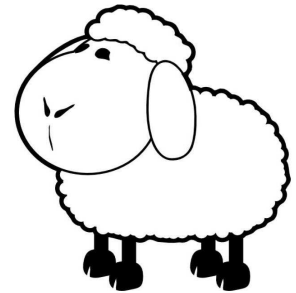
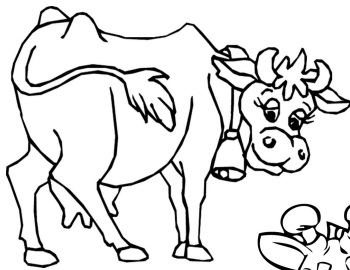
These are the living creatures which you DO eat among all the beasts that are on the earth.

Whatever has a split hoof COMPLETELY divided, chewing the cud

Fun Fact: Although a giraffe chews the cud and has split hooves, laws protect them from human consumption.

* When any of the beasts which are yours for food dies:

- He who touches its carcass becomes unclean until evening.
- He who picks up its carcass has to wash his garments, and shall be unclean until evening.



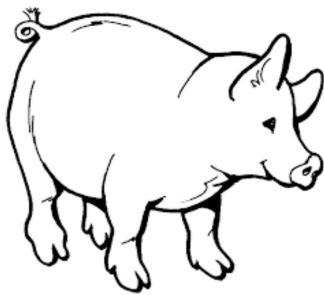
These creatures you DO NOT eat nor touch their carcasses

The camel, rabbit, hare - chews the cud but has no split hoof.

This rule excludes from the diet the camel because it walks on toes (camel hooves are nails coming out of toes).

The pig – Split hoof completely divided but does not chew the cud.

They are unclean to you.

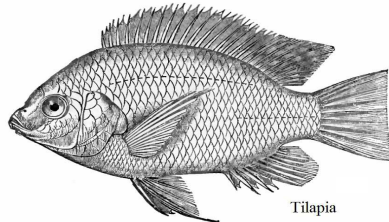
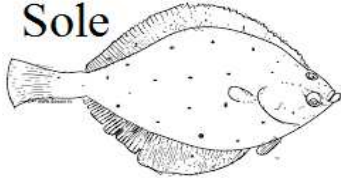


Fins & Scales

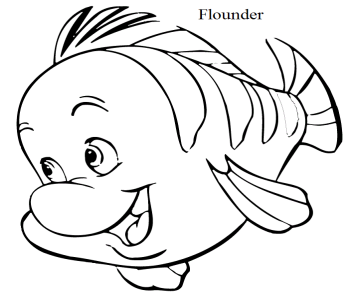
(Vayikra/Leviticus 11:9 - 12)

These you DO eat of all that are in the waters:
Anyone that has fins AND scales IN the waters, seas & rivers

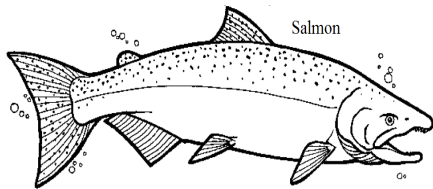
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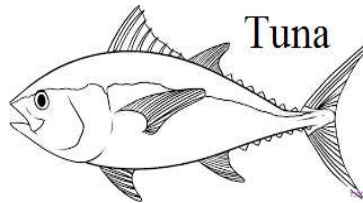
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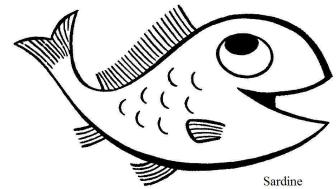
Flounder



Salmon

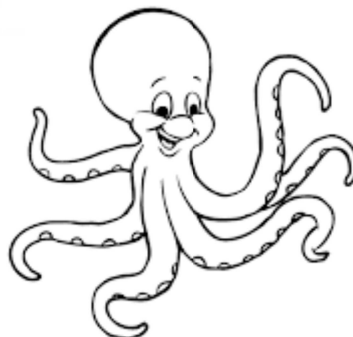
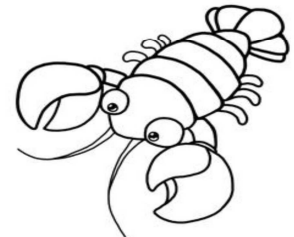
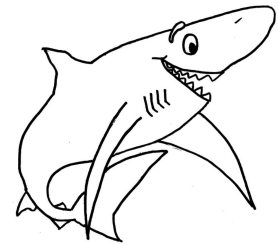
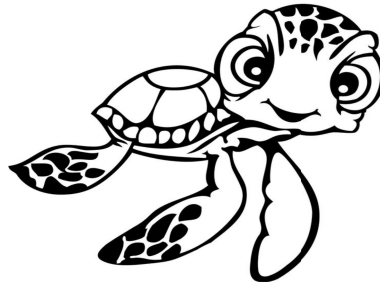
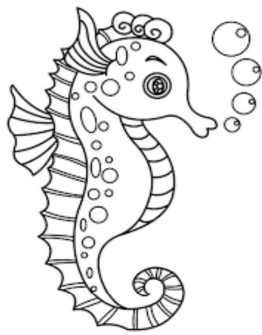


Tuna



Sardine

These you DO NOT eat nor touch their carcasses:
NO fins and scales in the seas, rivers and all that move in the waters.
They are an abomination to you.

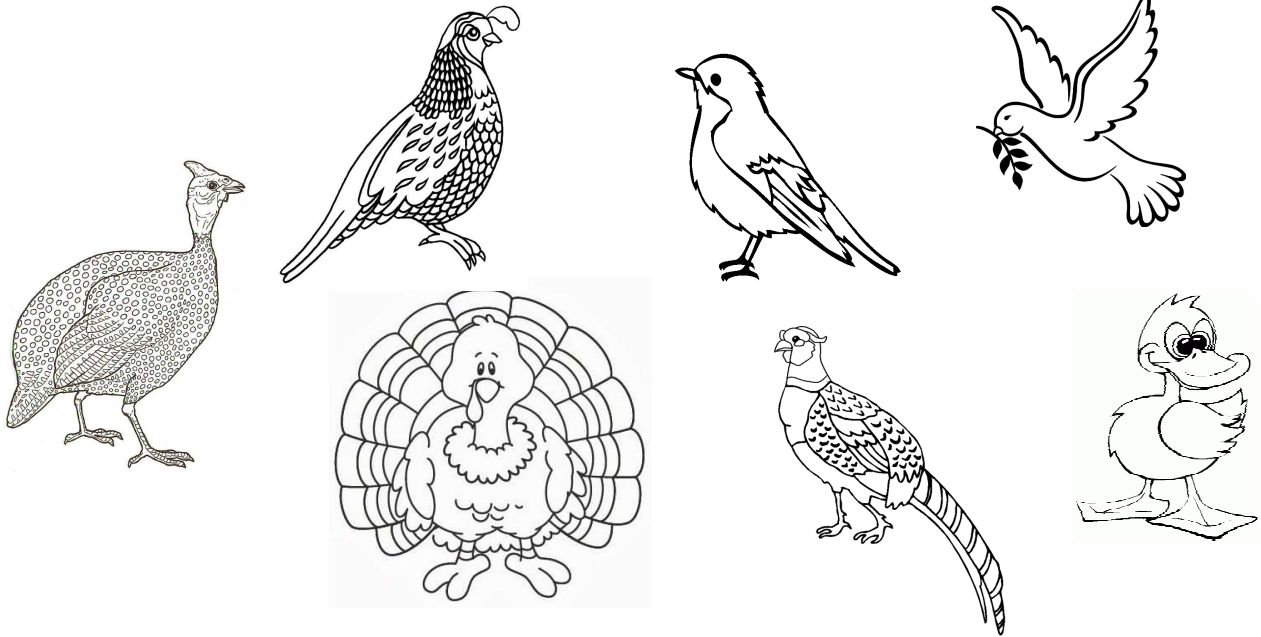


Birds

(Vayikra / Leviticus 11:13-19)

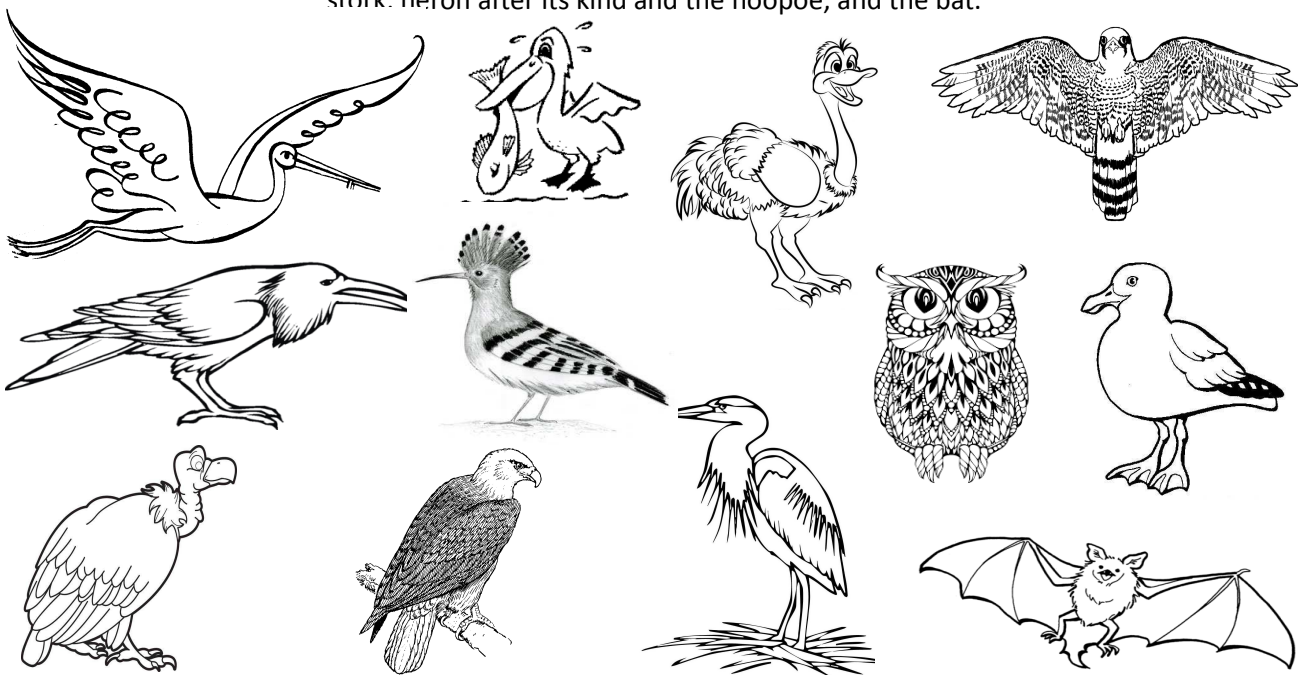
You may eat any clean bird (Deut 14:11):

(Examples: Chicken, Dove, Duck, Goose, Grouse, Guinea fowl, Partridge, Peafowl, Pheasant, Pigeon, Prairie chicken, Ptarmigan, Quail, Sagehen, Sparrow (and other songbirds), Swan*, Teal, Turkey)



These birds are not to be eaten, they are an abomination:
the eagle, vulture, black vulture, hawk, falcon after its kind
Every Raven after it's kind

Ostrich, nighthawk, seagull and the hawk after it's kind
Little owl, fisher owl, great owl, white owl, pelican, carrion vulture
stork. heron after its kind and the hoopoe, and the bat.



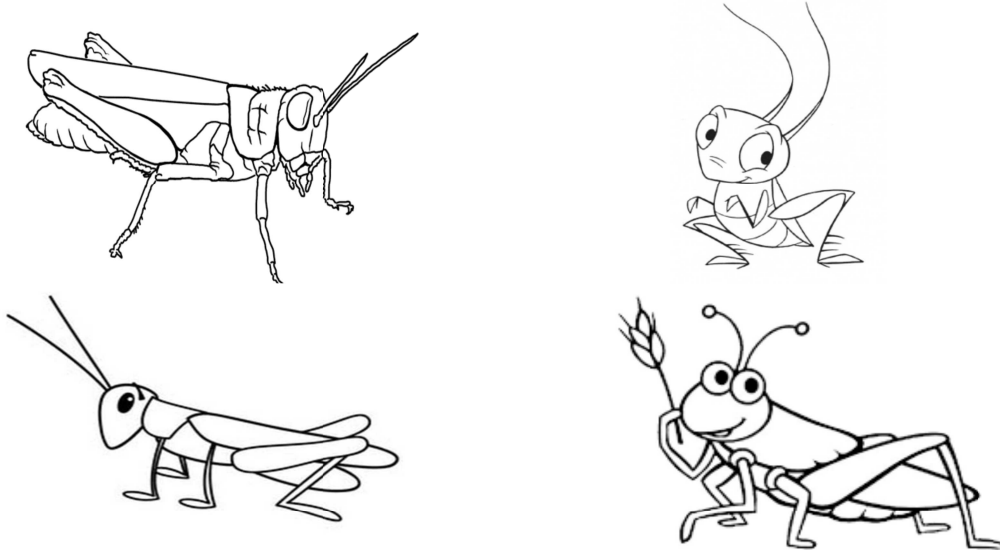
Insects

(Vayikra / Leviticus 11:20 – 25)

Interesting fact: *4 walking legs + 2 hind hopping legs = 6 total legs*

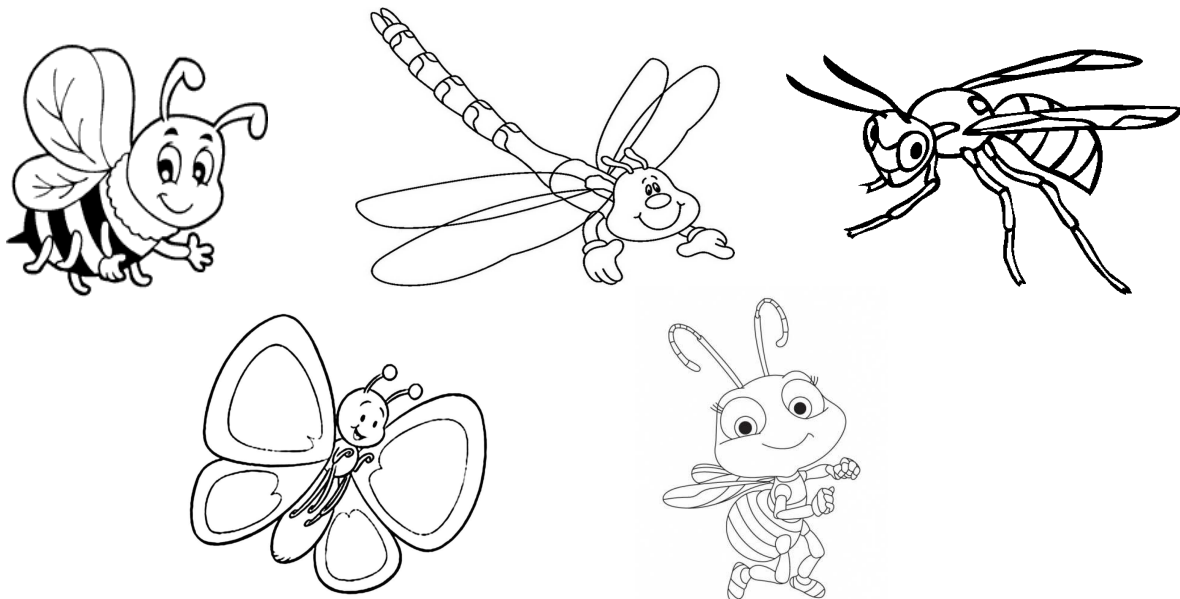
‘Only, these you do eat of every flying insect that creeps on all fours: those which have jointed legs above their feet with which to leap on the earth.

The locust and the destroying locust
cricket, grasshopper



All other flying insects which have four feet is an abomination to you.

‘And by these you are made unclean, anyone touching the carcass of any of them is unclean until evening, and anyone picking up part of the carcass of any of them has to wash his garments, and shall be unclean until evening.

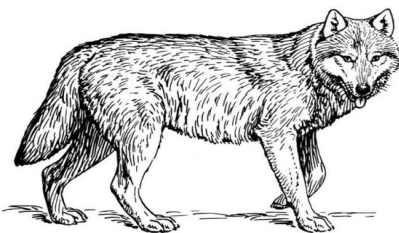
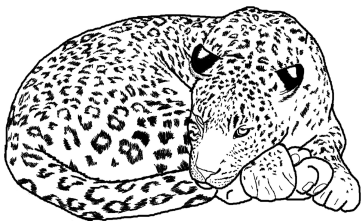
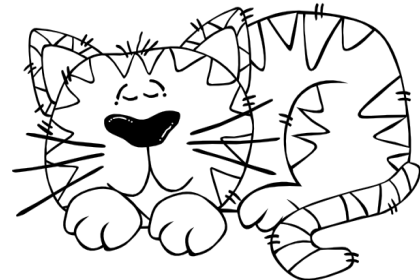
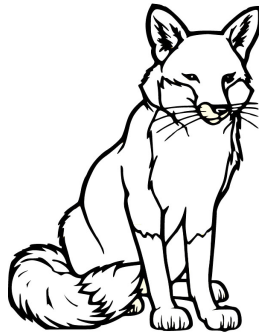
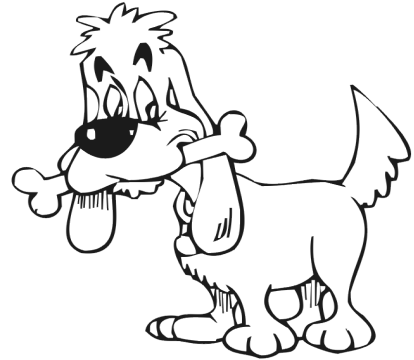


Paws

(Vayikra / Leviticus 11:27-28)

Creatures that goes on its paws on all fours
they are unclean to you.

Anyone who touches their carcass is unclean until evening,
and he who picks up their carcass has to wash his garments,
and shall be unclean until evening.



Creeping Creatures

(Vayikra / Leviticus 11:29-38; 41-44)

These are unclean to you among the creeping creatures that creep on the earth, it is an abomination:

Mole, mouse, tortoise

gecko, land crocodile, sand reptile, sand lizard, chameleon

Anyone who touched them when they are dead becomes unclean until evening.

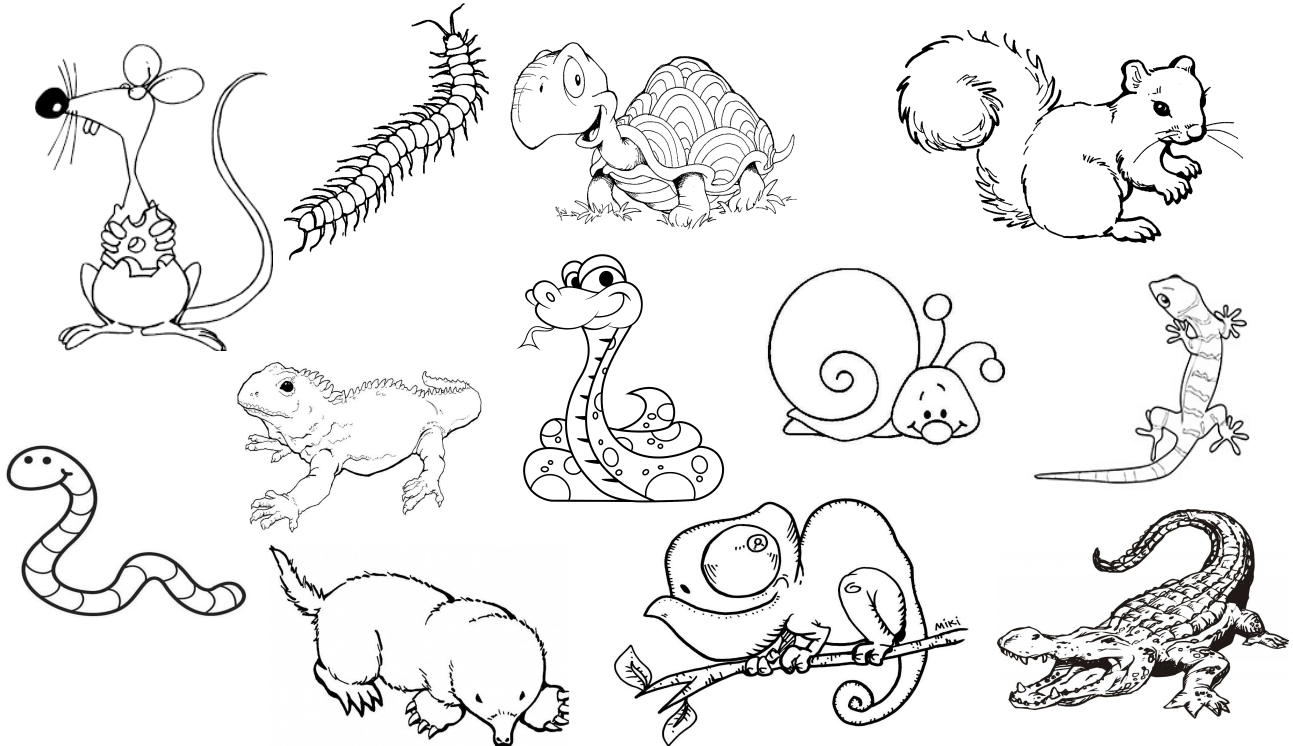
Whatever crawls on its stomach

Whatever goes on all fours

Whatever has many feet

Among all creeping creatures that creep on the earth.

Do not make yourselves abominable with any creeping creature that creeps, and do not make yourselves unclean with them, lest you be defiled by them.



Carcasses / dead state of these creeping creatures

Becomes unclean to you:

- Whatever it falls upon – wooden object, garment, skin, sack – becomes unclean.
- Any object which work is done – put water in and it will be unclean until evening, then it will be clean.
- Any earthen vessel into which any may fall – whatever is in it becomes unclean – you must break it.
- Any food which might be eaten that is prepared with water, becomes unclean. (dead fallen in)
- Any drink that might me drunk becomes unclean. (dead fallen in)
- On whatever any of their carcass falls becomes unclean – an oven or cooking range – it is broken down.
- BUT a fountain or a well, a collection of water, is clean, BUT whatever touches their carcass is unclean.
- When any of their carcass falls on any planting seed which is to be sown, it is clean.
- BUT when any water is put on the seed and any part of a carcass falls on it, it is unclean to you.