Junior Discussion Plan Year 1 Quarter 1 Week 13

*Aim:* Each person must decide for themselves to believe God or Satan. When a person believes God, they will find that the evidence found in the world does fit what the Bible says.

This term we have been learning about how God created the world. We also learnt how Satan tricked Adam and Eve, and how Satan is still tricking people into believing that God did not make the world. Here is a summary of what we looked at each week.

- 1. Remember that humans weren't there when the world was created; we can believe what God says in the Bible, or we can believe the opposite and if something doesn't agree with what is in the Bible, then the Bible says that thing is from Satan.
- 2. The order of the days of creation are important: Some people who believe there is a God think that God couldn't have made everything in one week; they think each creation day must represent a year or an even longer time. But God made the plants (day 3), before He made the sun on (day 4) most plants would die if they didn't have the sun for a year but they can easily do without it for a day.
- 3. There is no reason for a week to be 7 days except that that's how long God took to make the world, and then He made the Sabbath day and told us to keep the Sabbath special, each week. The earth spins around in one day, the moon goes around in approximately one month, and the earth goes around the sun in one year.
- 4. We learnt that we can't really understand God, or where God came from, just like a bee wouldn't be able to understand about a human. The Bible tells us that God can do anything, that He does not lie and that He can control the future. We learnt that Satan once an angel in heaven and that Satan hates God.
- 5. Creation and Evolution are opposites:

## Creation

6 days

1<sup>st</sup> people smart, sophisticated

People, plants & animals together Everything becoming worse due to sin

Made by God

No death until after sin

## **Evolution**

millions of years

1<sup>st</sup> people dumb, cave men

simple life gradually changes to complicated, finally to people

things evolving to become better

Made by accident

death from the start

You can't force someone to change their mind, but it's good to know what you believe and why you believe it. Then with God's help, you can say, "The Bible says that God created everything including humans in only one week, and that's what I believe."

- 6. Ship builders today agree that the proportions God chose for the ark (it's shape) was the best shape for a large ship so that it wouldn't capsize or make the passengers too sea sick. There were two of each kind of animal on the ark, and then all they different types of animals we see today came from them; so all the different types of dogs came from a pair of dogs. People select dogs with particular looks or temperaments to mate together and that is how the different breeds of today gradually came about. When a small group of people or animals marry each other, and their children marry each other and don't mix with other groups, they will develop particular features, like skin, hair or eye colours and shapes.
- 7. The ark landed right near the middle of the major land masses in the world today, God was making it easy for the people to spread out over the whole world. The eruption of the Mount Saint Helens volcano has helped to show how some of the amazing place in the world today, like the Grand Canyon, were formed.
- 8. After the tower of Babel, the people left in groups (probably family groups); the groups with builders, teachers, metal workers etc. built cities, but the groups without lived however they could. That is why some cultures in the world seem more advanced than others.
- 9. The different groups remember the story about the flood in different ways. Some had writing; some only told stories or sang songs about it. Many of them changed the story to make it easier to understand or maybe they couldn't remember the exact details. The Hawaiians said that Nu (Noah) escaped in a canoe with a house on it. Some people can still trace their ancestors back to Noah's family.
- 10. The flood is responsible for most of the fossils, coal and oil that is found today. These things don't have to take millions of years to form; they just need the right circumstances, like animals and vegetation being buried quickly before they have the chance to rot.
- 11. People before the flood lived nearly 1000 years! After the flood their lifespan dropped, and after the split at Babel it dropped even further, so these days 100 years is considered very old. The Persians and the Sumerians have records of the people at the beginning of the world living a long time too.
- 12. God created people very smart; some of the cities built after the flood were amazing and include things that architects can't even do today. God warned the people about the flood, but they wouldn't listen everything they did was evil; the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of their evil too, and Lots wife who ignored the warning of the angels, turned into a pillar of salt.

Remember evolution is taught and believed all around us, on TV, in books, in school... But evolution is just an idea, and idea that was started by Satan. When a scientist who believes in the Bible looks at what the archaeologist have found, and looks at how the world works today and how it probably worked in the past, the evidence fits what the Bible says. So you have to decide for yourselves: Are you going to believe what God says or not?