

Carnivorous Plants



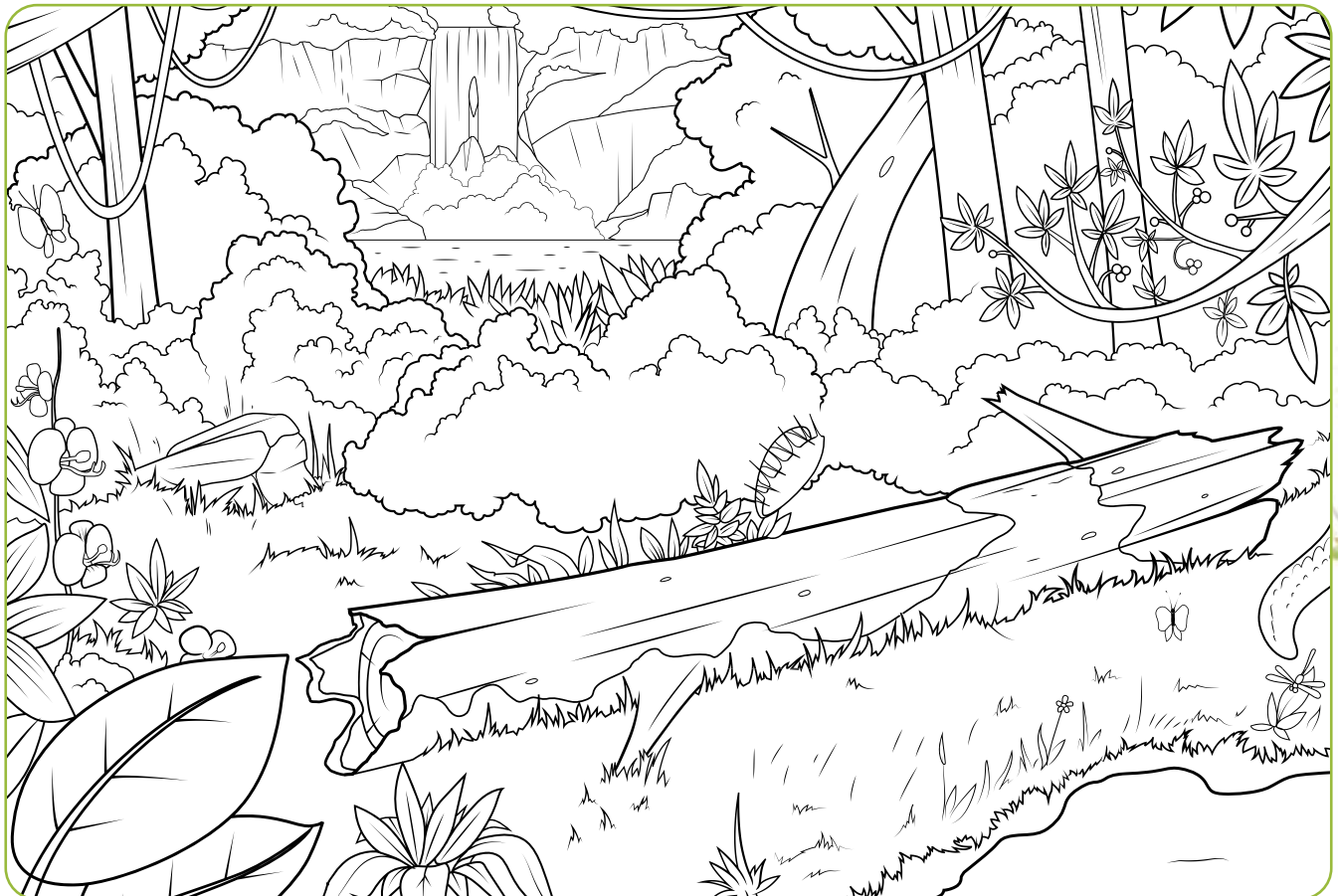
Carnivorous plants are crazy! Since most live in low-nutrient soil, they eat insects or other small animals to help them grow. They didn't always have this diet, though. The Bible says God created everything "very good" in the beginning (Genesis 1:31). It wasn't until the Fall that some plants turned into carnivores. Even today, the Lord Jesus gives His creatures exactly what they need to flourish! Did you also know...

- ✓ There are over 600 species of carnivorous plants.
- ✓ They live in a variety of habitats, from tropical rainforests to wetlands.
- ✓ While most eat insects, some consume larger animals like mice, frogs, and geckos.
- ✓ The Venus flytrap has a jaw-shaped leaf with bristles. It looks like a big mouth with teeth!



Pitcher plants are sneaky about trapping their food. Attracted to the plant's nectar scent, insects climb into the long neck. Tiny, downward-facing hairs prevent them from getting out. Bugs head deeper into the plant until eventually they're digested.

Color the picture, and then circle the Venus flytrap.



Use the code to answer the following questions.

A C E H I L N O R T



1. What U.S. state has the biggest number of native carnivorous plant species?



2. What continent doesn't have any carnivorous plants?



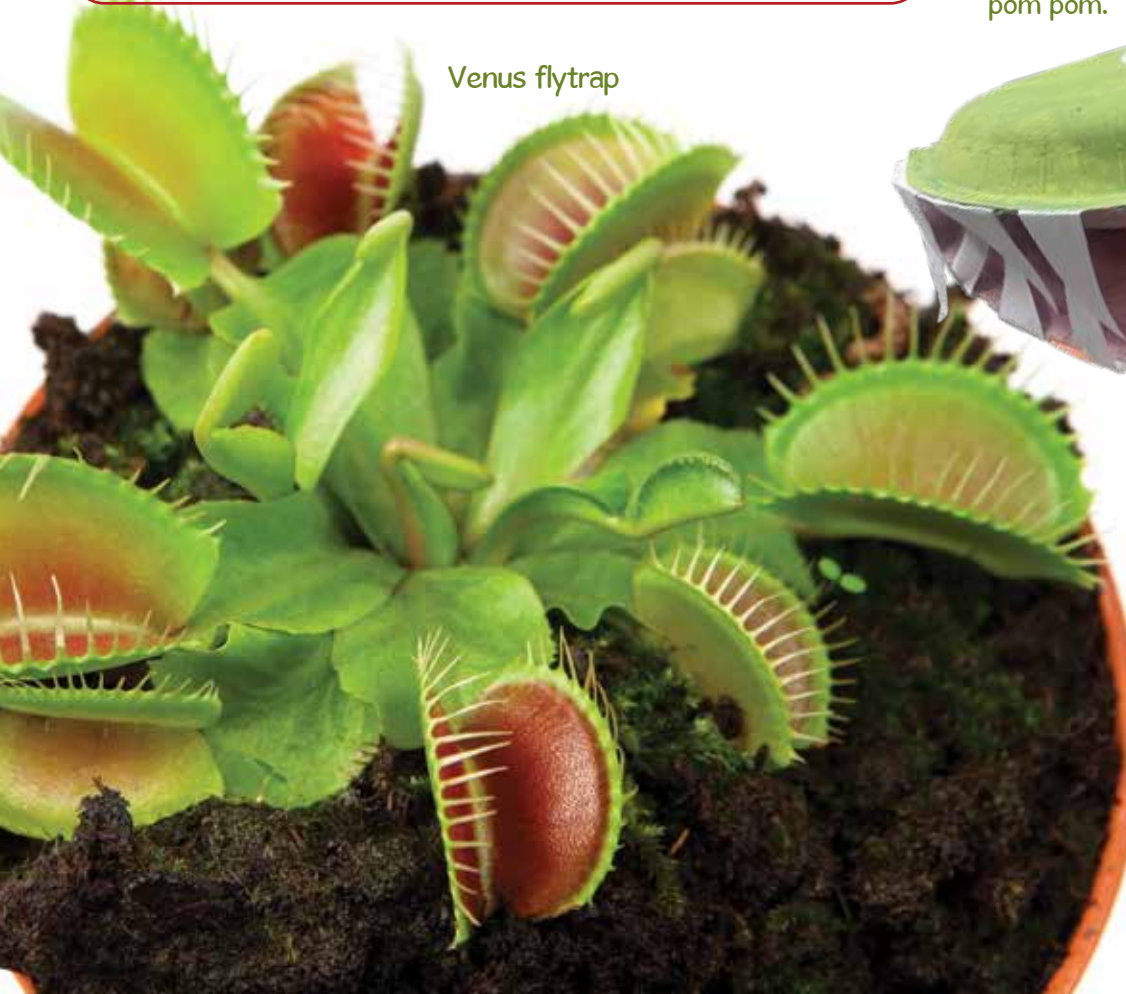
Venus Flytrap Puppet

Supplies: 2 paper plates, pink and green craft paint, paper, glue, pom pom, and googly eyes

1. Fold one plate in half and paint one side pink. Paint the other plate green.
2. Draw one-inch triangles on the paper. Cut them out and glue around the pink plate's outside edge.
3. Cut the green plate in half. Then line up the outside edges with the pink paper plate. Glue together to form a mitt.
4. Add large googly eyes to the green plate and small ones to the pom pom.
5. Let your Venus flytrap "eat" the pom pom.



Venus flytrap



Sundew

Answers: North Carolina, Antarctica