

Aim: To understand that Creation and evolution are opposites. To be ready with an answer when someone says something you don't believe in.

Have you ever heard anyone say something that you didn't think was true? Who was it? What did you do? How did they take it?

Sometimes people don't like to be told that they are wrong; it makes them angry or confused.

In many ways creation and evolution are opposites, and when people who believe different things try to talk about it, it can easily lead to arguments and bad feelings. Make a list of the differences between creation and evolution.

Creation

6 days
1st people smart, sophisticated
People, plants & animals together
Everything becoming worse due to sin
Made by God
No death until after sin
The earth is 6000 and something years old
The evidence fits creation and the flood

Evolution

millions of years
1st 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
The earth is millions of years old
There is missing evidence "missing links"

So what are some things you could do when someone, perhaps a teacher says something like "millions of years ago, monkeys changed into humans"? (Ignore it / tell them they are wrong / say you don't believe that...)
What is the worst thing and the best thing that might happen?

Do you ever worry that you won't know what to say? You don't have to worry, Matthew 10:19^{NLT} says "God will give you the right words at the right time." – you just need to ask Him. But it also helps to be prepared, so today we will look at what you can say.

Be respectful, be polite, talk in a normal voice and stay calm.

You could say something like: "The Bible says that God created everything including humans in only one week, and that's what I believe."

Don't worry if they ignore you, or say that they believe something else, leave it at that – when they want to know more they can ask you.

Now, the whole reason that we're studying creation and evolution this term is so that if someone asks you a question, you will be able to answer them. But remember if you don't know the answer it's ok to say "I don't know, I'll find out", or "why don't you talk to my Mum/Dad/Church teacher etc."

They might say "But science shows that evolution is true..." The truth is that when a scientist looks at fossils or other evidence, they will fit whatever they are seeing into what they already believe, and since so many scientists believe in evolution, and evolution is so popular, that's what you'll hear about at school and on the TV, but they won't tell you about the fossils that don't fit in, or the fossils they should find but don't. On the other hand, scientists who believe in creation will show that fossils fit what the Bible says about creation and the flood.

Remember that creation and evolution are opposites – you're not going to change someone's mind about it in one day. They might not like your answers, but do your best to answer any questions they do have; you might have to "agree to disagree" and talk about something else. Pray for them, because God loves that person too, and He wants them to know about Him and love Him too.