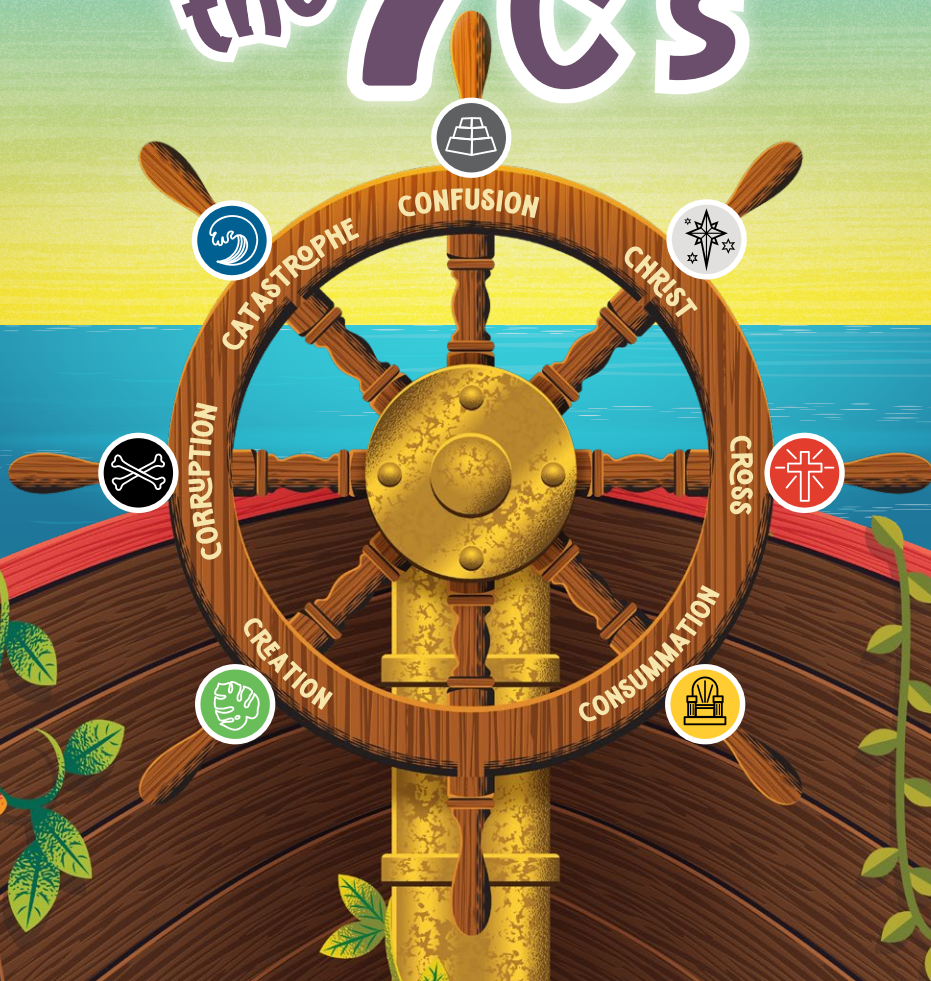


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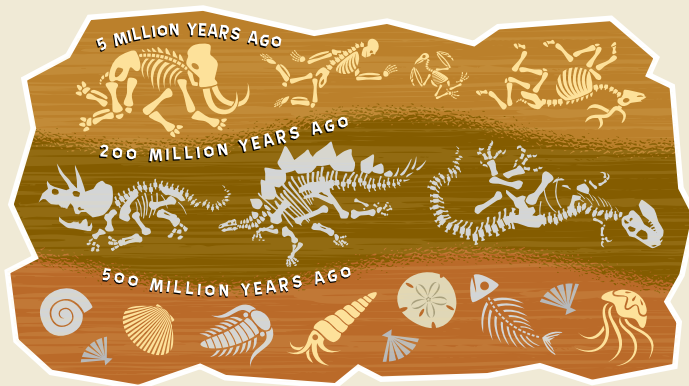
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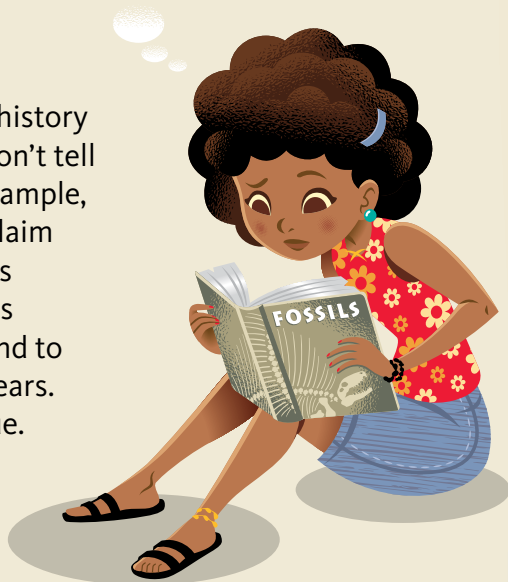
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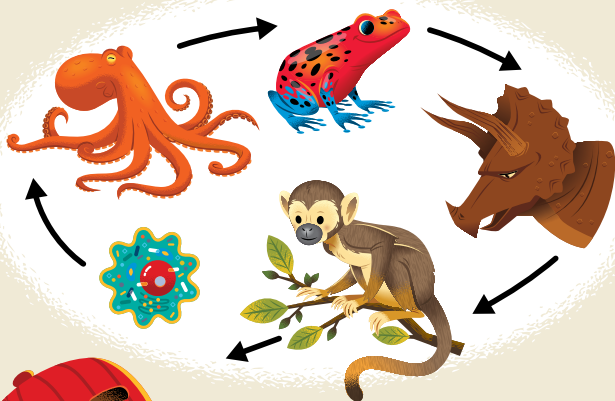


Sometimes the writers of history books make mistakes or don't tell the complete truth. For example, some history books may claim that the universe is billions of years old or that animals have changed from one kind to another over millions of years. But these things aren't true.



happened in the past?

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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?

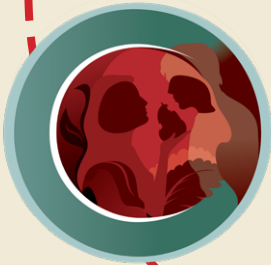
Yes, God! God has given us a book called the Bible. In the Bible, we can read the truth about what happened in the past and what will happen in the future.

Why is it so important



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!



to learn about history?

In the Bible, we can read about seven major events 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 cruise through those seven events, beginning with creation.



CREATION

Genesis 1–2

The first “C” on our cruise 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 normal 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 that we need to breathe. He was preparing a beautiful place for people to live in!





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). He created fruits and vegetables for us to eat!

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 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 finished creating, he said everything was “very good.” Because he is good, everything he does is good. This was a beautiful place, full of life, peace, joy, and happiness, a reflection of the Creator. 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!

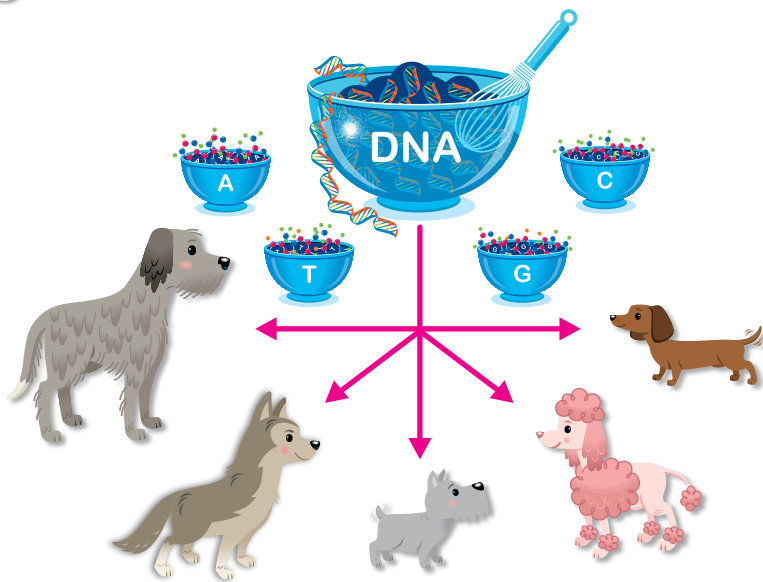


Did you know that scientists have not proven the earth is billions of years old?

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 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.



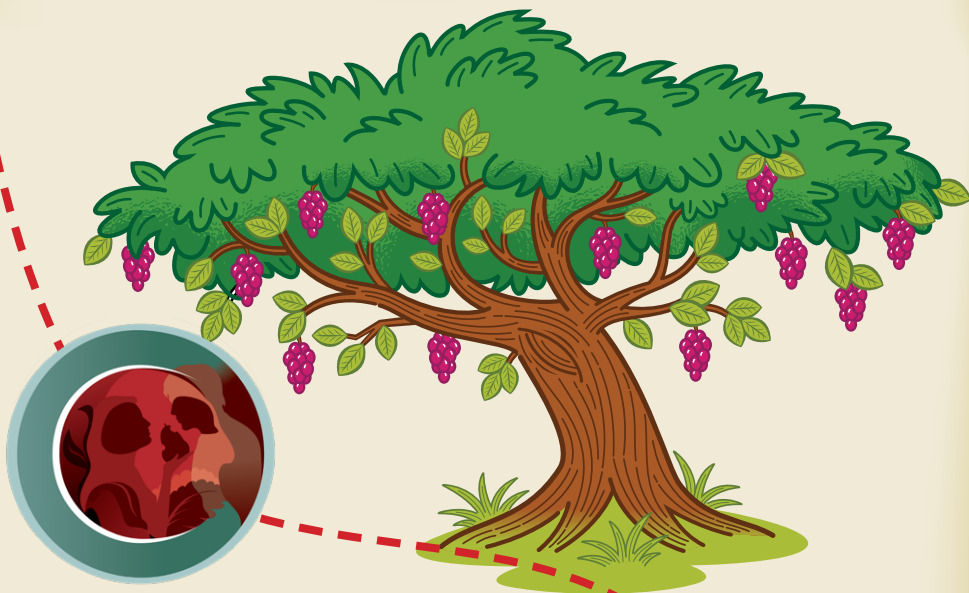


How do I know there is a God?

One thing that confirms there is a God is 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 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!



CORRUPTION

Genesis 3

The next “C” on our cruise through history is Corruption. Corruption means to change from good to bad. This event helps us understand why God’s creation is no longer “very good.”

At first, Adam and Eve loved their Creator and each other. They took care of the animals, and they weren’t afraid of the dinosaurs!

Adam and Eve could eat from any tree in the garden of Eden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God had forbidden them to eat of it. He told them that if they ate from it they would die.

One day, Satan took the form of a serpent. He deceived Eve into eating the fruit from that tree. Eve believed the serpent rather than God. Then she gave some of the forbidden fruit to Adam—and he ate as well.

Instead of obeying God, Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command. Disobedience is called sin. Their sin separated them from a good and holy God.



But God provided a way for them to have fellowship with him again. The punishment for sin is death. From the skins of animals, God made clothing for Adam and Eve—a kind of covering for their sin. From that time, people sacrificed animals to cover their sins.

But the death of these animals could never completely take away sin. The Creator planned that one day he would provide a final, perfect sacrifice who would take the punishment for sin, once and for all.





The world changed after Adam sinned.

The beautiful creation was no longer only filled with life. Death became part of life. Have you ever known someone who died? It's very sad, isn't it? Because of sin, we may get sick, and we all eventually will die (Genesis 3:19; Romans 5:12).

Have you ever been pricked by the thorns on a pretty flower? Because of sin, God cursed his precious creation. Thorns and thistles began to grow on plants (Genesis 3:18).

The world we see today is no longer "very good." Now, it has both good and bad, life and death, happiness and sadness, health and sickness.



CATASTROPHE

Genesis 6–9

The third “C” is Catastrophe. This event helps us to understand where the rocks and fossils came from.

Adam and Eve began to have children. Each child was born a sinner, so each child disobeyed God. And their children sinned. And on and on. Their great wickedness displeased God. To punish their sin, God promised to flood the whole earth with water and destroy all mankind.





Only Noah found favor in God's eyes. God provided a way for Noah, his family, and land animals to live through this catastrophe. God told Noah to build a huge ark.

Before the flood began, God brought two of every kind of land animal (seven of some) to the ark. This included the dinosaur kinds!



After all were on board, the “fountains of the great deep” broke up and the “windows of heaven” opened, flooding the whole earth.

We’ve all seen the damage a local flood can do—ripping up trees, depositing layers of mud, and destroying almost everything in its path. Now imagine the damage done by a flood covering the entire planet for many months!

During the flood, animals and plants were buried in mud. After the water drained away, these dead plants and animals hardened into fossils. This didn’t take millions of years—just the right conditions.

Many of the rock layers and fossils that we see today were formed during or soon after the flood.

At the end of the flood, mountains were raised (there are marine fossils on the top of Mount Everest!), and ocean basins lowered. This allowed the water to run off and form the present oceans.

The world looked very different to Noah and his family as they came off the ark!

After leaving the ark, Noah built an altar to the Lord. God promised never to flood the entire earth again. The sign of this promise is the rainbow.





Fossilized Teddy Bear

**If you have just the right conditions,
fossils can form quite quickly.**

Do you think this fossilized hat and fossilized teddy bear are millions of years old? Of course not.

This teddy bear was placed under a water-fall in Yorkshire, England, and turned to stone in a just a few months!



Fossilized Hat

This hat was found in a mine in Tasmania, Australia. It had been covered with mineral-rich water for over 50 years and turned to stone!

Fossils form quickly under the right conditions. The flood, with lots of water and minerals and muds, provided the right conditions as animals and plants were buried and hardened into fossils.



CONFUSION

Genesis 10–11

The next “C”
is Confusion.

This C helps us to
understand where the
people groups came from.

After coming off the ark, Noah
and his family were told to fill the
earth. Their families began to grow, but
they decided to stay in one place. They built
a tall tower to worship the heavens. They hoped
that building a city with the tower would help to
keep them all together.

The Lord was displeased with their disobedience,
as he is with all disobedience. He confused the
language of the people so they couldn't understand
each other. (Until this time, they all spoke one
language.)



Each family began to speak a different language. Because they couldn't understand each other, the families began to move apart. In this way, the Creator scattered them over all the earth. The many different languages spoken today have come from those original languages.





Some families had darker skin and eyes, some had lighter skin and eyes. Some were taller, some were shorter. As time went on after the family groups separated, these characteristics became more pronounced in each group. The many tribes and nations of the world developed from the family groups that split apart at Babel.

No matter what we look like or where we're from, we can know that we're all related—we are all part of the human race. We all came from Noah's family a few thousand years ago.





Did you know that hundreds of 'flood legends' have been found throughout the world?

In fact, many people groups tell stories that sound very similar to what we read in Genesis. Why? It makes sense that, as the people split up after Babel, they took with them the stories their ancestors had passed on to them about the great catastrophe of Noah's day.

The true account was preserved by God and written down by Moses in Genesis so that all would remember what had happened and would learn to obey him.



CHRIST



The Gospels

Remember the plan God had from the beginning? God has made a way for us to spend forever with him!

Because he is love, God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to earth as a baby. This happened about 2,000 years ago. Jesus was fully God and fully human! While Jesus was growing up, he was always obedient to his heavenly Father. He never sinned. He was perfect.

He healed many people from their diseases, and he caused the blind to see. He told people how they could become children of God and have eternal life.



CROSS



The Gospels

God said that death was the punishment for sin. We each must die. For us to live forever with our Creator, someone perfect must die in our place to pay the penalty for our sin.

Jesus never did anything wrong, but as part of God's plan, Jesus was put to death on a cross. He was the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

After he died, he was buried in a grave. But Jesus did not stay in the grave. God raised him from the dead, and Jesus is alive! Jesus made a way for us to be forgiven and to become part of his family.



Can science prove things happened in the past?

"Science" cannot prove that Jesus rose from the dead or that God created everything in six days. In fact, "science" can't prove any event from history because it is limited when it deals with the past. Historical events can be known to be true because of reliable eyewitness accounts. There are reliable eyewitness accounts that Jesus' tomb was empty after three days and that he later appeared to as many as 500 people at once (1 Corinthians 15:6).

Most importantly, we know that both the resurrection and creation are true because God, who never lies and knows everything, tells us in his Word that these things happened!



How can we spend forever with God?

If you repent (are sorry for and turn from your sin) and trust that Jesus' death and resurrection paid for your sin, you can spend forever with God (Romans 10:9).

Do you understand that you are a sinner? Do you admit that you have disobeyed God's commands?

God said, "Do not lie." Have you ever said something that wasn't true?

God said, "Honor your father and mother." Have you ever disobeyed your parents?

Because you are a sinner, you deserve to be separated from God forever. Are you sorry for disobeying God and want to turn from your sin?

Do you believe that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead, as the perfect sacrifice for your sin?

You can pray (talk) to God and tell him you are sorry for your sin. Tell him you believe Jesus was punished for your sin, and you want to love and obey him. You can do this anytime, anywhere.

When you do this, you will receive eternal life. You don't need to be afraid to die! When you die, you will go to be with Jesus in heaven (John 3:16)!

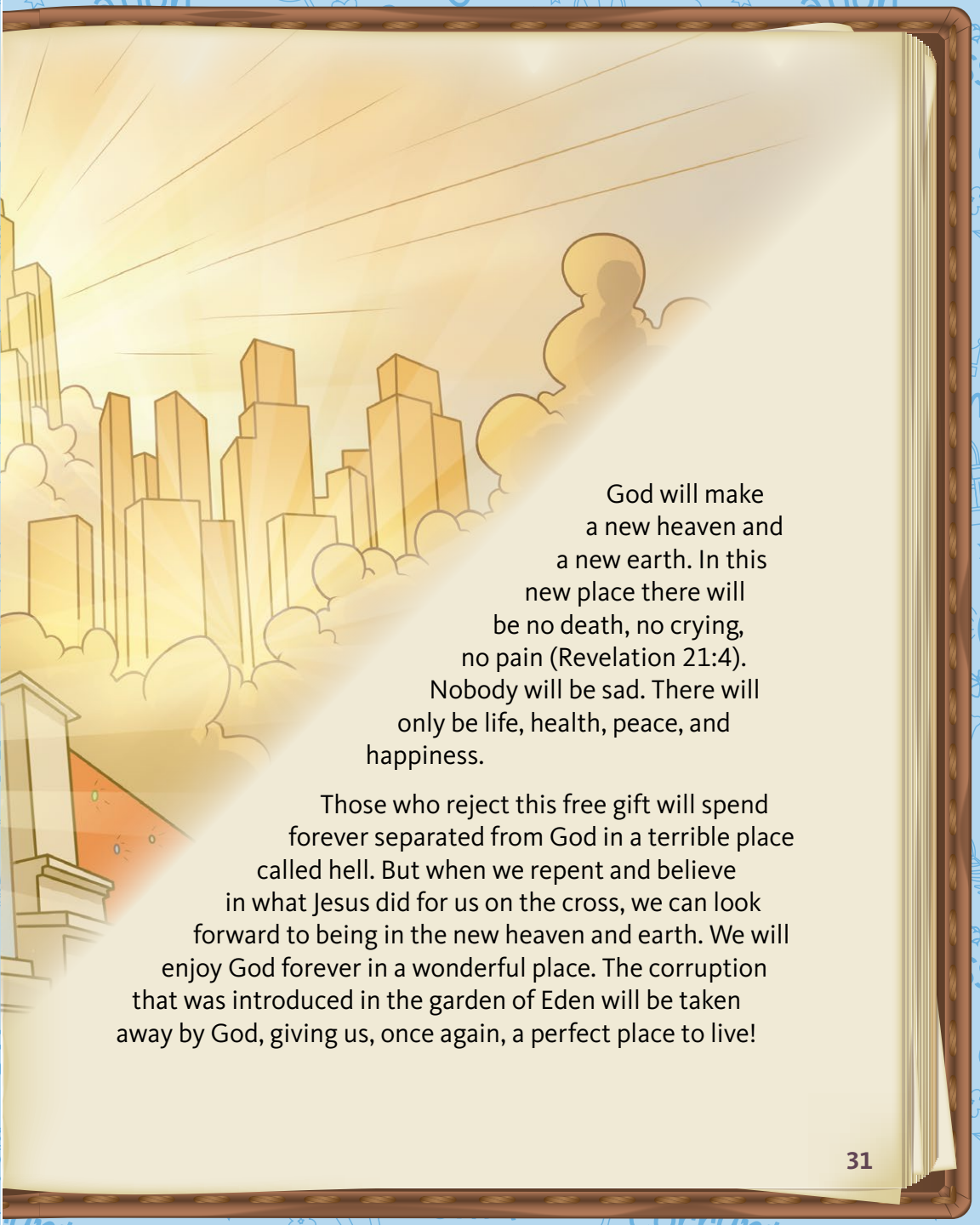
CONSUMMATION

Revelation 21–22

This last “C” on our hike through history isn’t history! It takes place in the future! *Consummation* means the fulfillment of all things. What will happen to our earth in the future?

God has promised to do away with the corruption that sin brought into the world. The curse he placed on his creation will be no more (Revelation 22:3)!

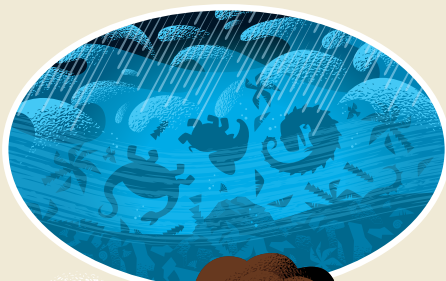


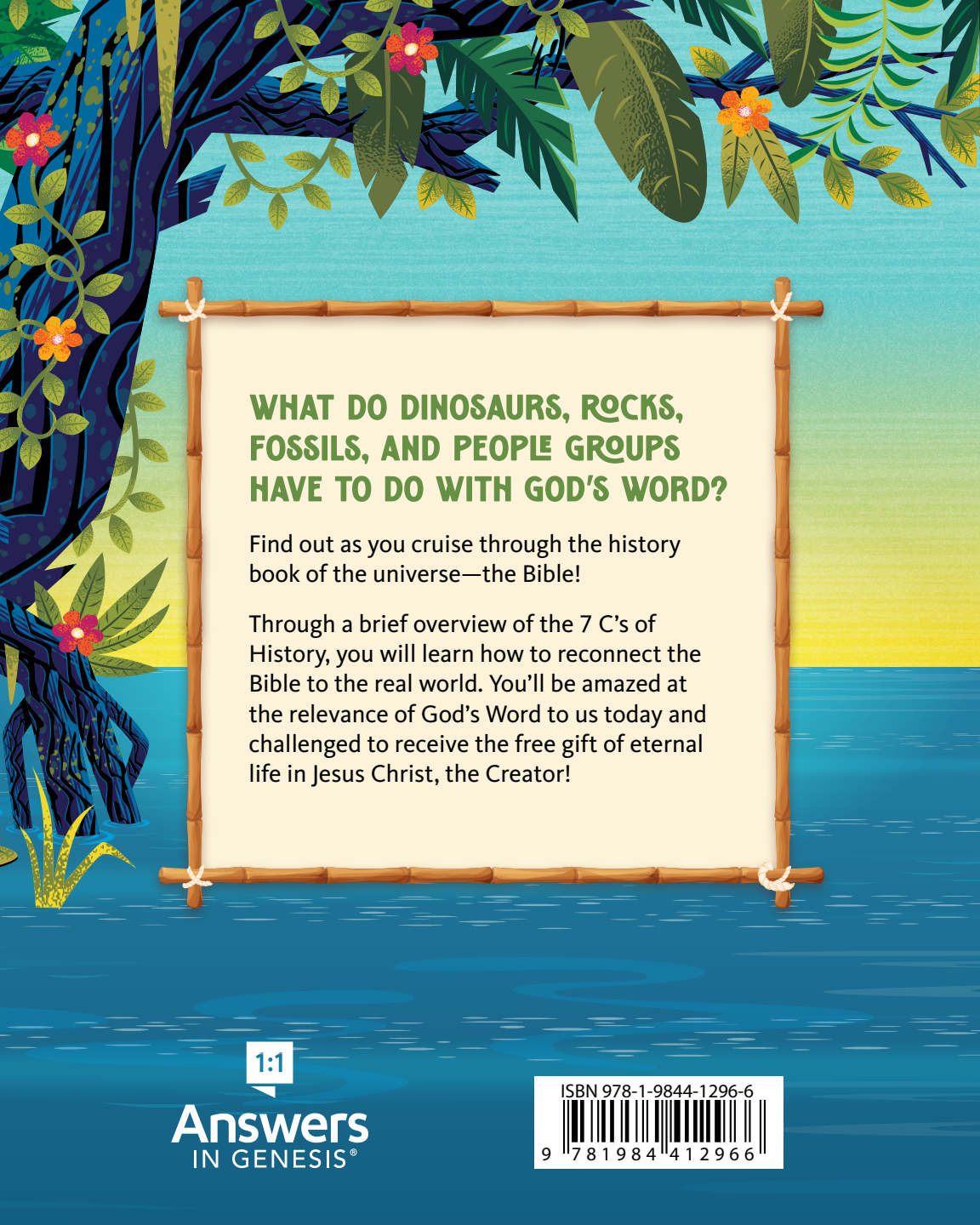


God will make
a new heaven and
a new earth. In this
new place there will
be no death, no crying,
no pain (Revelation 21:4).
Nobody will be sad. There will
only be life, health, peace, and
happiness.

Those who reject this free gift will spend
forever separated from God in a terrible place
called hell. But when we repent and believe
in what Jesus did for us on the cross, we can look
forward to being in the new heaven and earth. We will
enjoy God forever in a wonderful place. The corruption
that was introduced in the garden of Eden will be taken
away by God, giving us, once again, a perfect place to live!

The Bible gives us the true history of the universe from the beginning. It explains why our world is the way it is. We can trust the Bible to tell us the truth because it was written by God, and he always tells the truth.





WHAT DO DINOSAURS, ROCKS, FOSSILS, AND PEOPLE GROUPS HAVE TO DO WITH GOD'S WORD?

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