

**BEGINNING**

*(The TrueRassic Park opening assembly begins after all of the children have arrived and been checked in. The session opens with the singing of the TrueRassic Park theme song by the Music Leader and the children. After the song, welcome new visitors. After any other announcements which may be needed, have all the kids join you in an opening prayer. Finally, with "Doc" in view of the kids, begin the skit as follows.)*

**DOC** Well, are you kids ready for another adventure here at TrueRassic Park?  
*(waits for kids to respond)*

**DOC** Good, because today, we're going to answer a question that a lot of you might have... What happened to the dinosaurs?

**PERRY** *(Perry enters and runs around frantically in a panic)*  
 Aaaahhhhh! We're doomed! We're doomed!  
 We've got to do something!

**DOC** Whoa, slow down, Perry!  
*(Doc tries to calm Perry down)*  
 Kids, say hello to our dinosaur friend, Perry!  
*(waits for kids to respond)*  
 Now Perry, what's going on?

**PERRY** A big asteroid is gonna smash the earth and we're all gonna die!

**DOC** Whoa! Are you sure, Perry? Who told you that?

**PERRY** That Dr. Saganheimerdarwinschmidt person! He said that a big asteroid was gonna kill all of us dinosaurs!  
*(Perry pauses as something occurs to him)*  
 Hey Doc, what's an asteroid?

**DOC** Oh, that's just a fancy word for a really big rock from outer space.

**PERRY** *(running around in a panic)*  
 Aaaahhhhhhh!

**DOC** Calm down, Perry... You don't have to worry about asteroids right now.

**PERRY** *(stops running)*  
 I don't?

**DOC** No, you don't. I see that Dr. Saganheimerdarwinschmidt has been telling you what he thinks happened to all the dinosaurs.

**PERRY** Yeah! It's pretty scary!

**DOC** Well, kids, it is a mystery to many people what happened to all the dinosaurs. We brought Perry here from the past with my time machine, but there came a time when the dinosaurs just seemed to vanish from the earth, and today, we're going to learn about why that might have happened.

**BECKY** *(Becky appears from behind the puppet stage, running around in a panic)*  
 Doc! Doc! Run for your life! There's a big comet that's going to crash into the earth!

**DOC** Oh, I see that Dr. Saganheimerdarwinschmidt has talked to you too, Becky?

**BECKY** Yes! He said that a big comet was going to crash into the earth and kill all the dinosaurs!  
*(Becky pauses, realizing that she doesn't know what a comet is)*  
 Doc, what's a comet?

**DOC** Well, a comet is kind of like a big hunk of ice and frozen stuff from outer space.

**BECKY** *(running around again)*  
 Aaaahhh! A giant snow ball from outer space is going to get us all!

**DOC** Well, actually I think that Dr. Saganheimerdarwinschmidt meant that a big comet ALREADY hit the earth and killed the dinosaurs, but that's just a guess.

**BECKY** It is? You mean there's no big comet coming to crash into the earth?

**DOC** Nope.

**BECKY** Then what happened to all the dinosaurs?

**DR. DECEIT** *(Dr. Deceit enters, still disguised as a scientist)*  
 Aahh, yes! What happened to the dinosaurs? Well, science has the answer! It's really very simple!

PERRY Really? What happened to all of us dinosaurs?

DR. DECEIT (*dramatically*)  
 Gas!

BECKY Gas?

DR. DECEIT Precisely! They all had gas!

DOC Gas? You mean like the kind of gas that you get when you eat chili?

PERRY What's chili?

DR. DECEIT Indeed! The dinosaurs all gassed themselves to death!

BECKY Eewww! Gross!

DOC Well, believe it or not, kids, there are some scientists who actually believe these wild stories! Some believe that a giant asteroid or comet from outer space smashed into the earth and kicked up a lot of dust, which changed the weather here on the earth so that all the dinosaurs died. And believe it or not, some people even believe that the dinosaurs all got a bad case of gas and simply "gassed" themselves to death!

PERRY Ooohhh! That's smelly!

DOC I agree, Perry! How about you kids? Does that idea sound a little "smelly" to you?

*(waits for kids to respond)*

Well, those are some of the ideas that people have come up with about what happened to the dinosaurs, and believe it or not, some schools actually teach these things as if they were proven facts. But, none of these wild ideas have been proven, no matter what anyone says.

DR. DECEIT I don't know... I have a big dog at home, and when HE eats chili, he...

DOC (*interrupting*)  
 Never mind...

BECKY Then, Doc, what happened to all of those dinosaurs?

PERRY Yeah, that's what I'd like to know!

DOC Well, the answer is so simple that it might surprise you.

BECKY Well, what is it?

DOC A flood!

DR. DECEIT A flood?

DOC That's right! An enormous worldwide flood. It wiped out every person and animal on the entire earth, except for one boy and one girl of every kind of land animal, and one family of people. That's because they were all safely inside of a large boat which was built by a man named Noah.

BECKY Whoa! Are you saying that the flood from the Bible is what killed the dinosaurs?

DOC That's right, Becky! A long time ago, almost everyone in the whole world had become very wicked, so God decided to flood the whole earth to get rid of all of that evil and start over. So, God came up with a way to save two of each kind of animal and one family of people who were righteous while He flooded the earth. The story is known as "Noah's Ark," and we're going to be learning about it today.

PERRY Noah... That name sounds familiar...

DR. DECEIT Ha! You can't prove that silly Bible story!

DOC You're right, Dr. S., I can't prove the story by using the scientific method, but I'm still sure that it's true, because the Bible tells me so, and I believe the Bible by faith!

DR. DECEIT Hmph! Faith! I won't believe it unless you prove it to me!

DOC Well, you might be surprised at how many clues there are in the world which agree with what the Bible says about the great flood.

BECKY Really, Doc? Like what?

DOC Well, like the different flood stories that can be found all over the world, for instance.

PERRY Flood stories?

**DOC** Yes. You see, besides the flood story in the Bible, there are very old stories from other parts of the world about a great deluge that flooded the whole earth and killed all the people and animals--except for a few who were on a large boat.

**BECKY** Really? There are other flood stories besides the one in the Bible?

**DOC** Yes... There are more than 270 flood stories and historic records found in many parts of the world. These stories can be found in places like Hawaii, China, Mexico, and the Middle East. These flood stories are very much like the flood in the Bible. Could all these stories just be make-believe?

**DR. DECEIT** Yes! That's it. They're all make-believe. Yes. That flood could never have happened.

**DOC** *(opening up a Bible)*  
Well, let's see what the Bible says. The story of the flood is found in the book of Genesis, in chapters 6, 7, 8 and 9. You see, not long after Adam died, all the people on the earth had become very, very wicked and evil.

**PERRY** Wicked?

**DOC** Yes. Sadly, all the people on the earth chose to spend all of their time thinking and doing evil things. It made God very unhappy that He had ever made people in the first place.

**BECKY** Wow! All those people must have been really bad!

**DOC** They were, Becky, and God decided to do something about it. In Genesis chapter 6, verse 7, God said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth--men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air--for I am grieved that I have made them."

**PERRY** Ouch! You mean that God decided to wipe out all those animals and people?

**DOC** That's right, Perry. Everyone was wicked, and everyone had to go--but God told one man what he was about to do.

**BECKY** Noah!

**PERRY** I still think I've heard of that guy before...

**DR. DECEIT** Are you finished yet?

**DOC** Nope. The story is just beginning. You see, there was one man who found favor in the eyes of the Lord, and it was Noah. So, God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth."

**BECKY** You mean God was going to destroy EVERYTHING?

**DOC** Yes--except for a select few. You see, God wanted to save Noah and his family from the destruction, so God said to Noah, "Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out." And God told Noah exactly how to build his ark--a giant boat to protect Noah and his family from the great floodwaters which God was going to send on the earth.

**PERRY** What about us dinosaurs?

**DR. DECEIT** I already told you. Gas.

**DOC** Never mind. Perry, God thought about the dinosaurs, too. God told Noah that when the ark was ready, he should bring two of all living creatures on the earth--a boy and a girl of each kind, so that all those animals could re-populate the earth after the flood.

**BECKY** Oh yeah! I remember the story! Did all those animals fit on the ark, Doc?

**DOC** Well, Becky, God told Noah exactly how big to make the ark because God knew just how much space all those animals would take up on the ark. You might say that God Himself designed the ark to be the perfect size to hold all the animals it needed to hold.

**DR. DECEIT** Ha! Nonsense! All those animals would never fit into a little boat! That Bible story is pure nonsense!

**DOC** Not so, Dr. S. The ark was as long as one and a half football fields and almost as tall as a five-story building, and it had at least three decks. That means that you could fill about five and one half football fields with animals, and they would all fit perfectly inside the ark!

**PERRY** Wow! That's a big boat!

**DR. DECEIT** Hmph! There's still no way that all of those animals could have fit! What about those gigantic dinosaurs?

**DOC** Good question. Perry, were you this big when you were a baby?

**PERRY** Oh, no... I was itty-bitty!

**DOC** That's right. Who's to say that God didn't bring **BABY** animals to Noah to put on the ark? A baby brachiosaurus would take up a whole lot less space than a full-grown one!

**BECKY** Hey, I never thought of that! All those dinosaurs could have easily fit on the ark if they were babies!

**DR. DECEIT** Uh... Well, okay, but what about those meat-eating dinosaurs? What could have kept them from eating other animals while they were all stuck on that ark?

**DOC** Another good question, and there are a couple of possible answers. For one thing, we don't know for sure that any animals ate meat at all before the flood. It was only **AFTER** the flood when God said it was okay for people to eat meat from all the animals. Who knows? Maybe the dinosaurs didn't eat meat until after the flood either.

**BECKY** Oooh! I never thought about that!

**DOC** There's also another possible explanation. Tell me, Becky, what do bears do in the winter?

**BECKY** Ooh! I know! They hibernate!

**DOC** That's right! They hibernate--that means that they sleep all winter long. Our all-powerful God could have easily caused all those predator animals to hibernate during the time they were on the ark. We don't know for sure how God kept the animals from hurting each other, but we do know that God would have certainly found a way!

**PERRY** Wow! God thought of everything!

**DOC** He always does, Perry. God even brought the animals to Noah when it was time for them to get on the ark. The Bible says in Genesis 7:8-9, "Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah."

**PERRY** Oh! Now I remember! My mommy told me about when my grandpa and grandma met Noah!

**BECKY** Your grandma and grandpa met Noah?

**PERRY** That's what my mommy says. She said that my grandma and grandpa went to meet Noah and go on the ark because God had told them to. Everyone thought that Noah was crazy!

**DOC** Well, Noah wasn't crazy. He was obedient--and that's why God saved him by telling him to build the ark. The ark was big enough for all the animals, and strong enough to survive the flood. And God sent all the animals to Noah to put on the ark, and God must have somehow kept them from eating each other!

**BECKY** Wow! God is amazing!

**DR. DECEIT** Uh, could somebody please explain what all this Bible stuff has to do with anything?

**DOC** A great deal, Dr. S. You see, the entire earth was flooded, and that would have destroyed every human and creature that lived on the land. That means that all the dinosaurs who weren't on the ark would have died in the flood.

**DR. DECEIT** Aha! But what about the dinosaurs which you say were on the ark, Mr. Smarty-Pants?

**DOC** I'm glad you asked.

**PERRY** So am I.

**DOC** Good. You see, the great flood was more than just a rainstorm. I believe that it radically changed the whole earth! To see what I mean, we'll look at what the Bible says again.

**BECKY** Okay, Doc, let's hear it!

**DOC** Well, in Genesis 7:11, it says that when the flood began, "all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights."

**PERRY** Wow! That's a big rainstorm!

**DOC** Yes, but it was much more than just a rainstorm. The Bible says that all the springs of the great deep burst forth. That means that somehow, huge amounts of water shot up from under the ground. Some people think that when this happened, most of the mountains and canyons in the world were formed on that day. Volcanic explosions and eruptions might have also happened then. Add to this all the rain from above, and you've got a very scary storm!

**PERRY** Oh, yes... My mommy told me a story about a storm like that. It's scary!

**DOC** It must have been! It rained for forty days and forty nights, and the floodwaters even covered all the mountains! Everything on the earth was underwater!

**DR. DECEIT** Nonsense! How could it possibly rain that much?

**DOC** Well, some people believe that there was a big sheet of water, called a canopy, that floated above the earth before the flood. After all, it does say in the Bible that when God created the expanse on the second day of creation, He "separated the waters above from the waters below." Some people think that the water above the expanse is where all that rain came from. But remember--a lot of water came from underneath the ground too, so there was water coming from above AND below!

**BECKY** Oh... Well, I guess that certainly would have been enough water to flood the earth!

**DOC** Certainly, Becky! And the great flood also had some very interesting side effects. You see, when all that water flooded the earth, it got together with all that dirt, and that made...

**BECKY** Mud!

**DOC** That's right! Mud! Kids, imagine all the dirt in the world turned to mud, sloshing around in the floodwaters. Does that sound messy?  
*(waits for kids to respond)*

**DOC** Well, that mud also buried all those animals which were dying in the flood, including dinosaurs, were buried in all that mud! And since no air could get through all that mud, those dinosaur bones didn't decay. Instead, they turned into rock, which we call fossils. If it weren't for that flood, we might not have any dinosaur fossils!

**PERRY** Wait a second--you mean that all of us dinosaurs turned into fossils?

**DOC** Well, some of the dinosaurs did. Remember--two of each dinosaur were on the ark with Noah, but those who weren't on the ark died in the flood, and some of them would have been buried in all that mud so that their bones could turn into fossils.

**BECKY** Oh! And then people could find them years later!

**DOC** That's right, Becky. After a while, things like wind and rain started to uncover some of those buried dinosaur fossils, and that's how people have found them. Scientists take those fossils and take special care of them, sometimes putting bones together until they have a complete dinosaur skeleton.

**BECKY** Oh yeah! I've seen dinosaur skeletons in the museum! They're really cool!

**DOC** They are fun to look at, aren't they? Kids, do you like to look at dinosaur bones in the museum?  
*(waits for kids to respond)*

**PERRY** Dinosaur bones? Yuck!

**DOC** Well, scientists have done a lot of good work in finding and putting together old dinosaur bones. They've found interesting fossils of T-Rexes, brachiosauruses, triceratops, stegosauruses, and more!

**PERRY** Oooh! And parasaurolophuses like me!

**DOC** That's right! But, it's important to remember that these dinosaur skeletons are the only real clues we have about what these dinosaurs looked like. From these fossils and some other clues, we can guess what each dinosaur looked like, what it ate, and how it lived--but we really can't be sure. We can only guess. And sometimes, we guess wrong.

**BECKY** Oh, like with the brontosaurus?

**DOC** That's right. Remember the brontosaurus? That was a mistake made by scientists who took a skeleton from an apatosaurus which was missing it's head, and they put the skull of a camarasaurus on it. The scientist who did this called the animal a "Brontosaurus," and schools across the country taught kids all about it. But later, they found out that the brontosaurus was not a real animal--it was just an apatosaurus with the wrong head!

**DR. DECEIT** Yes, yes... We've heard about the brontosaurus mistake. What's your point?

**DOC** My point is that we have to remember how much we DON'T know about the dinosaurs. What we know about what they looked like, what they ate, and how they lived are only theories. But we do know that the dinosaurs were real, and the Bible gives us a very simple explanation for what happened to them.

**PERRY** Oh, Doc? You said that there were dinosaurs on the ark. What happened to them?

**DOC** Well, the Bible tells us in Genesis 7:8 that two of every kind of land animal came to Noah to go into the ark. It doesn't say that ANY land animals were left behind, so the dinosaurs must have been among the animals who were on the ark. But, after the flood, things were different than before.

**BECKY** What do you mean, Doc?

**DOC** Well, after the rain, the floodwaters covered the whole earth for nearly a year, and as the water started to go down, the ark came to rest on top of a mountain called Ararat.

**DR. DECEIT** Blah, blah, blah... I've heard the story... You can't prove any of it!

**DOC** Well then, it might surprise you to learn that many people believe that they've found Noah's ark.

**BECKY** Wait a second, Doc... They've found Noah's ark?

**DOC** Many people think so... Some people have climbed up Mount Ararat, which is in the country of Turkey, and have reported seeing a large wooden object, partly buried under the snow. Other people have flown over the mountain and reported seeing what looked like a large rectangular object poking out of the snow. In fact, they've even taken pictures of it from space. I've seen the picture, and it certainly is possible that it is Noah's ark!

**BECKY** Wow, Doc! When are they going to go and dig it up?

**DOC** Well, they can't right now. The country it's in won't let anyone go up on that mountain, so all we can do right now is to take pictures of it. Sometimes, it's completely buried with snow, but sometimes, you can see part of it--right on top of Mount Ararat--right where the Bible says it should be!

**PERRY** Oooh! The Bible is right!

**DR. DECEIT** Oh, never mind... You still haven't explained what happened to the dinosaurs who were supposedly on the ark!

**DOC** Well, after the flood, when all the people and animals had left the ark and gone off into the world, the world was a very different place. The weather was probably much different than before the flood. It was probably cooler and dryer, and much more harsh than before.

**PERRY** Ooohh, yes! My mommy told me that the weather was different for us than it was for my great grandparents!

**DOC** Well, the few dinosaurs who had been on the ark probably had a hard time staying alive in this new, cooler, dryer, harder weather. Even people don't live as long now as they did before the flood. The dinosaurs probably just couldn't survive in the harder weather, and one by one, they died.

**DR. DECEIT** Gas. Just like I said.

**PERRY** They died? No more of us dinosaurs?

**DOC** I'm afraid not, Perry. Something seems to have wiped them out from the face of the earth, and the Bible gives us the best explanation for it. The story of Noah's ark in Genesis tells how it all could have happened. It makes perfect sense.

**PERRY** Yeah, Doc, but it's sad! All those people and animals died. All those dinosaurs died... All of us who are left are going to die... Why?

**DOC** Perry, you've just asked perhaps the most important question we've heard yet.

**PERRY** I have?

**DOC** Yes. You see, God sent that flood on the earth to destroy evil. The flood came because of the evil of mankind. The flood, which wiped out all those people and animals, and which ended up wiping out all those dinosaurs, was caused by sin.

**PERRY** Sin?

**BECKY** But Doc, I don't understand... What does sin have to do with it?

**DOC** Well, that's a very important question, and I will answer it for you, but I need plenty of time to explain it to you, so I'll answer your question after we've taken our daily tour of TrueRassic Park. It's time for us all to break into our groups and go with our Tour Guides into TrueRassic Park. Then, in a while, we'll all come back together, and we'll learn why sin brought all that destruction on the earth.

**BECKY** We'll see you all later, kids! Bye!

**PERRY** Bye!  
*(all characters exit)*

### **TRUERASSIC PARK ACTIVITIES TIME**

During this time, divide the kids into their age groups to continue the activities of TrueRassic Park. When these activities are completed, re-assemble all the kids for praise & worship and for the conclusion of the skit.

### **PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC TIME**

Assemble all the kids together once again to participate in Praise & Worship Music Time.

### **SKIT RESUMES**

*(Stage area is cleared except for the character[s] and props relevant to today's skit. When ready, resume the skit as follows.)*

**DOC** Well, kids, are you ready to finish up our lesson today?  
*(waits for kids to respond)*

**DR. DECEIT***(from backstage)*

Uh, Doc! Would you come here for a second? I think I saw a T-Rex in the men's restroom!

**DOC** Hmmm... Did you hear that kids? Someone is calling me. I'd better go check on it. I'll be right back.  
*(Doc exits)*

**DR. DECEIT** *(Dr. Deceit appears from behind the puppet stage)*  
 Hey, kids, now that he's gone, I just want to tell you the real truth! Nothing Doc has told you is true. I am the one you should be listening to. The world created itself, dinosaurs came from fish, and then they gassed themselves to death. The Bible is not true. Do you kids believe me?

*(waits for kids to respond)*

Hmph! Well, I can see that I'm wasting my time here, but I've still got one more trick up my sleeve! I, Dr. Deceit, disguised as Dr. Saganheimerdarwinschmidt, will complete my fiendish plans by sending Doc AND that silly dinosaur back into the past! Then, I can fool millions of people into believing that the Bible is not true! Ha! Ha ha ha ha ha ha!

*(Dr. Deceit exits)*

**DOC** *(Doc re-enters)*  
 Well, that's strange... There was no one there. And, there was no T-Rex in the men's room either. That's a relief, isn't it kids?

*(waits for kids to respond)*

Was everything okay while I was gone?  
*(waits for kids to respond, oblivious to any comments about Dr. Deceit)*

Well, that's nice, but now it's time to talk about more important things. Did you kids enjoy your tour of TrueRassic Park today?

*(waits for kids to respond)*

Good! Well, let's call our friends out here so we can talk about what we've learned. Becky? Perry? Come on out!

**BECKY** *(Becky appears from behind the puppet stage)*  
 Hi Doc! I sure have had fun here in TrueRassic Park!

**DOC** Well, I'm glad, Becky! Kids, say hello to Becky!  
*(waits for kids to respond)*

**PERRY** *(Perry enters the scene)*  
 Hi kids!

**DOC** Hi, Perry! Say hello to Perry, kids!

*(waits for kids to respond)*

**BECKY** Hey, Doc... I wanted to tell you something...

**DOC** Well, sure, Becky, what is it?

**BECKY** Well, it's about Dr. Saganheimerdarwinschmidt. Are you sure he's really a scientist?

**DOC** Well, I don't know... Do you have some reason to think that he's not?

**BECKY** Well, I saw some parts that look like they belong to your time machine laying on the floor where Dr. S. had been standing, and I thought I overheard him saying something about trying to trick us all a few days ago.

**DOC** Wow, Becky... That's pretty serious. Are you sure?

**BECKY** Well, I don't know if it means anything, but I thought you should know.

**DOC** What about you kids? Have any of you seen Dr. Saganheimerdarwinschmidt do anything unusual?

*(gets some responses from the kids)*

**DOC** Well, it seems like a few of you think that Dr. S. isn't who he says he is. I guess I had better keep my eyes open to see if he's up to something. But, the important thing is the things we've learned today.

**BECKY** Ooh! Ooh! I learned a lot today, Doc!

**DOC** Good, Becky! And what about all of you kids? What are some things that you learned?  
*(gets some responses from some of the kids)*

Well, we've learned a lot in TrueRassic Park so far... We learned how science works so that we could understand everything else we learned. Then, we learned how God created the earth in only six days, and we learned about how God made all the plants and animals.

**BECKY** Ooh! And then we learned about something called "evolution," and why it doesn't make sense!

**PERRY** Yeah... That's silly!

**DOC** That's right, but a lot of people will try to teach all you kids that God didn't create us like it says in the Bible. They'll try to tell you that we evolved from different animals. But, as we learned, there's just no reason at all to believe that.

**PERRY** Yeah... The Bible makes a whole bunch more sense!

**DOC** It sure does... Sadly, even some churches teach that we evolved, but that God made it happen. The trouble is, that's not what the Bible says AT ALL! If you believe what the Bible says, then evolution just doesn't fit! God is so powerful, He created the entire world in only six days--He didn't need billions of years!

**PERRY** That's right! And then, we learned about dinosaurs like me!

**BECKY** Yeah, that was really cool! We learned that dinosaurs and people lived at the same time and that some creatures mentioned in the Bible are probably dinosaurs!

**DOC** That's right, Becky. The Bible is a trustworthy and true book. And God's Word provides many answers to some of our most interesting questions.

**PERRY** Yeah... But then we learned about that big flood!

**DOC** Yes... Today we learned how the great flood from Genesis chapters 6, 7, 8 and 9 wiped out every person and animal except for those who were on Noah's ark.

**BECKY** Yeah... It was neat to think about all those animals--even dinosaurs, coming to Noah to get into the ark!

**DOC** Yes, and then after the big flood, all those animals, including the dinosaurs, got off the ark and went off into the world.

**PERRY** Yeah, but not long after that, all of those dinosaurs died too! It's really sad!

**DOC** Yes, it is sad. Very sad. And that's what we're going to talk about right now.

**BECKY** We're going to talk about sad stuff?

**DOC** Yes. You see, everything sad in the whole world--sickness, loneliness, fear, pain, and death, are the result of sin. God made a beautiful and glorious world which was very good, but we humans ruined it.

**BECKY** We did?

**PERRY** You did?

**DOC** Yes. You see, the first two people who ever lived, Adam and Eve, were made the way God meant for us to be. They weren't sinners at first. But, they chose to disobey God, and that's sin. That sin is what ruined everything. Starting with that sin, all the world, the animals, and the people to come were cursed.

**BECKY** The whole world is cursed?

**DOC** That's right, Becky. In Genesis chapter 3, God cursed the ground, He cursed Adam and Eve, He made animals afraid of people, and death came into the world. Sin is what brought all those horrible things into the world. And sin is why God flooded the whole earth so long ago.

**BECKY** But Doc, I don't understand... Sin did all that?

**DOC** It sure did, Becky. The Bible makes this very clear in the book of Romans in chapter six at verse 23. It says, "The wages of sin is death."

**PERRY** The wages of sin is death?

**DOC** Yes. In other words, death is what we get for sin--and since Adam and Eve both became sinners, we are all sinners!

**PERRY** Oh... Is that why people and animals die?

**DOC** That's exactly right, Perry.

**BECKY** Yeah, but did God really have to flood the whole world to wipe out all those people and animals?

**DOC** Well, Becky, God cannot tolerate sin, and everyone in the world was a sinner. Even the animals were affected because of man's sin. And the wages of sin is death. So, God flooded the earth. He picked one family who obeyed Him, and He saved them. But the rest, God wiped out. Even now, we're all sinners. Romans 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous, not even one."

**BECKY** Not even one?

**DOC** Nope. We're ALL sinners. Romans 3:23 says, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Not one of us can ever make ourselves good enough to be with God. Just like in the days of the great flood, we're all still sinners.

**PERRY** Then it's hopeless! All my friends where I come from are gone!

**DOC** It's pretty sad, isn't it kids? Just think about it. If it hadn't been for sin, dinosaurs might still be with us today. You kids would be able to run and play with lions and tigers and even dinosaurs, because they wouldn't be afraid of you. And, you wouldn't have to be afraid of them either, because they wouldn't want to eat you.  
 You could run and play all day and never get sick. People wouldn't go around hurting each other like they do now. The whole world would be more beautiful than you could imagine. And, you could have a pet Tyrannosaurus Rex and he wouldn't hurt you.

**BECKY** Wow, Doc! That would be really cool!

**PERRY** Yeah, I'd like that!

**DOC** What about you kids? Wouldn't you like all those things?  
*(waits for kids to respond)*  
 But, that's not how it turned out. Adam and Eve, and every person since then has sinned, and sin ruined all of that for us.

**BECKY** Uh, no offense, Doc, but this whole thing is getting kind of depressing.

**DOC** Well, don't get too depressed. There IS a solution for this problem.

**PERRY** There is?

**DOC** There sure is. You see, even though all these bad things have happened, God saw it all coming, and God had a plan. Now, thanks to this brilliant plan, all of you kids can have a chance to live forever in a place even better and more wonderful than you can imagine.

**BECKY** Well, let's have it, Doc! What is this plan?

**DOC** Well, to sum it up in one word, Jesus!

**PERRY** Jesus? Who's that?

**DOC** Well, I'll tell you about it tomorrow! Tomorrow, I'll show you how you can all have everlasting life in the most wonderful place you can possibly imagine. No sickness, no violence, no death, and wonders beyond your wildest imagination. Would you kids like that?

*(waits for kids to respond)*

Good, because I can't wait to teach you about it!

**BECKY** Wow, Doc! This has been a really exciting time! I can hardly wait to come back tomorrow!

**DOC** Good, Becky, because I can hardly wait too! But for today, TrueRassic Park is closed. It's time to go home and tell our moms and dads everything we've learned, and it's time to invite our friends to come back with us tomorrow. Will you kids invite your friends tomorrow?

*(waits for kids to respond)*

**PERRY** Goody! I'm so excited, I can hardly wait! I like this place!

**DOC** Well, until tomorrow, kids, TrueRassic Park is closed, so have a great day, and we'll see you all back here tomorrow at TrueRassic Park! Goodbye!

**PERRY** Bye kids!

**BECKY** Bye!

END



# DIGGING DEEPER

## BIBLE LESSON DAY 5

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FIRST GRADERS

PARASAUROLOPHUS

**Romans 5:8b**

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### MEMORY VERSE

### LESSON

Today, we are learning about why Jesus came to the earth, why He died, and why we all need Him. This lesson goes through the basic Gospel of Jesus Christ. The first part of this lesson involves an object lesson, where you will be "washing" the word "sin" out of a piece of paper. After that, you will be reading a presentation of the basic gospel of Jesus Christ to the kids, using the visual aids provided in this packet as instructed later in the lesson.

To begin, go over the memory verse a couple of times with the kids, having them say it with you.

Then, prepare for the object lesson. You should have a container of plain water, a bowl, a red washable marker, and a piece of white paper (about 3" X 5") ready for the lesson. Then, proceed with the lesson as follows:

### OBJECT LESSON:

All of us have sin in our lives. Because of our sin, we can't be near God, because God can't be near sin. Sin is like mud which dirties everything it touches. Pretend that we all are wearing a brand new white shirt to church.

**Q.** What would happen to you if you decided to roll in a big mud puddle right before you went to church? What would happen to your brand new shirt?  
**A.** Our new shirt would be ruined.

**Q.** Even if your mom washed your white shirt, would it get out all of the mud stains? Would it be as white as it was when it was brand new?  
**A.** No, even if you tried to get out all the mud, it would still leave your shirt a dingy grey.

**Q.** How could we keep our shirt from getting dirty? What would keep it a pure white?  
**A.** We would have to stay totally away from anything that would make us get our shirt dirty.

That is why God cannot be with sin. Sin makes things dirty. Since God is pure and holy, He can't even be near sin. That is why sin keeps us away from God. We need someone who can totally clean us to remove our sin and make us clean again so we can be with God. God sent Jesus to clean us up

### and to remove the sin in our lives.

(At this point, take a WASHABLE red marker and write the word "SIN" on a small [3" X 5"] white piece of paper).

**Q.** Is this paper perfectly white anymore?  
**A.** No, it now has a stain on it.

**Q.** Can any of you read the word I've written on this paper?

**A.** I've written the word "SIN" on this paper to show us how sin stains our life.

We need Jesus to clean up our lives. Only Jesus can remove sin from our life. Let's pretend that this piece of paper is us with sin in our lives. Now let's pretend that Jesus is like this water. Now watch what happens when I pour water onto this paper.

(Place the paper with the word sin on it into a bowl, then pour water onto the paper until the paper is submerged. The word "sin" should begin to disappear almost immediately. After a few minutes, the "SIN" should be almost totally faded away. As this happens, let the children share what they see happening, then ask the following questions.)

**Q.** What is happening to the word "sin" now that water has been poured on it?  
**A.** The word "sin" is beginning to disappear.

**Q.** If Jesus is like the water, and we are like the stained piece of paper, what happens to us when Jesus comes into our lives?  
**A.** He cleans up the sin in our lives.

**Q.** What does Jesus do when He comes into our lives?  
**A.** He not only makes us clean again, He gives us a new life and a place in heaven to live when we die.

**Q.** How does Jesus come into our hearts and clean up the sin in our lives?  
**A.** We have to ask Him to come into our hearts and cleanse us of our sins.

Only when Jesus cleans up our lives and removes sin can we be with God in heaven. Now I'm going to tell you how you can ask Jesus into your heart so Jesus can clean up the sin that is in your life.

(Now, proceed to the next page of the lesson.)

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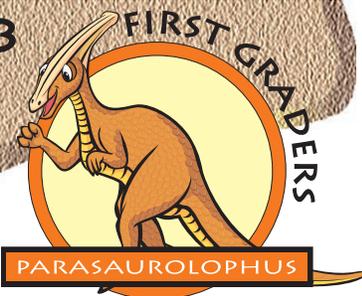


# DIGGING DEEPER

## BIBLE LESSON DAY 5

### SUPPLEMENT SHEET

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#### PAGE 2 OF LESSON ALL ABOUT JESUS

**This lesson is accompanied by some visual aids which you can hold up (or have a volunteer child hold up) to show the kids as you read. You may also choose to hang the visual aids on a wall or board in view of the kids instead of holding them up. The visual aids are numbered 1-10, and the lesson will instruct you when to present each visual aid to the children.**

**This is the most important lesson of VBS. As you read, be sure that the kids understand why we all need Jesus and how He can save us. The children will be given an opportunity to give their lives to Christ at the conclusion of this lesson and in today's closing VBS assembly. Pray for them! Now, it's time to present the gospel...**

#### 1. Hold up Visual #1 as you read this:

A long time ago, God made the whole world. He also made people. God is the only one who can do that!

#### 2. Hold up Visual #2 as you read this:

Do you want to know why God made people? It's kind of like the way you like to have friends. God wanted someone to love. He also wanted someone who could love Him. That's also why God made you! He loves you—even more than your Mom and Dad do! That's a lot of love! The very first people God made were named Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve made a mistake. They did something which God told them not to do. This is called "sin." When this happened, it changed everything.

#### 3. Hold up Visual #3 as you read this:

God couldn't be close to people anymore, because sin makes people dirty. You see, God is holy. That kind of means He's really clean. Since all of us do things which God says we shouldn't, we are all dirty! Even you! No matter how much we try to do what God says, we're still dirty. Nothing we can do can make us clean enough to be with God!

#### 4. Hold up Visual #4 as you read this:

That's why Jesus came! Jesus is God's Son. God sent Him to live here on earth for a while. This happened a long time ago. When Jesus lived here, He did something that nobody else has ever done. Jesus never sinned!

#### 5. Hold up Visual #5 as you read this:

This is the sad part. Some angry people decided to get rid of Jesus. They lied and said bad things about Jesus. The governor, who was in charge of the land, didn't think Jesus had done anything wrong, but he was afraid to let Jesus go. The governor thought that the angry people would get mad at him if he let Jesus go. So, the governor had some men beat Jesus up really bad, and they also made fun of Jesus. Then, they decided to kill Jesus.

#### CONCLUSION

**We all need Jesus. Without Him, none of us are good enough to be with God in heaven. We must accept Him and ask Him to forgive our sins if we ever want to go to get rid of our sin and go to heaven.**

#### 6. Hold up Visual #6 as you read this:

Jesus died. They killed Jesus in a very mean way. They nailed Him to a cross. A cross is two big wooden boards tied together, and then stuck into the ground. They put nails through Jesus' hands and feet and hung Him from the cross. They left Him there until He died.

#### 7. Hold up Visual #7 as you read this:

Jesus died for you! This was really sad, but Jesus knew that this was going to happen. In fact, that's why Jesus came in the first place! Jesus knew that if He came to earth and died, it would take away all of our sin. When Jesus died, He made a way for you and me to be clean again so we wouldn't be dirty anymore! That means that we CAN be with God!

#### 8. Hold up Visual #8 as you read this:

Three days after Jesus died, something really cool happened. Jesus came back to life, all by Himself! He can do that because He is God! Jesus is still alive today, and He will live forever in heaven. The best part is that YOU can live forever in heaven with Jesus! Would you like to know how?

#### 9. Hold up Visual #9 as you read this:

Ask Him! All you have to do is talk to God. That's called "praying." First, tell God that you're sorry for all the bad things you have done, and ask Him to help you be better and to do what He says. Next, tell God that you know that Jesus came to die for you so that you can be clean enough to live with Him. Then, ask Jesus to come into your heart and be your Lord and Savior. "Lord" means that God is your boss and that you'll do what He says. "Savior" means that Jesus saved you by coming to die for you. If you pray and say those things to God, and if you really mean it, guess what? You get to live forever in heaven with Jesus and with lots and lots of very nice people! You'll get to go to heaven after you die! Until then, Jesus will be with you everywhere you go for the rest of your life! You won't be able to see Him, but you'll know that He's with you! So, be sure to listen to what God says in the Bible, and pray to God every day!

#### 10. Hold up Visual #10 as you read this:

Well, that's the story, and it's true! You can live with Jesus forever after you die. If you understand what this story means, you will have a chance to pray now to ask Jesus to come into your heart.

**Now, lead the children in a simple prayer of salvation. Be sure that the prayer is simple and that they understand what it means.**

**If time allows, go over the memory verse and explain to the kids that God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to die for us to get rid of our sin.**



# TAKE-HOME WORKSHEET

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**MEMORY VERSE**

**Romans 5:8b**

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**LESSON**

**Parents!** Please go over the following questions with your child tonight. Thank you!

Why are we separated from God?

Who can get rid of our sin so we won't be separated from God anymore?

What do we need to do to have Jesus remove our sin in our lives?

What does it mean to ask Jesus into your heart?

How do we ask Jesus into our heart? (See Romans 10:9-11.)

**BRING BACK**

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, CUT THE BOTTOM OF THIS SHEET OFF, AND BRING IT BACK TO TRUERASSIC PARK FOR POINTS! DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR NAME ON IT AT THE BOTTOM!

**MEMORY VERSE**

Write down the Bible verse here.

worth 20 points if you memorize it!

**BIBLE TIME**

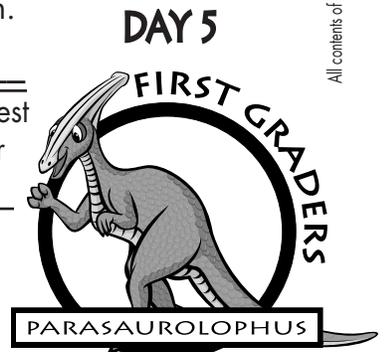
Have your Mom or Dad sign here to tell us that you had Bible time with God **today**, either with your Mom and Dad or on your own.

worth 20 points!  
(Mom or Dad's signature:)

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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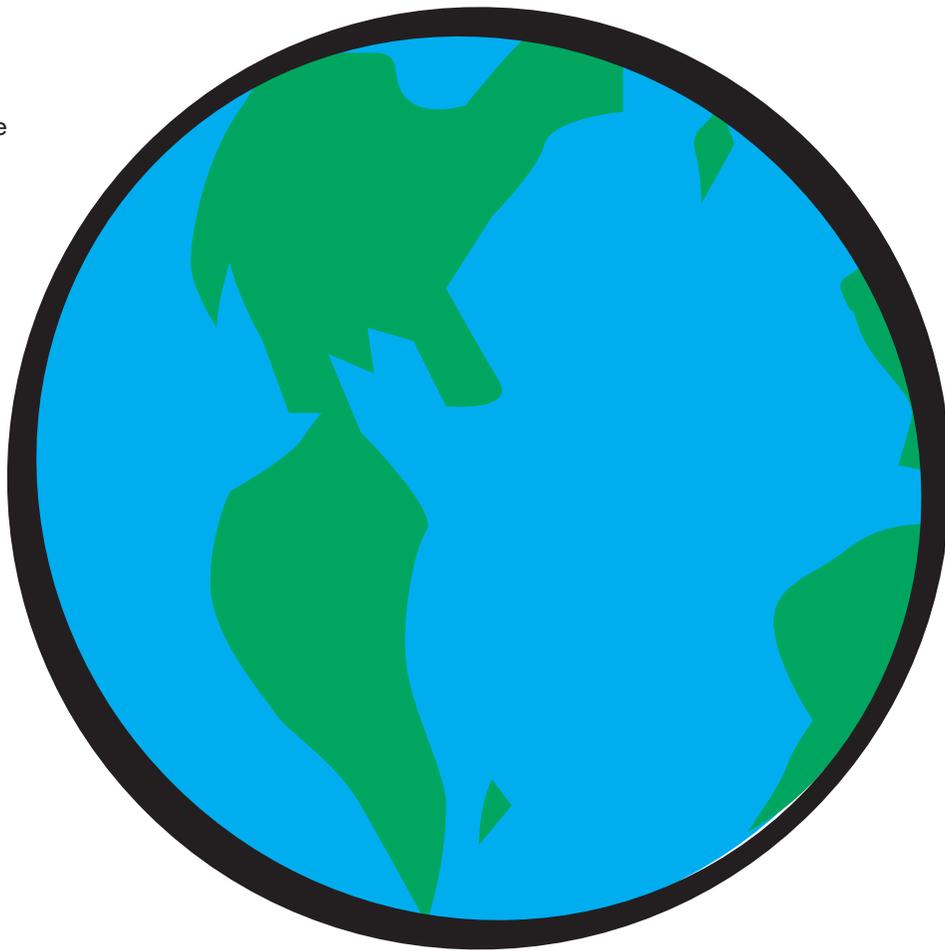
**YOUR NAME HERE!**



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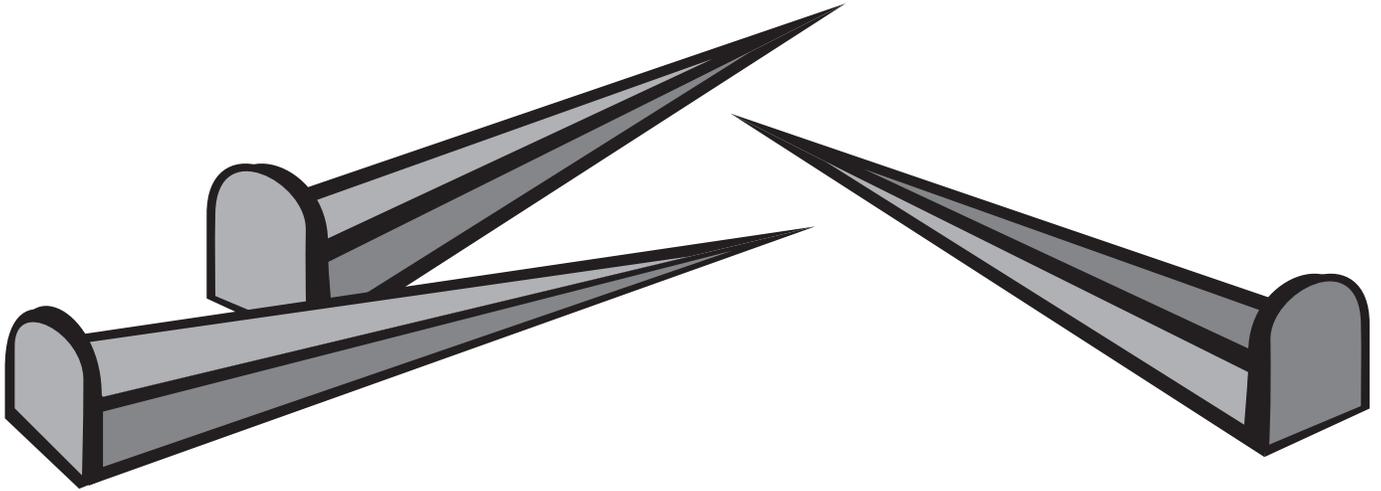
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**We want to tell you a real-life story about Jesus, and you're part of it! It goes like this:**

A long time ago, God made the whole world. He also made people. God is the only one who can do that! You can read about this in Genesis chapter 1 and 2.

**Do You Want to Know Why God Made People?**

It's kind of like the way you like to have friends. God wanted someone to love. He also wanted someone who could love Him. That's also why God made you! He loves you—even more than your Mom and Dad do! That's a lot of love!

**The Very First People God Made**

**Were Named Adam and Eve.**

You can read about them in Genesis chapter 2 and 3. Adam and Eve made a mistake. They did something which God told them not to do. This is called "sin." When this happened, it changed everything. You can read about this in Genesis chapter 3.

**God Couldn't Be Close to People Anymore...**

because sin makes people dirty. You see, God is holy. That kind of means He's really clean. Since all of us do things which God says we shouldn't, we are all dirty! Even you! No matter how much we try to do what God says, we're still dirty. Nothing we can do can make us clean enough to be with God! The book of Leviticus has a lot to say about this.



**That's Why Jesus Came!**

Jesus is God's Son. God sent Him to live here on earth for a while. This happened a long time ago. When Jesus lived here, He did something that nobody else has ever done. Jesus never sinned! Jesus taught people many great things. He also made blind people see and made sick people better. You can learn all about Jesus in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

**The Sad Part...**

Then, some angry people decided to get rid of Jesus. They lied and said bad things about Jesus. The governor, who was in charge of the land, didn't think Jesus had done anything wrong, but he was afraid to let Jesus go. The governor thought that the angry people would get mad at him if he let Jesus go. So, the governor had some men beat Jesus up really bad, and they also made fun of Jesus. Then, they decided to kill Jesus.



# TRUTH QUESTIONS

# ALL ABOUT JESUS!

**Ask Him!**

All you have to do is talk to God. That's called "praying." First, tell God that you're sorry for all the bad things you have done, and ask Him to help you be better and to do what He says. Next, tell God that you know that Jesus came to die for you so that you can be clean



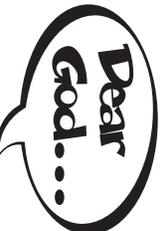
enough to live with Him. Then, ask Jesus to come into your heart and be your Lord and Savior. "Lord" means that God is your boss and that you'll do what He says. "Savior" means that Jesus saved you by coming to die for you. The thief on the cross next to Jesus asked Jesus to save him. You can read about it in Luke 23:39-43.

**If you pray and say those things to God...**

and if you really mean it, guess what? You get to live forever in heaven with Jesus and with lots and lots of very nice people! You'll get to go to heaven after you die! Until then, Jesus will be with you everywhere you go for the rest of your life! You won't be able to see Him, but you'll know that He's with you! So, be sure to listen to what God says in the Bible, and pray to God every day!

**Make A Happy Ending...**

Well, that's the story, and it's true! You can live with Jesus forever after you die. If you understand what this story means, you can pray to God right now. You Can Pray Something Like This:



Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and that I am dirty. I also know that you are real and that you are God. I believe in you. I know that you sent your Son Jesus to die for me so that I could be clean. God, please make what Jesus did count for me. God, please take away my sin and make me clean. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and my Savior. Please help me to understand what you want me to do and help me to obey. I love you God. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**If You Asked Jesus to Be Your Lord and Savior...**

Be sure to tell your Mom or Dad. Make sure to go to church, too. That way, you can learn more and more about God!

**No matter what happens, always remember, God Loves You!**



**Jesus Died...**

They killed Jesus in a very mean way. They nailed Him to a cross. A cross is two big wooden boards tied together, and then stuck into the ground. They put nails through Jesus' hands and feet and hung Him from the cross. They left Him there until He died.



**Jesus Died for You!**

This was really sad, but Jesus knew that this was going to happen. In fact, that's why Jesus came in the first place! Jesus knew that if He came to earth and died, it would take away all of our sin. When Jesus died, He made a way for you and me to be clean again so we wouldn't be dirty anymore! That means that we CAN be with God!



**The Cool Part...**

Three days after Jesus died, something really cool happened. Jesus came back to life! All by Himself! He can do that because He is God! Jesus is still alive today, and He will live forever in heaven. The best part is that YOU can live forever in heaven with Jesus! It says so in John 3:16 and lots of other places. Would you like to know how?





# DIGGING DEEPER

## BIBLE LESSON DAY 3

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**Colossians 2:8**

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive ideas.

**MEMORY VERSE**

**LESSON**

Today, we're going to learn why we can stand on God's Word, and why we CAN'T stand on certain ideas that people have made up. To begin, take the first set of sealed pop cans (as prepared according to the "Object Lesson Diagram" on page 24 of this packet) labeled "Bible" and set them on the floor near a wall. Explain to the kids that we're pretending that this is God's Word. Now, using the wall to brace yourself, stand on top of the two pop cans. Tell the kids that you are standing on God's Word, and ask this question:

**Q.** Is "God's Word" holding up so that I can stand on it? **A.** Yes.

**Q.** All we're using to pretend that this is God's Word is a couple of pop cans. How do you think these two little pop cans can hold me up?

**A.** It's because they are full.

**Now, explain to the kids that God's Word is full. There are no holes in it. There is nothing missing from it. God's Word is not empty or hollow in any way, and that's why we can stand on it.**

**Now, go over the memory verse with the kids. Have the kids repeat the verse with you several times, and then show the kids an empty glass and explain that it is hollow, because there is nothing inside of it. God doesn't want us to be fooled by ideas that don't have any truth inside of them.**

**Q.** Colossians 2:8 says not to be fooled by hollow ideas. What does "hollow" mean? **A.** Hollow means that something is empty inside.

**Now, explain to the kids that there are some hollow ideas in the world which have fooled many people. Some of these hollow ideas say that God didn't create the world like it says in the book of Genesis. Now, show the kids the set of pop cans labeled "Evolution" (per the object lesson diagram) and ask this question:**

**Q.** Many people think that God didn't create the world, but do you think anyone can prove that God didn't create the world? **A.** No, they can't. They're just guessing, because they don't want to believe in God.

**At this point, open one of the "evolution" cans and empty it into a bucket. Explain that this idea is looking pretty empty so far. Then, ask this question.**

**Q.** Can you make a clay pot without any clay? Can you make your own clay? Can you make your own dirt to make clay out of? **A.** No. That's because in order for us to make something, we have to have something to start with, like clay.

**Q.** People can build houses if they have bricks, but would God need bricks if HE wanted to build a house, or could He make His house out of thin air? **A.** God wouldn't need bricks-He could make a house out of nothing!

Now, explain to the kids that God is the only One who can create things out of nothing. If it weren't for God, there wouldn't have been anything to build the world out of!

**At this point, open the other "evolution" can and empty it into a bucket. Tell the kids that evolution-an idea that God didn't create the world-sounds like a hollow idea, just like our memory verse warns about. Then, place the set of empty "evolution" cans on the floor near a wall.**

**Q.** Do you think that "evolution" will hold up if I try to stand on it?

**A.** (Allow the kids to give some answers.)

**Now, using the wall as a brace, stand on top of the "evolution" cans. They will collapse under your weight.**

**Q.** Look at that! Did evolution hold up? **A.** No, it was crushed.

**Q.** Why did it collapse? **A.** Because it was hollow. There was nothing inside of it to hold me up.

**Now, explain that evolution is more than just pop cans, but it is a hollow idea. Lots of people believe in it because they don't want to believe in God, and lots of others are fooled by it. Lots of schools teach these kinds of ideas, but we can't stand on hollow ideas like we can stand on the Bible. That's why our memory verse tells us to watch out for hollow ideas.**

**Now, stand on your "Bible" cans as you did before and point out that the Bible can still hold you up.**

**Next, show the kids the set of pop cans labeled "Bible Mixed with Evolution," (as per the object lesson diagram). Explain to the kids that some people-even some churches-still believe that evolution is true, but that it was God's idea and that God just created raw stuff that could evolve. Then, they think evolution did the rest. In other words, they don't think that the Bible is all true. But as you'll see, that's ALSO a hollow idea! Let's find out why:**

**Q.** Does the Bible say that it took billions of years to create the world, or just six days? **A.** Six days.

**Q.** Is a day a million years long, or is it just a day long?

**A.** Just a day long. (the amount of time from now until this time tomorrow.)

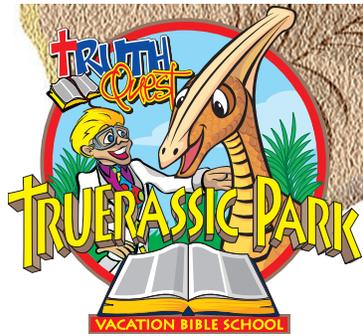
**Q.** God can do ANYTHING, can't He? Couldn't He create the world in six days if He wanted to? **A.** Yes.

**Q.** If God CAN create the world in six days, is there any reason to think that God DIDN'T create the world in only six days, just like the Bible says? **A.** No.

**Q.** The Bible says that God made the world in six days, but evolution says He didn't. Can they both be right? **A.** No.

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## BIBLE LESSON DAY 3

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#### PAGE 2 OF LESSON

At this point, open one of the "Bible Mixed with Evolution" cans and empty it into the bucket. Explain that the evolution and the Bible CAN'T both be right. One of them has to be wrong, so they can't go together. So, if you believe in the evolution story, you would have to pretend that the Bible doesn't say lots of the things it says!

Now, open the other "Bible Mixed with Evolution" can, and dump about 1/5 of the liquid from the remaining can and point out that you'll have to dump that part out of the Bible.

**Q.** See? It's kind of like if these cans were a Bible, I'd have to dump some of it out if I believed in evolution! Does that make sense?

**Q.** Evolution says that Adam was only make believe, but that doesn't make sense. If you think that Adam was only make-believe, then do you REALLY believe the Bible?

**A.** No, you don't, because the Bible says that Adam was real. Of course, we believe what the BIBLE says, but I'm showing you what happens to our Bible when we try to believe in evolution.

Now, dump out another 1/5 of the liquid from the can, explaining that you have to dump out that part of the Bible too.

**Q.** Evolution says that Adam was only make-believe. If that's true, then doesn't that make every part of the Bible which talks about Adam only make-believe too?

**A.** Yes. If Adam was only make-believe, then a whole bunch of the Bible must only be make-believe too!

Now, dump out 1/5 more of the liquid from the can. Look what's happening to our Bible when we try to believe in evolution!

**Q.** Does the Bible say that Jesus was a real person? **A.** Yes.

**Q.** Guess what? Some parts of the Bible talk about Jesus and Adam at the same time. It says that Adam was important because he brought sin, and Jesus was important because He brought life. But if the Bible is lying about Adam, then it would ALSO have to be lying about Jesus, wouldn't it?

**A.** Yes.

Now, dump out 1/5 more of the liquid from the can and explain to the kids that the Bible is getting pretty light as we try to mix in evolution. Remind the kids that the evolution story disagrees with what the Bible says. So, if you believe in evolution, there's a whole bunch of the Bible you can't believe in. And, if you truly believe what the Bible says, you CAN'T believe what evolution says. If you believe the Bible, you have to believe ALL of it. But, if you try to believe in BOTH evolution

AND the Bible, you have to dump a whole bunch of the Bible out! In fact, you'd really have to dump ALL of it out!

Dump out the rest of the liquid from the can.

Now, how does the Bible look to you kids if we try to mix it with evolution? I'd say it's pretty empty. In fact, it's hollow.

**Q.** If I try to stand on the Bible mixed with evolution, do you think it will hold me up?

**A.** (Allow the kids to give their own answers.)

Now, place the "Bible Mixed with Evolution" cans on the floor near a wall and stand on them as you did with the others.

**Q.** What happened when I tried to stand on the Bible mixed with evolution?

**A.** It collapsed.

**Q.** Why did it collapse? **A.** It was hollow!

Now, explain to the kids that this was another hollow idea—just the kind that our memory verse warns us to stay away from.

Explain that you were just showing them what would happen if you tried to mix evolution with the Bible. It doesn't work! Then, stand on the "Bible" cans (which are still full) and show the kids that they can always stand on God's Word, because it is full of Truth. That's why we can believe what the Bible says!

Next, go over the memory verse a few more times, having the kids repeat it with you and making up hand motions to accompany the verse, if desired. Once you think that most of the kids understand the meaning and have the verse memorized, you may continue with the rest of the lesson below. If time is short, you may skip to the conclusion.

#### DINOSAURS!

Read Job 40:15-24 to the kids and ask these questions:

**Q.** Does the behemoth sound like a big animal or a small animal?

**Q.** The behemoth's tail swayed like a cedar tree. Does that sound like a big tail or a little tail?

**Q.** Some people think that the behemoth was an elephant. Do elephants have big tails like trees, or little tails?

**Q.** Were some of the dinosaurs big?

**Q.** Did some of the dinosaurs have big tails? As big as trees?

Read Job 41:1, 2, 8, 15, 18, 19 and 20 to the kids and ask these questions:

**Q.** Did the leviathan sound like a big animal or a small animal?

**Q.** Did the leviathan sound like a whale or a fish, or something bigger?

**Q.** Some people think that the leviathan was a crocodile. Can crocodiles breathe fire?

**Q.** Does the leviathan sound kind of like a dragon to you?

#### CONCLUSION

God's Word can be trusted because it is not hollow. Evolution—even when mixed with the Bible, is hollow and we cannot trust it. Colossians 2:8 says not to be fooled by hollow ideas like these. That's why we should put our trust in God's Word instead of hollow ideas that people thought up.

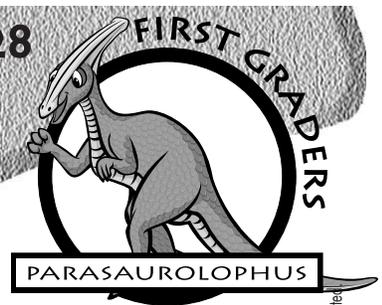
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# TAKE-HOME WORKSHEET

DAY 3

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**MEMORY VERSE**

## Colossians 2:8

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophies.

**LESSON**



**Parents!** Please go over the following questions with your child tonight. Thank you!

What does "hollow" mean?

What does it mean when we say that an idea is "hollow?"

There's an idea called "evolution" which says that God didn't create the world, but it doesn't stand up. Is evolution a hollow idea?

Why can't we trust evolution?

According to our memory verse, what should we do about hollow ideas?



## BRING BACK

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS, CUT THE BOTTOM OF THIS SHEET OFF, AND BRING IT BACK TO TRUERASSIC PARK FOR POINTS! DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR NAME ON IT AT THE BOTTOM!

### MEMORY VERSE

Write down the Bible verse here.

worth 20 points if you memorize it!

### BIBLE TIME

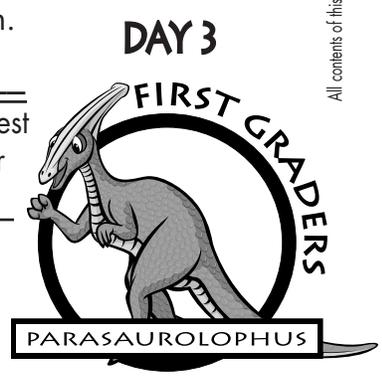
Have your Mom or Dad sign here to tell us that you had Bible time with God **today**, either with your Mom and Dad or on your own.

worth 20 points!  
(Mom or Dad's signature:)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

After you cut off the bottom of this sheet, write down your prayer request on the back of this part of the sheet and bring it back tomorrow so our TruthQuesters can pray for you!

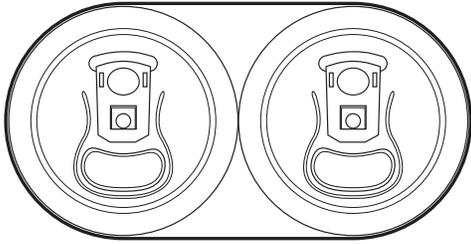
**YOUR NAME HERE!**



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# DAY 3 OBJECT LESSON

For the Day 3 Lessons, you will need six cans of soda pop for EACH of the six age groups (a total of 36 cans). Any kind of soda pop will do, as long as it comes in standard aluminum cans. To prepare for the lesson, follow these directions:



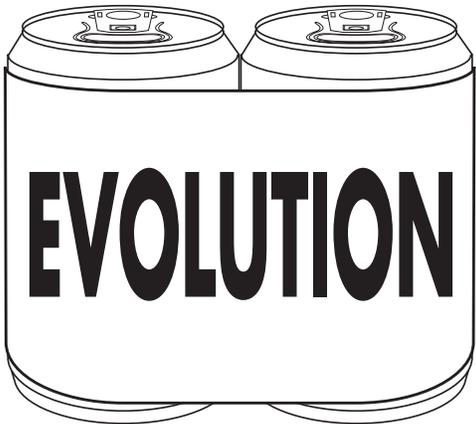
## TAPE CANS TOGETHER IN SETS OF TWO

Make sure that the spouts face the same direction, as you will be pouring liquid out of these cans AFTER you've taped them together. Tape the cans together SECURELY, as you will be STANDING ON these cans, and you don't want them to fall out from under you! Duct tape will suffice.



## LABEL EACH SET OF CANS

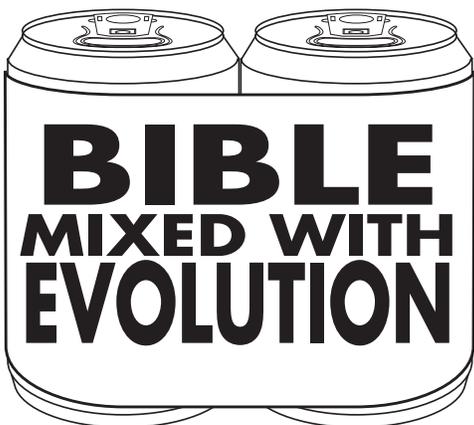
Using the label sheets included in this packet, cover each set of two cans with labels. You will need a total of six "Bible" can sets, six "Evolution" can sets, and six "Bible Mixed With Evolution" can sets. Each age group you teach will use one of each of these sets.



## FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS IN THE LESSON

During the course of the lesson, you will demonstrate to the kids that the cans can support your weight when they are full and unopened. However, when empty, the cans will collapse under your weight when you stand on them.

The point of the lesson is that hollow philosophies cannot be trusted, and we cannot stand on them. You will be gradually emptying out the "Evolution" cans and "Bible Mixed With Evolution" cans during your lesson, while the "Bible" cans will never be opened and thus always able to support your weight. Complete instructions for using these props are integrated into each age group's Bible lesson.



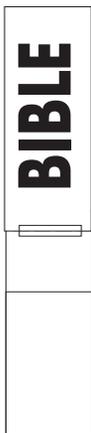
NOTE: In order to ensure that the "Evolution" and "Bible Mixed With Evolution" cans collapse when you stand on them, you may need to slightly bounce as you stand on the cans, or slightly dent them before you stand on them. Test this "can crushing" prior to the lesson to see if your weight alone will be enough to crush the cans.

TAPE HERE AS SHOWN IN DIRECTIONS

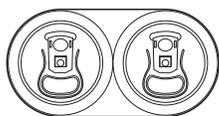
# DIRECTIONS:



1. Cut this sheet in half as shown.



2. Tape both halves of the sheet together end-to-end as shown.



3. Wrap the label around two unopened pop cans (which have already been taped together) as shown.



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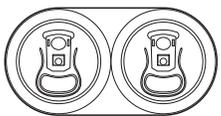
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# EVOLUTION

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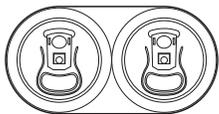
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# BIBLE MIXED WITH EVOLUTION