

Lesson Introduction

God created dinosaurs on the same day he created all the other animals. Even though they no longer live on earth, God had a plan and purpose for them. When we look at dinosaurs, we should think about what an amazing creator God is.

Discussion Questions

Day 1: How do we know God created dinosaurs? How do we know that people and dinosaurs lived on earth together?

Day 2: What shows us that dinosaurs lived on earth at one time? What are fossils?

Day 3: What can we know about dinosaurs from fossils? What can't we know about dinosaurs from fossils? Why?

Day 4: What are the behemoth and leviathan?

Day 5: What do old stories from around the world describe? Why do you think that is?

Day 6: What is a reasonable explanation as to what happened to the dinosaurs and why there are fossils buried around the world?

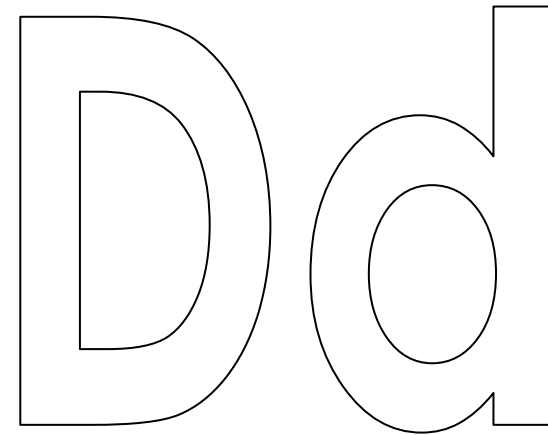
Lesson Rhyme

D—D	Make sign of "D"
Dinosaurs	Move "D" across front of body like large dinosaur
Once roamed throughout the land	Move "D" like going down a road
D—D—Dinosaurs	Same as above
Were made	Fists on top of one another, twist opposite
by God's command	Lift arms up in air and look up



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What can we know about dinosaurs?



D—D—Dinosaurs
Once roamed throughout the land
D—D—Dinosaurs
Were made by God's command

Day 1

Dinosaurs roamed the earth
quite some time ago.
What really happened to them,
no one seems to know.
But we know our God created
every living thing.
On the same day he created man
he brought them into being.

Draw a picture of a person and a dinosaur.

Day 6

The Bible says that long ago
there was a world-wide flood
Because of all the water
things were buried deep in mud.
That explains quite reasonably
the fossils in the ground.
And why the mighty dinosaurs
no longer can be found.

Draw a picture of the flood waters burying dinosaurs.

Job 40:15-16: ¹⁵ "Look at the behemoth, which I made along with you and which feeds on grass like an ox. ¹⁶ What strength he has in his loins, what power in the muscles of his belly!

Genesis 7:20-21: ²⁰ The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than twenty feet. ²¹ Every living thing that moved on the earth perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind.

Day 5

People round the world
have stories from of old.
Of dinosaur-like dragons,
strange tales are often told.
Why don't these different dinosaurs
still roam about the land?
That's something we should think about,
and try to understand.

Draw a picture of a Chinese dragon.

Day 2

Fossils are found around the earth,
buried in the ground.
That is how we know for sure
that dinosaurs did abound.
Paleontologists will dig up the bones
from a great big pit.
Then they put the bones together
to see if they all fit.

Draw a picture of a dinosaur fossil.

Job 41:20-23: ²⁰ Smoke pours from his nostrils as from a boiling pot over a fire of reeds. ²¹ His breath sets coals ablaze, and flames dart from his mouth. ²² Strength resides in his neck; dismay goes before him. ²³ The folds of his flesh are tightly joined; they are firm and immovable.

Job 40:17-18: ¹⁷ His tail sways like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are close-knit. ¹⁸ His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like rods of iron.

Day 3

From the fossils we can know
there were dinosaurs of all size.
But we cannot know their skin type
or the color of their eyes.
And just like other animals,
they demonstrate design.
God had a purpose for them,
as he planned them in his mind.

Draw a picture of a dinosaur.

Day 4

From the Bible we can know
dinosaurs lived on earth with man,
As God described to Job
some animals in the land.
God talked about behemoth,
whose tail was like a tree.
And the great leviathan,
raging in the sea.

Draw a picture of an Apatosaurus.

Job 40:19: ¹⁹ He ranks first among the works of God, yet his Maker can approach him with his sword.

Job 41:1-3: ¹ ¹ "Can you pull in the leviathan with a fishhook or tie down his tongue with a rope? ² Can you put a cord through his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook? ³ Will he keep begging you for mercy? Will he speak to you with gentle words?"