

How do we know what happened in the past?

It helps to read a history book, doesn't it?

Sometimes the writers of history books make mistakes or don't tell the complete truth. For example, some history books may claim that the universe is billions of years old or that animals have changed from one kind to another over millions of years. But these things aren't true.

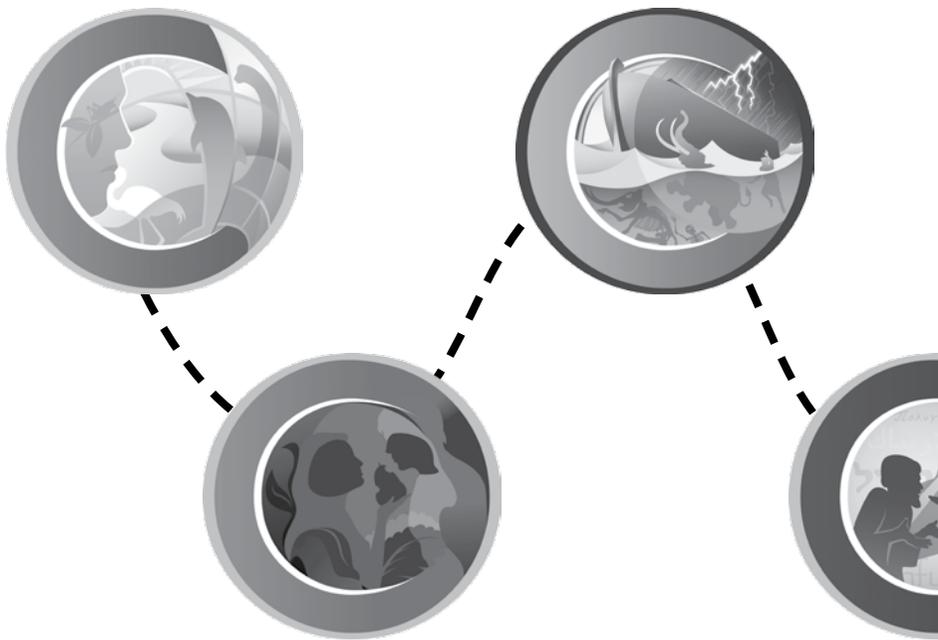
There is one history book that was written by Someone who never makes mistakes and always tells the truth. Do you know who that Someone is?

Yes, God! God has given us a book, called the Bible. In the Bible we can read the truth about what happened in the past and what will happen in the future.

Why is it so important to learn

When we know what happened in the past, we can begin to understand why our world is the way it is.

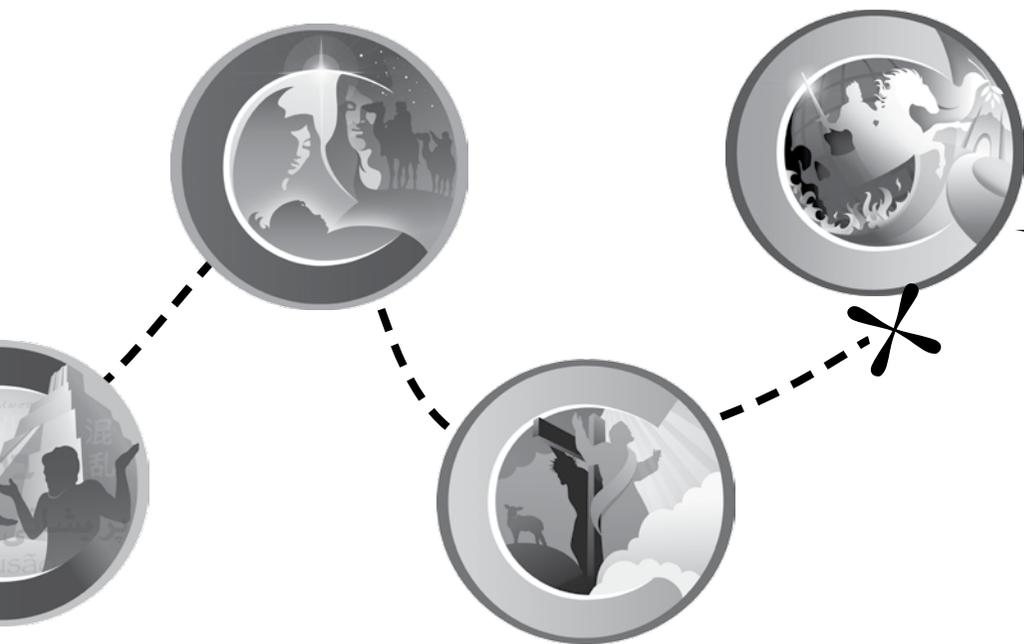
For example, why are there so many fossils on the earth? Or where did all the people groups come from? The answers to these questions are in the history book of the universe—the Bible!



about history?

In the Bible, we can read about seven major events of the past, present, and future, and how they affect our world. These events, called the 7 C's of history, are Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation.

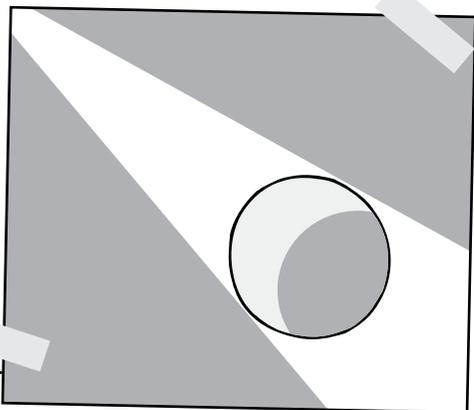
This true history is very different from what you hear in most schools, TV programs, and science museums. Let's take a quick hike through those seven events, beginning with Creation.



CREATION

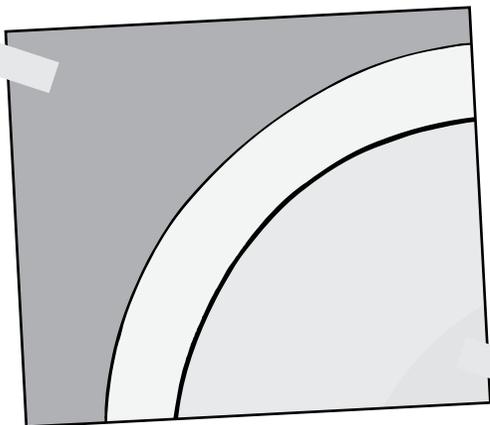
Genesis 1–2

The first “C” on our hike through history is the creation of the heavens and the earth. From the book of Genesis, we learn that God spoke everything into existence in six days.



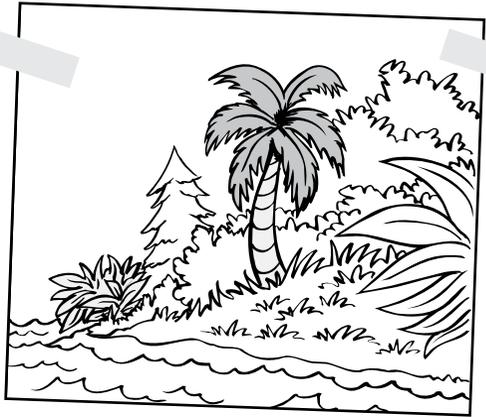
Let's take a quick look at what happened on each of those days.

Day 1—God said, “Let there be light,” and there was! He separated the light from the darkness and called the light “day” and the darkness “night.” This light came from a source other than the sun because the sun wasn't created until Day 4. This was the first day.

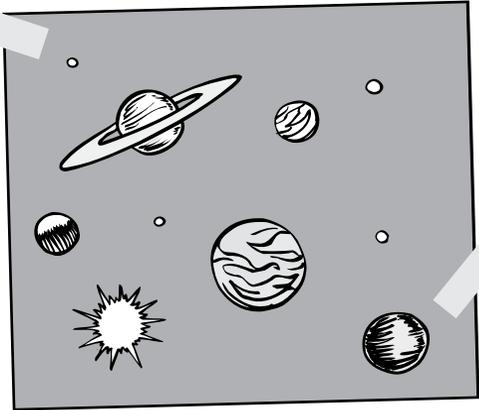


Day 2—God made an expanse (or space). He separated the waters above the expanse from the waters below. This included the atmosphere!

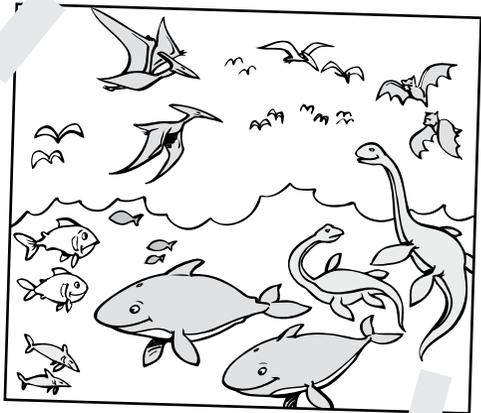
Day 3—God caused the waters under the expanse to come together and the dry ground to appear. Then He told the land to bring forth plants (grass, trees, flowers).

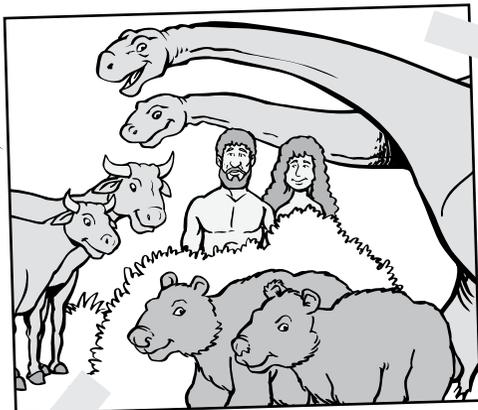


Day 4—God made the sun, the moon, and the stars. These are for signs to mark seasons, days, and years. The sun was to rule the day. The moon was to rule the night.



Day 5—God created the animals that live in water and those that fly in the air, each according to their “kind.”





Day 6—God created the many kinds of land animals, including the dinosaur kinds. And He created humans!

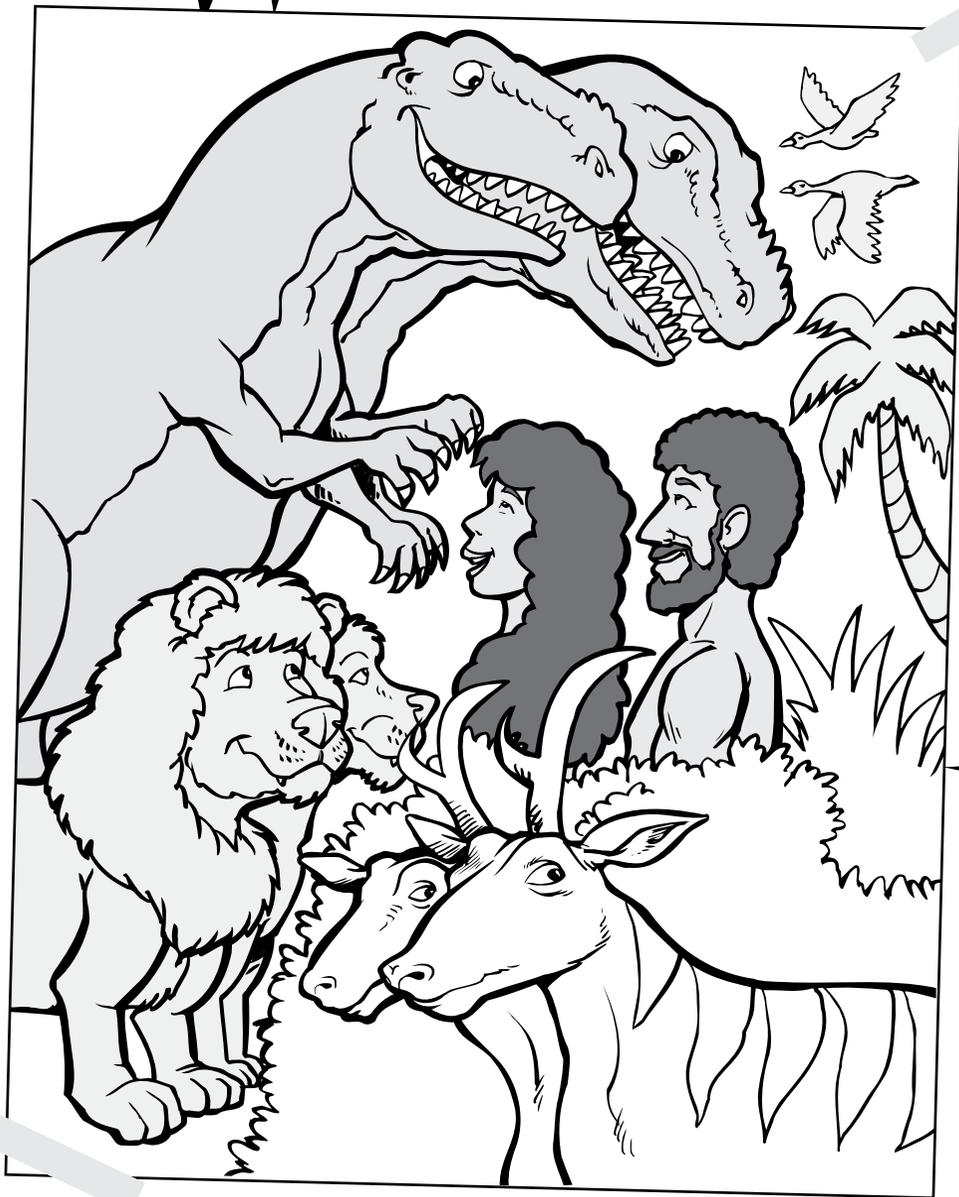
Adam and Eve were the first people—the great, great, great . . . grandparents of us all! God created Adam and Eve in His very own image. We didn't evolve from an ape-like ancestor. We are fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God!

God created a beautiful garden for Adam and Eve to live in and take care of—the Garden of Eden. For food, Adam, Eve, and the animals ate green plants.

When God had completely finished creating, He said that everything was “very good.” This was a beautiful place, full of life, peace, joy, and happiness. Can you imagine a place where no one died, or got sick, or was afraid, or got hurt?

God created all things in six days and rested on the seventh. This was the first “week.” Our seven-day week is based on this first week!

This creation of all things happened about 6,000 years ago—not billions of years ago!



Did you know that scientists have not proven the earth is billions of years old? One out of many evidences that the earth is young is the amount of salt in the oceans.

Have you ever been to the beach, played in the waves, and gotten a mouth full of salty water? Well, that salt has been accumulating since the beginning of time. But scientists have found that the oceans should be much, much, much saltier if the earth were billions of years old!

Science also confirms that God created animals to produce after their own kind—one kind of animal doesn't evolve into another kind. Dogs have puppies, cats have kittens, and kangaroos have joeys! Dinosaurs haven't turned into birds. Raptors have always been raptors. Finches have always been finches!





How do I know there is a God?

One thing that confirms there is a God is something called DNA.

DNA is a special molecule inside the cells in our bodies. It provides much of the information that makes us who we are. Scientists have shown us that the information in our DNA can only come from a source of greater information (or intelligence).

This source must have no limit to its intelligence. It must be an ultimate source of intelligence. The Bible tells us there is such a source—God. God has no beginning and no end. He knows everything (Psalm 147:5). It makes sense that God is the source of the information we see all around us!
