

Children of Lockdown:

«Animal Tales of Golden Bay» and «Reflections on Corona and Easter»

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Still lockdown, again lockdown! Some ask: How many will we get? How long will it go? I don't know, but perhaps we should ask: How many do we need, how many does the world need? Before we explore that question in more detail further below, here are the two children of the corona lockdown: 1st a children's book providing food for thoughtful creativity and 2nd some reflections providing food for deeper thoughts, studies and more.

1. Animal Tales of Golden Bay

This is an educational and beautifully illustrated children's colouring-in book by Claire Rose, with drawings and animals telling their own stories. Claire and her family were travelling when the first lockdown hit, Pakawau Beach Park became their home. The lockdown isolation unlocked her creative talents and this book is the result. Claire writes in her acknowledgements: «*To our amazing God, who created all the incredibly diverse creatures for us to look after and enjoy, and who gifted all of us with our individual talents.*»

The book is now available from the author and selected shops, it's on display in Takaka at the "Take Note" book store (where Kiwi Bank and NZ Post are) and in Collingwood at "The Flyfishers Wife" boutique. Click the flyers on the webpage below for more information...



2. Reflections on Corona and Easter - I wonder what comes out of it ...

These initially brief thoughts on the beauty of our Golden Bay paradise, written by Wolfgang Rehfus during the lockdown at Easter Sunday, were first published in the Pastoral Letter by Knox Church, Christchurch, on 14 April, 2020.

They are now published on https://SolarPeace.org/e/20200412_CoronaEaster.htm together with the additional chapters «**In the beginning ...**», which is a bible study on Genesis and related Scriptures, and «**Laudato Si' ...**», which enables to explore and deepen the reflections more detailed with the Encyclical Letter «Laudato Si'» by Pope Francis on our care for God's Creation, our common home, and his question «*What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?*». Combined, they provide an interesting reading for churches and for everyone concerned in our environment and nature. In addition, they might help us to approach the initial lockdown question: How many do we need, how many does the world need?

3. Why these two children of lockdown?

The children's book «*Animal Tales of Golden Bay*» with its beautiful animal drawings and their educational stories is well suited for school and home education. It also provides a thoughtful framework for a kids bible study on God's Creation at Sunday School. The «*Reflections on Corona and Easter*» deepen the thoughts and enable a bible study for guided children, youth and adults alike, but also provide a very interesting general study for all those outside of the church, especially those concerned in our environment and nature. It is the intention of the author to bring these often diverse or even opposing groups together, so they might recognise their common concerns and interests. You will find a short paragraph with reference to the reflections in the children's book and visa versa some images and links to the children's book on the reflections webpage (https://SolarPeace.org/e/20200412_CoronaEaster.htm), together with some wonderful photos from Pakawau, Golden Bay.

You are most welcome to forward this to others who might be interested in any of these two children of lockdown or the initial question: How many do we need, how many does the world need? Thank you!