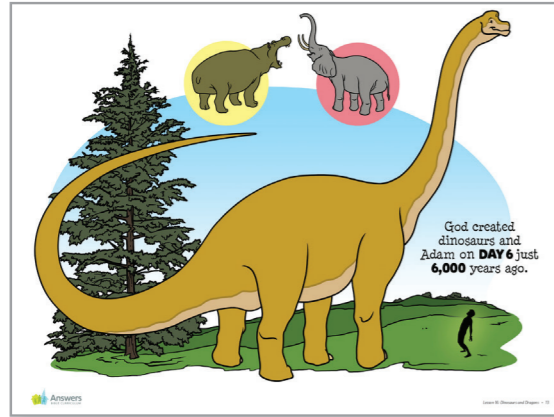


# Lesson 16

## God Made Dinosaurs

*Dinosaurs were created during the creation week.*



### K-1st Lesson

#### Review

Refer to Lessons 13 and 14 Flip Chart pages. God created the entire universe in the beginning, about 6,000 years ago.

- ? How many days did it take God to create the universe? *Six days.*

That's right. In just six days, God created light, darkness, air, seas, land, trees, plants, the sun and moon, stars, fish and all kinds of sea creatures, birds and other kinds of flying creatures, and all the animals that live on the land.

- ? Refer to Lesson 15 Flip Chart. And then God created something very special. It was the last thing God created. Who am I talking about? *The first people. Adam and Eve.*

- ? How did God create Adam? What did he use? *Formed him from the dust, or dirt.*

God used the dust from the ground to make Adam, and then he breathed life into him.

- ? Then God put Adam to sleep. What did God do while Adam was sleeping? *Took a rib bone and made Eve.*

God used one of Adam's bones to make the woman, Eve. Then God brought Eve to Adam. This shows us what God wants marriage to be like—one man and one woman together for life!

#### God Created Dinosaurs

- ? Refer to Lesson 14 Flip Chart. What day of creation week did God create Adam and Eve? *Day six.*

Right! God created Adam and Eve on day six. They were the last things God created!

- ? But what else was created on that day? *Allow discussion. Land animals.*

God created land animals on day six. And that means ALL land animals.

- ? Show one or two of the Dinosaur Pictures (except Leviathan, a sea creature). Look here. What are these animals called? *Dinosaurs!*

- ? How many of you have a favorite dinosaur? How about a T. rex? Or maybe a triceratops, stegosaurus, or velociraptor? *Allow answers.*

We're going to play a dinosaur game. When I say, "Go!" I want you to pretend to be your favorite dinosaur. You can stomp or walk like that dinosaur and even roar or growl. When I say, "Freeze," you must freeze like a statue until I say "Go" again. Everyone ready? Go! *Allow students to move around the room several times, acting like dinosaurs. Have students return to seats when finished.*

- ? When do you think dinosaurs were created? *Allow discussion. Day six. 6,000 years ago. Some children may automatically say "millions of years!"*

Some people think dinosaurs lived millions of years ago. But that's not what the Bible tells us. Dinosaurs are NOT millions of years old. Nothing is millions of years old because God created everything just about 6,000 years ago.

- ? So, when were dinosaurs created? *About 6,000 years ago!*

That's right! Dinosaurs were created about 6,000 years ago on the same day as the rest of the land animals.

*Refer to the Dinosaur Pictures. (Save Leviathan for later.)* Now we don't know exactly what dinosaurs looked like because they are extinct.

- ? Do you know what that means? *Allow discussion.*

It just means that they have all died. They aren't around anymore. But people have found dinosaur bones, and these bones help us understand what dinosaurs looked like. The bones give us an idea of how big dinosaurs were and if they had long legs or short legs or claws or horns on their heads.

#### What Is Behemoth?

And, guess what? The Bible tells us about dinosaurs, too! We can read about dinosaurs in the book of Job. And that is where we are going to look today!

- ? Who has the Bible? Please bring it up. We are going to read from God's Word now. *Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible and opens it to where the sticky note is. Show the students where the book is in your Bible.*

#### Job 40:15–18

I am going to read from the book of Job. Listen to what God said about this great big animal! *Read Job 40:15–18. Read enthusiastically!*

Wow! This is a really strong, special animal!

- ? What does the Bible call this animal? *Job 40:15. Behemoth.*

- ? What did Behemoth eat? *Grass.*

- ? Where was his strength? *Job 40:16. In his loins (hips).*

- ? And where was his power? *In the muscles of his belly.*

His bones were like tubes of bronze. And his limbs, or legs, were like iron. Wow! That's VERY strong!

- ? The Bible even tells us about his tail. *Job 40:17, "he makes his tail stiff like a cedar."*

- ? What is a cedar? *Allow discussion.*

A cedar is a very tall, very large tree!

- ? And God said Behemoth had a tail like a cedar tree! So if a cedar tree is big and very tall, what was Behemoth's tail like? *Allow discussion.*

Now some people say that God was talking about a hippopotamus or an elephant in these verses. But does that make sense?

- ? Refer to the Lesson Flip Chart. Do you think this hippopotamus could be the animal God was talking about? Does this tail look like a cedar tree? *No.*

- ? What about this elephant? Does this tail look like a cedar tree? *No!*

- ? So, which of these animals has a tail like a cedar tree, like the one God was talking about? *The dinosaur!*

Right! It makes sense that this dinosaur is what God was talking about when he told about the Behemoth in the book of Job. And it was created along with ALL the other land animals on day six of creation week just about 6,000 years ago.

- ? Refer to the Flip Chart. Look closely at the Flip Chart. What else do you see in the picture? *A man.*

- ? What else did God create on day six? *Allow discussion. People. Adam and Eve.*

That's right! God created Adam and Eve on the same day. And that means that Adam and Eve—and many people after them—lived at the same time as dinosaurs! And that is what we read in the Bible.

Wouldn't that be amazing to see dinosaurs living with the other animals in the woods or maybe wandering into your mom's garden and eating all the veggies?

#### What Is Leviathan?

- ? The Bible also describes another great creature who lived in the sea. On what day did God create sea creatures? *Day five.*

- ? Yes. On day five God created a mighty creature called Leviathan. Can you say that with me? *Repeat Leviathan several times.*

#### Job 41:14

Let's listen to what the Bible says about Leviathan. *Read Job 41:14.*

Yikes! The teeth in his mouth are scary—they are terrible sharp teeth! He also has scales covering his whole body, and his scales protect him from swords, spears, and arrows!

- ? Who uses swords, spears, and arrows? Animals or people? *People.*

Right! So we know that people lived at the same time as Leviathan. But they wouldn't want to fight this guy—he had terrible teeth and tough scales to protect himself!

#### Job 41:19

- ? Now listen for what comes out of his mouth! *Read Job 41:19 emphasizing "flaming torches" and "sparks of fire."*

- ? What comes out of his mouth? *Flaming torches, sparks of fire.*

What? Flaming torches and fire come out of Leviathan's mouth! What in the world is he? This sure isn't like a normal sea creature! We've never seen this at the aquarium!

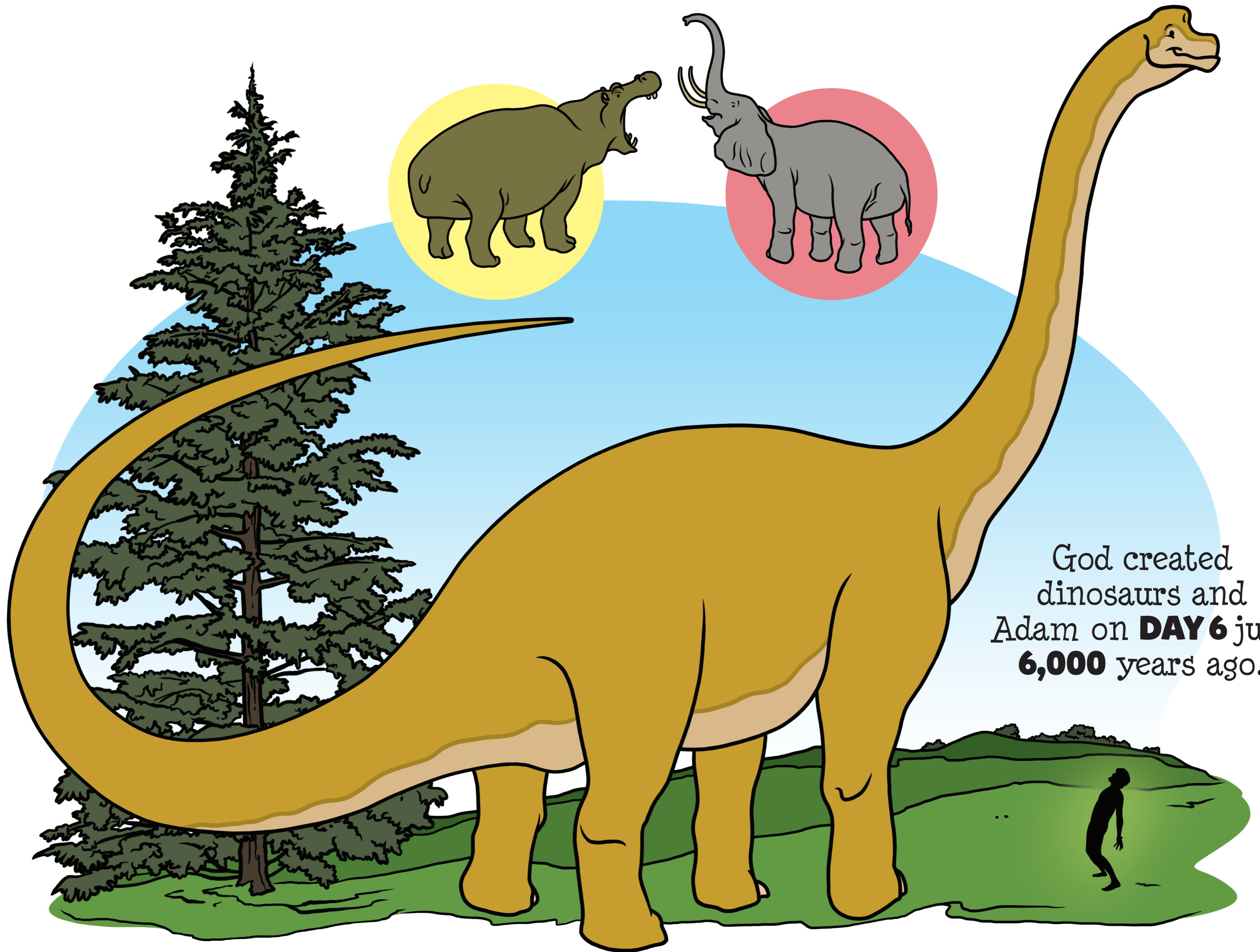
- ? What sea creature do you think Leviathan could be? *Allow guesses.*

There are people who say that Leviathan is some kind of crocodile, or an orca whale, or a great white shark. But that doesn't make sense based on what God's Word tells us. None of these sea creatures can spit fire from their mouths!

*Show Leviathan picture from the set of Dinosaur Pictures. So, what was this powerful animal? Well, when we think about the descriptions in the Bible, it sure sounds like it must have been some sort of sea dragon!*

The Bible tells us that God made dinosaurs like Behemoth on day six with the other land animals, and he created the mighty Leviathan on day five with the other sea creatures.

*Continue with the Lesson Review Game.*



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dinosaurs and  
Adam on **DAY 6** just  
**6,000** years ago.