These insects get their name “Praying Mantis” because of the way they hold their front legs in a praying manner. They have long necks topped by a triangular head. They can turn their heads 180 degrees—an entire half circle. They are well camouflaged and blend in with surrounding plants.

They are mainly carnivores eating other insects and small animals. Their front legs have rows of sharp spines to help them hold onto their prey, which they usually eat head first! They help farmers by eating those insects that are harmful to crops.
THE PRAYING MANTIS

What do they **look** like?

What do they **eat**?

Where do they **live**?

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