



# How the BORKS BECAME

AN ADVENTURE IN EVOLUTION  
by Jonathan Emmett  
& Elys Dolan



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## Author Event Outline



*On a faraway planet, quite like our own Earth,  
a bunch of Bork mothers has just given birth  
to a great brood of Borklings, in all shapes and sizes.  
Some look like their parents – but some are surprises.*



**How the Borks Became** introduces Charles Darwin's world-changing theory of natural selection to primary age children in an entertaining blend of science and storytelling. Jonathan Emmett's quirky Dr Seuss-like rhyming text combine with illustrator Elys Dolan's brilliantly-comical illustrations to create an unforgettable alien eco-system that showcases the process of evolution.

After discovering how factors in the environment cause the Borks to change from blue, smooth-furred and short to yellow, shaggy-furred and tall in the book, the children are encouraged to suggest how the Borks might continue to evolve in a *Borks: The Next Generation* activity. What will the Borks look like after coming up against a dangerous new predator, a swarm of poisonous pests or a flooded landscape? Jonathan sketches an evolving Bork in response to the children's suggestions.



**Suitable for ages 5-9 • Maximum 120 children • Session Length 60 minutes**

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