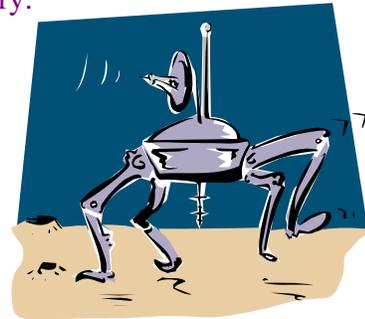


# Robot Ruckus

Wouldn't it be fun to have your own robot? Maybe the robot would do your homework, clean your room, keep you company, take your dog for a walk, or do the dishes.

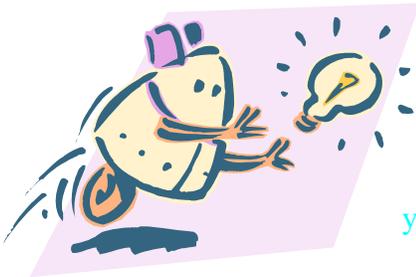
Today, there are robots that can vacuum your house, beat you at chess, or even act like a pet. In the hospital, a robot can sometimes help the surgeon with difficult surgery.

Robots can go into dangerous places like the insides of volcanoes to explore what's going on. They can go looking for explosives in mine fields. And in space, robots can work inside or outside the spaceship to do research and repairs. There are even a few robots crawling around on Mars!



Humanoid robots are especially interesting. They look like us, and some are so realistic that you can't tell from a distance that they're robots.

They behave like people too, and some can help people with all sorts of chores.

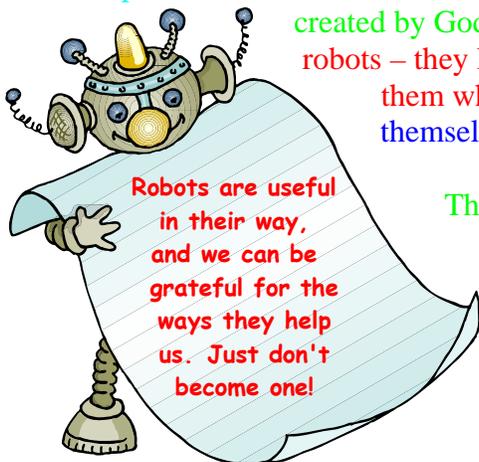


But to function, a robot must have the right software. Some smart person – or a whole team of people – had to program the robot. Not an easy thing to do. In fact, people go to school for years to learn how to program a robot – yet even then, there are still many things a robot can't do.

Robots have no feelings. They have no hopes or dreams. They have no heart. They could never care about anyone. They can only do what they are programmed to do. And while robots can be extremely useful, they can never be human.



People are much more valuable than robots, because people are created by God. But some people behave like robots – they let others program them and tell them what to do. They don't think for themselves. They aren't free to be all that God made them to be.



Robots are useful in their way, and we can be grateful for the ways they help us. Just don't become one!

The Lord Jesus died to set us free. There are no robots in His kingdom. When we are His, we are free to care about others, and to make good plans. We are free to walk away from wrong things.

*"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." – John 8:32*