

A Baby Orca Is Missing

Scientists and whale watchers were very happy this spring when a baby orca was born in the Haro Straits off the San Juan Islands. One reason this whale was so special is that it brought the total number of orcas in the area to ninety for the first time in several years. As soon as he was born, they named him K-51. The K in the name signifies he was born into the “K” pod. A pod is like an extended family that swims, hunts and plays together. The number 51 was given him because he is the 51st whale born into the pod since scientists started keeping record.



with white underbellies and beautiful white markings. But did you know that when they are newborn, they are orange and black?

When K-51 was born, he weighed close to four hundred pounds and was nearly eight feet long. Even though he was so big, he still needed his mother to feed and protect him. Like all mammal newborns, he depended on his mother’s milk. He was born knowing how to swim. As you know, orcas are mostly black

All seemed to be going well for K-51, when suddenly the newborn disappeared. He wasn’t seen with his mother named “Sieku”, his five year old brother “Tika”, his grandmother “Sequim”, or any of the other members of his pod.

Researchers who had been watching the baby orca asked other groups of scientists and whale watchers, “Have you seen our missing newborn whale?” “No, we haven’t seen him,” came back their replies. When no one had seen K-51 for a number of days, scientists thought he had died. They were sad at the loss of the whale and wondered how he had lost his life.

However, their sorrow was turned to joy, when the baby whale was seen once again swimming along at his mother. Where did he go? Nobody knows, but when folks at the Whale Watching Institute heard the news that the baby that had been lost was found, they cheered and celebrated. Everyone was very glad the baby orca had returned.

The cheering and celebrating when the lost baby orca was found is a lot like the celebrating that goes on in heaven when a sinner repents and turns to God. “Likewise I say unto you there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repents.”

Joy is what heaven is all about. When a wayward child comes home to God the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ, there is rejoicing among the angels. Once a person is saved, God doesn’t promise that he will take away all their troubles, but he has promised to be with them and help them. Because he is with them in all their trials, they can be joyful even when times are difficult. Then when this life is over, the Father will bring every saved soul to heaven where there shall be joys which never shall end.

Have you turned away from your sins and placed your faith in the Lord Jesus, so you might have a home in heaven, and the angels might rejoice on your behalf?