



Grades 4–5 • Lesson 16

Dinosaurs and Dragons

Job 40:15–24, Job 41 (Selected Scriptures)

Biblical Creatures!

The sentences below are written backward! Rewrite them correctly to find the truth about dinosaurs.

Hint: The first word of this phrase begins with *D*. You need to start at the end.

.slamina gnillewd–dnal rehto eht htiw
xiS yaD no detaerc erew sruasoniD

Hint: The first word of this phrase begins with *T*. You need to start at the end.

!nogard gnihtaerb–erif a eb dluoc 14
boj ni erutaerc ekil–ruasonid eht

Name

Learn the Word

Which words are missing? See if you can remember the missing words and say the whole verse!

Psalm 8:5–6

Yet you have made him a _____

lower than the heavenly _____

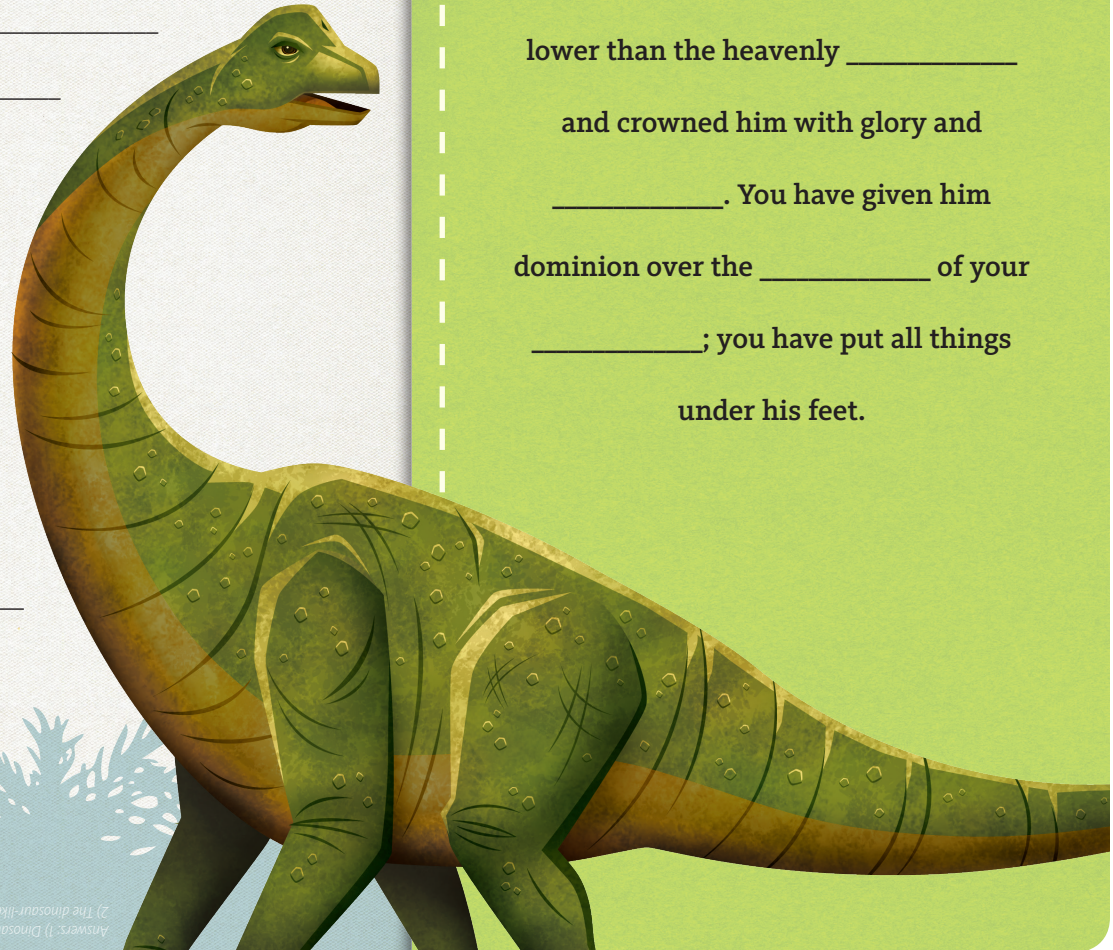
and crowned him with glory and

_____. You have given him

dominion over the _____ of your

_____; you have put all things

under his feet.



Answers: 1) Dinosaurs were created on Day Five with the other land-dwelling animals.
2) The dinosaur-like creature in Job 41 could be a fire-breathing dragon!



What You Heard *In the Word*

- The Bible describes two dinosaur-like animals in the book of Job—the Leviathan and the Behemoth.
- These animals were created on Days Five and Six of Creation Week—only about 6,000 years ago!



OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Someone at school tells you that dinosaurs went extinct long before man and never lived with them. **What would you say?**

We sure hear that lie about dinosaurs everywhere, don't we? At school, museums, TV shows—we just can't get away from it. But just because we hear it a lot doesn't mean it's true. Did you know that there are dinosaur and dragon legends all around the world that give accounts of men and dinosaurs living together? And there have been cave drawings of dinosaurs found—drawn by men! But, most importantly, God's Word tells us when He created all the animals and humans—it was in the very same week only about 6,000 years ago.



HomeWord *For Parents*

In Genesis 1 we learn that God created all the beasts of the earth and man on Day Six (Genesis 1:24–27). We know dinosaurs are land animals, so man and dinosaurs lived at the same time only 6,000 years ago! Does the Bible give us more confirmation that man and dinosaurs lived at the same time? Absolutely!

God mentions dinosaurs in the book of Job. As God describes His greatness to Job, He reminds Job of the largest animal He created—the behemoth (Job 40:15–24). The biblical description of this animal does not fit any living animal we know of today. It does, in fact, fit the description of a dinosaur—a sauropod—one of the largest dinosaurs, created by God on Day Six. And in Job 41:1–34 God describes the leviathan. This “sea dragon” is mentioned four other times in Scripture (Job 3:8; Psalms 74:14, 104:26; Isaiah 27:1). It is believed that this was some sort of mighty dinosaur-like sea monster.

What does the world tell us about dinosaurs? “Dinosaurs died out millions of years ago and could never have lived with man!” Over and over this message is repeated with no regard to what God's Word says. Our response to this ultimately comes down to whether we trust God's Word or man's opinions.

Why is this important? The Bible makes it clear that God's creation was “very good” (Genesis 1:31). Yet the fossils of dinosaurs reflect death, disease, suffering, cruelty, and brutality. If we accept that these fossils represent millions of years, we are accepting death in the world before Adam's sin. But the Bible tells us there was no death in the beginning. It was Adam's sin against a holy God that brought judgment on the whole creation—death, both spiritual and physical (Genesis 2:17, 3:19).

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

