

Creationism

Description: Does biblical creation make sense today? Scripture and science both say “Yes!” The recent supernatural creation viewpoint is a refreshing alternative to natural science alone. This Power Track will provide five reasons to affirm God’s supernatural design.

Key Verses: Genesis 1; Psalm 115:16; Hebrews 11:1-3

Prompt: Throughout time God’s people have drawn close to him through creation. Have students share a favorite outdoor activity. Ask them what sights, smells, sounds, and sensations make them feel most close to God. Remind them creation is God’s canvas as you segue into the Power Track.

Play: Video of DeYoung & Bosch, “Creationism” buildmomentum.org/resources

Process: Select from the following questions to help students remember, rekindle and reengage.

- ⏪ Not only did God create the Earth, He also designed the heavens. Many scientifically-minded people have a hard time thinking Earth is the only inhabited planet. “It would be an awful waste of space,” some say. ***Is there life on other planets? Why did God make the universe so big?***
- ⏪ Dr. DeYoung references the solar eclipse, floating ice, and ancient scrolls as evidence for intelligent design. ***What is his argument and how does it aid other areas of scientific study?***
- ⏪ “The beginning was supernatural,” Dr. DeYoung says to begin his evidences for creation. ***What biblical evidence does he cite? How does this relate to the Big Bang Theory?***
- ⏪ Dr. DeYoung does not consider the similarities between different species (i.e. homology) a sign of common ancestry. ***What is his conclusion and why does it matter?***
- ⏪ **Read** Matthew 19:4-5, Acts 17:26, and Romans 5:12-19. What do NT authors say about Adam and Eve? What is the significance to history, science, and theology?
- ⏪ Drs. DeYoung and Bosch affirm macro-evolution. ***How is this different than micro-evolution? What support do they provide from Genesis 1? How does this help us understand the flood?***
- ⏪ ***What are various age of Earth theories? Which of the three does DeYoung affirm and why?***
- ⏪ Scientist Maria Mitchell wrote, “Every formula is a hymn of praise to God.” ***Where does the natural world cause you to stop and worship God because of its beauty and diversity?***
- ⏪ **Read** Genesis 1:2, Proverbs 8:22-31, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-4. ***What role did Jesus and the Holy Spirit play at the beginning of creation? What current role do they play?***

Pray: God’s creation has inspired some great poetry and hymns. Provide copies of one (e.g., *For the Beauty of the Earth, This Is My Father’s World, or Indescribable*) for the students to read as a closing prayer. Perhaps consider singing the song or streaming a video of it to lead the students.