



Helping Your Child Defend Their Faith in Creation



Over and over when our children watch nature shows on TV, go to museums, and hear in school how we evolved. How can we help them understand more about our wonderful planet and the great God who designed and created it?

First, help them understand evolution is what some people have chosen to believe about how we came into existence. Evolution is not a scientific fact. We cannot test the theory of evolution using the scientific method—it can't be observed, measured, or repeated. Besides, there are many problems with the theory of evolution. John D. Morris, Ph.D., suggests two significant problems: the intricate design of living things and the fossil record. Even the simplest single-cell organism is unimaginably complex. Morris says, "The laws of statistics have convinced all who have bothered to calculate the odds that even something as basic as a protein molecule could never arise by chance, consisting as it does of a chain of hundreds of precisely arranged amino acids." The second problem is the fossil record. Darwin predicted that transitional forms would one day be found in the fossil record, but there is absolutely no clue that any basic type of animal has ever changed into another basic type of animal.

There are many reasons to believe in creation. One of the biggest is that truth that our intricate world needs an intelligent Creator. Share a simple object lesson about the need for intelligence in design. Put some scrabble tiles (or blocks) in a bag. Ask your child to shake them up and pour them out. **What words did they spell?** (Probably none.) **How would you get these tiles to spell words?** (A person would need to put them together.) Let them make some words. **How likely is it that the world came into existence by a big explosion?** (Not very.) Just as there needed to be someone to make words out of the letters, the world needed a creator. There is one true God who made the world and is in charge of it.

The earth's special design was created for man. Plan a special meal with your child's favorite foods, using favorite colors or their favorite drink or dessert at each place setting. Play their favorite game after dinner and plan the evening as they would like it. Just as you planned a special evening for them, God planned this planet for life—He created the world and everything in it. There is a God—who has always been and always will be—who created the earth for



humans. This illustrates how the laws of physics in our universe and the conditions on earth are just right for life. (The atmosphere has abundant free oxygen, the earth is just the right distance from the sun for warmth and energy but any closer and life would be impossible, etc.) If things were changed just a little, then life wouldn't be possible.

Thousands of Christians throughout the centuries have believed in creation: Galileo, Kepler, Pascal, Newton, Pasteur, and many, many more. Even though Christians accept creationism by faith (we weren't there), we rely on God's Word (He WAS there).

