Junior Discussion Plan

Aim: To look at the order of the days of creation. To understand that humans did not evolve from animals, but humans and dinosaurs were created on the same day as other animals. To consider what happened to the dinosaurs. *Note:* Creation Comic Series "Dinosaurs & Dragons" has information and pictures about dinosaurs.

Answer the following questions:

What do plants need to live? (Water, air, dirt, sunlight – although they can do without sunlight for a few days) Which day was each of these needs created on? What would have happened if the plants were created before the air or before the land? What would have happened to the plants if the sun wasn't created for another year or more? What does a fish need to live? Which day was each of these needs created on? What do birds need to live? Which day was each of these needs created on? What do animals need to live? Which day was each of these needs created on?

Did you notice that animals and people were created on the same day? That means all the different types of animals were living at the same time as Adam and Eve.

People who believe in Evolution will tell you that the simple animals came first, and then they changed into more complicated animals, and changed into monkeys, who changed into humans; and they say dinosaurs lived and then died out millions of years before humans lived on earth.

Now, if this was correct, you should find bones or fossils that are half of one animal and half of another, or half monkey and half human, and there have been a few times when people claimed they did – but each time it has been shown later that they were mistaken – that the bones of two different animals were mixed together, or the bones were from a human who was crippled or suffering from disease. Instead people have found bones and fossils of animals which look just the same as our animals today, although some of them are bigger, and they have found animals that are now extinct, that have all died off.

And then someone who believes Evolution might say, if dinosaurs lived at the same time as humans, why don't they still live with us today? Some people who believe the Bible say the dinosaurs were all killed in the flood, but it is more likely that some of them were saved in the ark and then became extinct later – just like a lot of other animals have become extinct.

Did you know the Bible actually mentions a couple of animals that were probably dinosaurs? One reference is found in the book of Job. God is reminding Job about some of the amazing things He created – things which Job had seen, or at least knew about. Skim-read Job 40:15 - 41:34

The Leviathan reminds me of the English stories about knights fighting dragons, or the Chinese pictures of dragons, and many other cultures have stories or pictures of dragons or monsters.

Most people would probably tell you that dragons were not real – but since stories about them are found all over the world – and even in the Bible, there's a good chance they were actually a type of dinosaur.

The important thing is that the Bible says God made all the animals, including the dinosaurs, on the 6th day of creation, along with humans; and when God had finished, He said it was very good. Of course sin has corrupted everything, but even today we can still see how amazing nature is.

Learning about and studying nature and animals and how this world works can help us realise how wonderful and great God is.