

Week of April 28, 2019

Family

DEVOTIONAL SHEET



Lesson
16

Dinosaurs and Dragons

Lesson Summary

Last lesson we read about being created in God's image. Though that image is marred due to the Fall of man, we are still to treat others with dignity and respect as God's image-bearers. And God is working in the lives of those who love Him to reproduce the image of Christ, for His glory.

This lesson looked at the topic of dinosaurs — those fascinating creatures created by God. Dinosaurs (and dinosaur-like creatures) were created on Days Five and Six of Creation Week. God's Word helps us understand the history of these creatures.

They were originally friendly in a perfect world and ate only plants. After the Fall of man, they began to eat other animals. Pairs of the various dinosaur kinds boarded the Ark, but the rest were destroyed in the Flood. Dinosaurs continued to live alongside man but went extinct and began to fade from man's memory. Dinosaur fossils have

been found all over the world, showing us that they existed and that they were victims of the global Flood. And dragon legends from around the world attest to a shared memory of encounters with dinosaur-like creatures.

The book of Job gives us the clearest biblical description of these creatures and attests to the fact that man and dinosaurs lived at the same time.

Monday — Read Genesis 1:20-25, 33

1. Since there are fossil records of dinosaurs and dinosaur-like creatures, when were they created?
2. Discuss the issue of extinction that we witness today and how that relates to dinosaurs.
3. What is the importance, in our world today, of having a biblical explanation for the existence of dinosaurs?

Tuesday — Read Job 40:15-24

1. What are some words used to describe behemoth?
2. Why can't the behemoth be a hippopotamus or elephant as many Bible commentaries suggest?

Wednesday — Read Job 41:1-21

1. What are some of the words used to describe leviathan?
2. What do verses 18-21 speak of? Have you ever seen an animal like this?
3. How can you help your children and others understand dinosaurs from a biblical perspective?

Thursday — Read Job 39:1-26

1. What is the LORD reminding Job of in this passage?
2. How do we know that behemoth and leviathan are real creatures and not mythical?
3. How can dinosaurs be used as an opportunity to share the gospel?

**Friday — Read Psalm 74:12-14; 104:24-26;
Isaiah 27:1-2**

1. Once again, how do we know that behemoth and leviathan are real creatures and not mythical?

2. How do we balance the scientific explanation of the fossils of dinosaurs and other extinct creatures with what the Bible tells us about such creatures?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family each night.

Psalm 8:5-6 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet.

Prayer - Thank God for His amazing creation and His care for it. Thank Him that He has given us the true history of the world in the Bible — His Word. Ask God for opportunities to share the truth of His Word with schoolmates, co-workers, neighbors, friends, and relatives.

Family Prayer Requests: