

Animals

of the Bible

1. Is a church mouse different to an ordinary mouse? Does it know the 10 c_____? Does it keep them? Can it say pr_____ or sing the h_____?
2. Sometimes we say 'As p____ as a church mouse', which means that there is very little food in a church for a mouse to eat.



...the mouse

3. In the Bible, mice were regarded as 'un_____' (Lev 11 v 29 and Isa 66 v 17).
4. Mice are very destructive animals. We are told in the Bible that they can destroy whole f_____ of c_____ (1 Sam 6 v 4-5). Herodotus (a Roman historian) speaks of an army being destroyed by mice, gnawing through their bow str_____ and shield straps.



5. L_____ sins, like l_____ mice can do a lot of damage (see story on the back of the sheet).
6. *He who waits to do a great thing at once, will never do anything.'*

Dr Johnson



Here is a story about the destroying power of little

3757. LITTLE SINS, Effect of. A company was walking in Sudbrook Park, when Dr. Ellis drew attention to a large sycamore-tree decayed to the core. "That fine tree," said he, "was killed by a single worm." Two years previously, the tree was as healthy as any in the park, when a woodworm, about three inches long, was observed to be forcing its way under the bark of the trunk. It then caught the eye of a naturalist who was staying there; and he remarked, "Let that worm alone, and it will kill the tree." This seemed very improbable; but it was agreed, that the black-headed worm should not be disturbed. After a time it was discovered that the worm had tunnelled its way a considerable distance under the bark. The next summer, the leaves of the tree dropped off very early; and, in the succeeding year, it was a dead rotten thing, and the hole made by the worm might be seen in the very heart of the once noble trunk. "Ah!" said one who was present, "let us learn a lesson from that single tree. How many who once promised fair for usefulness in the world and the church have been ruined by a single sin!"



Here is a poem about how much good can come out of little things:

Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the boundless ocean,
And the beautiful land,
And the little mountains,
Humble though they be,
Make the mighty ages
Of eternity.

Little deeds of kindness,
Little words of love
Make the earth an Eden,
Like the heaven above;
Little deeds of mercy
Done by infant hands,
Grow to bless the nations
Far off in heathen lands.