



Light of Creation (Grades 3-5)

Did God really create everything? Is there any evidence that He did? Why do some people refuse to believe in God? Today we are going to address these questions and take a closer look at giraffes. Let's get started!

Did God really create everything?

According to the Bible, God created everything. Here are just a few examples:

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

"For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." (Exodus 20:11)

"For this is what the Lord says— he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it..." (Isaiah 45:18)

"...all things have been created through him and for him." (Colossians 1:16)

"The God who made the world and everything in it..." (Acts 17:23-25)

The Bible is really clear—God is the Creator of everything.

Activity

Name seven creatures that God made that start with the letter "B"

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

Is there any evidence that God created everything?

Please look at the pictures below and then answer the following questions:



1. Do you think these things were created by an explosion in a toy factory?

Answer: _____

2. Do you think these things somehow created themselves? Why or why not?

Answer: _____

3. Do you think these things were created by someone really smart? Why or why not?

Answer: _____

The point: these toys did not create themselves—they were designed and created for a purpose by really smart people. Let's take a look at something even more complicated—giraffes! Here are some fun facts about giraffes:

- Giraffes are the world’s tallest animals and can grow up to 18ft. That is three times taller than people!
- Male giraffes can weigh up to 3,000lbs. That is as much as a small car!
- The tongue of a giraffe can grow up to 20 inches long!
- Giraffes can sprint really fast—up to 35mph.
- Giraffes have large, powerful hearts that can weigh up to 24lbs!
- Giraffes have special valves and tissues to help control their blood pressure. This is why they don’t get dizzy when they stand up after leaning down to get a drink.



Activity:

1. Print the picture of the giraffe (last page of this handout) on cardstock if you have it. If you do not have any cardstock, please don’t worry, regular paper will work just fine.
2. Carefully cut out the picture along the outside lines.
3. Cut the picture into a puzzle by cutting along the lines on the picture
4. After you have cut out all of the pieces, place the puzzle pieces on a table and thoroughly mix them up. Please make sure that some of the pieces are upside down.
5. Close your eyes and try to assemble the puzzle (no peeking please!)
6. After two minutes, open your eyes. How did you do?
7. Assemble the puzzle with your eyes open.
8. Thoroughly mix up all of the puzzle pieces. Pick up the pieces with one hand and place them in the open palm of your other hand. Quickly toss the pieces into the air and see what happens. Did the puzzle assemble itself correctly? When you are done, please be considerate and pick up all the pieces of your puzzle.

The point: even simple puzzles cannot put themselves together—they need to be assembled by someone really smart. In this case that someone was you (great job!) Now think about real giraffes. Could giraffes have been created by random chemical reactions? Obviously not! Giraffes show amazing design and were made by someone really smart—God!

Why do some people refuse to believe in God?

When we look at God’s creation, we see evidence of amazing design. Sadly, some people still refuse to believe in Him. Why is that? The Bible tells us that it is not the lack of evidence—it is the condition of people’s hearts. Check out the following verses:

“For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

Romans 1:20-21



Some people do not believe in God because they *do not want* to believe in Him. Some of them have been hurt by others and are mad at God. They blame Him for bad things that have happened to them.

Other people refuse to believe in God because they want to be in charge of their own lives. Since God is the Creator of all things, He determines what is right and what is wrong. He gets to make the rules for us to live by. Some people are not ok with that, so they simply refuse to believe in God. So, what can we do?

1. Do your best to follow and obey Jesus, so that you are a good witness to others.
2. Pray. Ask God to use the “light of creation” to soften people’s hearts and lead them into a relationship with Him.
3. Always be ready to give an answer to others about your faith. Remember to be kind and gentle when you do (1 Peter 3:15).



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