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Panda bears look like big teddy bears. But a panda would take a lot more space on your bed than a stuffed bear. He wouldn't be too cuddly either – in fact, he'd be downright dangerous! And the panda wouldn't be too fond of your bed unless it was made of bamboo so he could munch on it.



Bamboo is the panda's favourite dinner – and breakfast and lunch and snack too. He eats bamboo for about 10 hours a day, every day.

God gave the panda large flat molars for chomping tough bamboo stalks, and some sharp teeth for piercing them.

Would you want to eat bamboo for supper?

Well, pandas love it!

Bamboo grows protected under large trees in the forests of China.



But other animals – cattle, sheep, or goats – don't know how important bamboo is to the panda, and they eat the little tree sprouts that are supposed to grow up and protect the bamboo.

So the forest disappears, taking the bamboo with it. There aren't many pandas left in the world: Their only food is almost all gone.

But God created pandas – and He cares about all that He has made.

*The Lord has a wonderful plan:*

In the future, Jesus Christ will change everything so that all animals will be well-fed and safe.

They won't hurt each other or destroy their food. Cattle & goats & sheep will live with the pandas and there will be plenty of food for everyone. All the animals will be at peace with one another – *and with us.*

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In that time, we will get to touch the animals – even the ones that are too dangerous today, like lions, tigers, and even pandas!



When will this happen? After the Lord Jesus returns to earth and renews the world. He's coming again – the Bible promises it! And all of us who belong to Jesus Christ will get to enjoy the new earth. That's one of the special gifts He is preparing for us.

I can't wait to see the new world. And I can't wait to hug a panda! How about you?

*"The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together..."*  
– Isaiah 11:7