

# Busy Beavers

The beaver is an animal that works very hard. Beavers build their homes, or dams in streams and ponds. When a beaver wants to build a dam, it waddles on its short legs to find a small tree. Then the beaver begins gnawing at the tree trunk with its long, sharp front teeth. In just a few minutes, a busy beaver can cut down a trunk that is five inches thick. Then the beaver trims off the small branches, cuts the trunk in shorter lengths, and drags the heavy limbs back to the building site.



Carefully, the beaver weaves sticks, branches, reeds, and small tree trunks together, then fills in the spaces with mud to make its dam secure. Even a good dam gets damaged, so the beaver must constantly be on the watch to repair holes caused by weather or other animals. Beavers never quit working. If they did, their homes might break apart and float away.

Just like the busy beaver, we sometimes have jobs that take time to finish. If we quit when we get tired or bored, the job will not get done. Did you know that you can help your Mom and Dad's missionary work by helping with your chores? You can. By you helping around the house your whole family will have more time to be together!

