

Crocs That Rock!

I'm no good at anything!

Have you ever felt that? Do you wish you could play hockey or soccer as well as your friends, or ace your schoolwork like some do, or look as cool? Maybe you think you have to be super-thin, or your hair has to look a certain way so you'll be admired – maybe even envied.



Well, you'll want to know about the Crocodile. Now here's an odd sort of creature if ever there was one!

What other animal...

- ❖ Stores stones in its gut?
- ❖ Opens its mouth but can't stick out its tongue?
- ❖ Cannot open its powerful mouth if someone holds it closed?

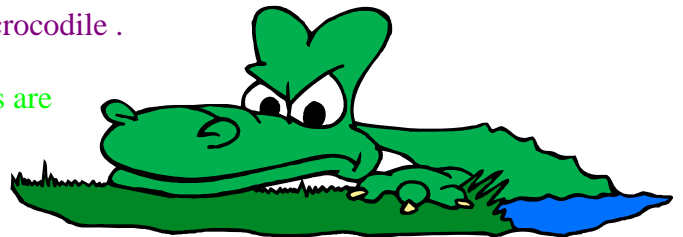
Many people think crocodiles are awkward, slow, and not too bright. But look closer:

- ❖ Crocodiles actually have very well-developed brains and are quite intelligent.
- ❖ They may look slow, but they are the top predators in their watery environment. They are able to kill even a shark if they have a mind to.
- ❖ Crocodiles are great talkers. They have about 20 different calls when they are threatened or in distress – or are trying to impress another "cute" crocodile.

❖ A crocodile is very stealthy – waiting quietly camouflaged, then ambushing an unsuspecting visitor in a flash.

Crocodiles are also very

sensitive. Those tough leathery scales have tiny dot-shaped sensors on them that let the crocs know when dinner is nearby. Scientists don't yet understand all the kinds of things crocodiles can sense with those little dots.



And you wouldn't want to try to out-swim a crocodile! They are remarkably agile and quick in the water (though not so much on land).



Slow, awkward, and not-too-smart don't have anything to do with being a crocodile.

That's because God created the crocodile with skill and smarts. We have only begun to understand the talents of this remarkable creature. *Could God have been speaking of the crocodile in the Bible when He mentioned the wonders of a creature He called the "leviathan"?* Many people think so (read **Job 41**). God is very pleased with this creature.

And God is very pleased with you!

You matter much more than the mighty crocodile.
You have a brain that God crafted Himself,
special talents that He has given to you,
and a soul that is created to be sensitive to His love.

*God has given you a particular environment in
which you will flourish and be a credit
to Him. He will lead you to it
... if you trust Him.*

Who you are and who you can be is God's doing.
And He has a way of getting things just right.

Just ask the crocodile!



Thank you, Lord, for giving me talents and abilities.
And thank you for preparing a special place for me to
use them. Help me to use what you've given me
to honour You. *Amen.*