

NATURE ACTIVITY



magine yourself in the jungle of South America. You watch as a tribal hunter inserts a dart into his blowgun. The hunter is very careful not to touch the sharp tip of the dart as it is covered in the venom from a poison dart frog. If any of the poison were to get on his skin, the hunter knows he would not survive very long.

Over one hundred different species of poison dart frogs exist, each one decorated in some of the most beautiful colors you could ever see-vibrant hues of yellow, gold, red, green, and blue, just to name a few. But looking at them is the only safe thing to do. Predators know that those bright colors are a sign of danger, so for the most part, these frogs live a peaceful life. Because they excrete poison through their skin, many animals can become extremely sick by just licking one of these deadly frogs. In fact, the frog only has one natural predator—a fire-bellied snake that is immune to the toxic poison.

You would expect such a poisonous frog to be fairly large, but surprisingly most of them are less than an inch in length. The smallest one is called the Mount Iberia frog and is about 10 millimeters long; and the golden poison dart frog, one of the larger ones, measures 2.2 inches in length. Although all of the poison dart frogs are small, each one packs a powerful punch.





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The poison from a dyeing dart frog is used for hunting, but also is rubbed on the skin of young parrots, which caus es their feathers to grow in different colors.

Move very carefully through this group of poison dart frogs to get to the finish. You may move up, down, left, or right (but not diagonally) to the next frog, but only if it is the same color or the

same shape as the one you are on. Start at the red frog in the top left corner. From there, move through the maze, following the rules, until you end up at the yellow frog on the bottom row.



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The poison dart frog is a lesson to all those who judge others according to their size. What these frogs lack in length, they definitely make up for in defensive ability. In

fact, they are some of the most feared creatures in nature. Aren't you glad that God doesn't judge us according to our size and appearance? Think about David. He was considered a small boy, but he defeated a great big giant with just one stone! Don't let anyone tell you that you are too small or too weak to make a difference! God doesn't care about your size or your appearance. No matter who you are, He can use you to do great and mighty things for Him!

> "But God chose the foolish things of theworld to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong."

- 1 Corinthians 1:27 (NIV)