

# Raccoon Rascals



Raccoons are **EVERYWHERE!!** Especially places they're not supposed to be. **Like in your backyard.** They just love your backyard, and especially your garbage can. They love all of the food you toss out.

What **thieves** they are too. They **sneak around** at night while you're asleep and quietly lift the lid off **your garbage bin**, reaching inside to pluck out a bit of apple or banana or that broccoli you refused to eat for supper.

They even dress like thieves – check out the bandit's mask around their eyes!

Raccoons have **talented paws and long fingers** to find their feasts. They don't much care if they're grabbing a frog out of the lake, or a french fry out of your garbage. Those paws are **great for exploring nooks and crannies.**



When they're not gorging themselves, raccoons love a good snooze. They'll set up house in a tree hole, a fallen log – or even your attic (it's closer to your kitchen). They spend much of winter asleep in their den, then wake up well-rested and famished for spring.

Raccoons are messy and they can be very annoying to humans. But God must have had a **good reason** for creating them. What do you suppose it was? I don't know for sure.



- ❖ Maybe God wants us to be more **careful** with what we throw away?
- ❖ Or maybe God simply felt like creating a cute, funny, ingenious critter – and the raccoon was the result.

I do know we can learn something from the raccoon: He can go anywhere and make it his home. You too can go **anywhere**, if the **Lord Jesus is your guide.** Jesus makes it possible for us to survive in tough situations. And you won't have to steal or eat toss-aways like the raccoon does!

*Thank you, Lord Jesus, that I can go anywhere as long as I have you as my Guide.*