

Guardians of Truth Game

Teaching Explanations

1. God and Satan are equal in power. (*Error*)

Satan is an angel created by God. He doesn't know everything and can't be everywhere like God can. Only God has unlimited power.

2. The answer to the question "Which came first—the chicken or the egg?" is "the egg." (*Error*)

God made all living creatures during days five and six of creation week, including birds. He made all animals mature. So the mature birds came first, ready to lay eggs. (See article at answersingenesis.org/days-of-creation/which-came-first-the-chicken-or-the-egg)

3. Some dragons may actually be the same animals we call "dinosaurs." (*Truth*)

The depictions of dragons found in literature and art throughout the centuries are similar to the animals we know today as dinosaurs. Dragons are often described in historical terms or pictured alongside common animals, meaning that they were real creatures. (See AnswersVBS.com/keeperfaq for more information.)

4. In the Bible, we find teachings about how to protect from disease. (*Truth*)

The first five books of the Bible have instructions about waste disposal, burial precautions, food and drinking water safety, and other ways to prevent the start and spread of communicable diseases (e.g., Leviticus 11, 13,15; Numbers 19; Deuteronomy 23:12–14). Keeping God's commands and maintaining a joyful heart will bring good health (Proverbs 15:30).

5. God tells us in the Bible why we wear clothes. (*Truth*)

God made the first garments of skin for Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:21). When God created Adam and Eve, they were perfect and didn't need to wear clothes. But after Adam and Eve sinned, they made clothes of fig leaves to try to cover up what they'd done. But that wasn't good enough for God. Instead, God made them clothes from the skins of animals, shedding the blood of innocent animals in the process, to cover them. This was a picture of what Jesus would need to do on the cross in payment for our sins. The clothes we wear everyday should remind us of the gospel!

6. The Bible is full of mistakes. (*Error*)

Second Timothy 3:16 tells us all Scripture is breathed out, or inspired, by God. Since we know God is perfect and does not lie (Titus 1:2), we know his book is without mistakes. When Bible passages seem to contradict each other, it's primarily due to not understanding or interpreting them correctly. In every case of a seeming contradiction, we can know there's an explanation because God's Word never contradicts itself.

7. People are just another animal. (*Error*)

God made man in his image and established him as ruler over everything on earth (Genesis 1:26–28; Psalm 8). Although people share certain characteristics with animals, we are not animals—God made us in his image, a little lower than the angels (Psalm 8:5), which sets us apart from the animals.

8. The Bible says, "God helps those who help themselves." (*Error*)

Many people think this saying is in the Bible, but it is not. God helps the helpless, and this is most obvious when we read that Jesus died for us when we had no ability to save ourselves (Romans 5:6–8).

9. Jesus was just a good man. (*Error*)

Although Jesus lived a perfect, good life while he was on earth, he was much more than just a good man. Jesus was (and is) the Son of God and the Savior of the world. Jesus taught that he is God. Read John 10:30 and John 14:6.

10. The Bible does not tell us exactly who to vote for. (*Truth*)

The Bible doesn't name specific people to vote for. But God does give us guiding principles, such as choosing people who value life because God values life.

11. It's okay for Christians to use unpleasant language. (*Error*)

Using foul language may be popular on social media—and practically everywhere in our culture—but it isn't popular with God. God wants us to speak kindly and truthfully, without using filthy, foolish, or coarse words (Ephesians 5:3–4).

12. God wants us to show respect for the elderly. (*Truth*)

The Bible gives many examples of the wisdom of older people. Children are to learn from them and respect them (Deuteronomy 32:7). God even told the Israelites to stand out of respect in the presence of older people (Leviticus 19:32).

13. There is no proof that Jesus rose from the dead. (*Error*)

The disciples saw Jesus in person after he rose from the dead (John 20:24–26), and Jesus was seen by hundreds of people after his resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:6). They knew he is alive!

14. God doesn't care if we take care of the planet. (*Error*)

From the beginning, God gave man responsibility to take care of the earth. In Genesis 2:15, we find that God put man in the garden of Eden and told him to take care of it. Also see Psalm 8:6.

15. God says that children are a blessing. (*Truth*)

Read Psalm 127:3–5.

16. People made up the idea of marriage. *(Error)*

God established marriage to be between one man and one woman in the very beginning when he created Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:24). Jesus affirmed that marriage should be between one man and one woman in Matthew 19:4–6.

17. A good motto for my life is “look out for myself.” *(Error)*

God does not want us to be selfish, but to think of others as better than ourselves! (Philippians 2:3)

18. There is no evidence of the worldwide flood of Noah’s day described in Genesis 6–9. *(Error)*

There is a large amount of evidence supporting that the flood of Noah’s day covered the whole earth. A few examples include marine fossils on top of Mt. Everest, extensive sedimentary rock (deposited by water) on every continent, and ancient flood legends in most every culture. The most compelling evidence of all is the clear teaching of the Scriptures. (For more information, see AnswersVBS.com/keeperfaq.)

19. God knows what will happen in the future. *(Truth)*

God is outside of time, so he knows everything before it happens. He created time and is not bound by it (Isaiah 46:9–10; Micah 5:2).

20. The Bible gives us scientific information. *(Truth)*

God, the Creator of the universe, established the various scientific laws (Jeremiah 33:20–21, 25) and tells us many scientific things in his Word. For example, the “paths of the sea” from Psalm 8:8 may describe something like the Gulf Stream in the ocean. And God says the earth is round (Isaiah 40:22) and floats in space (Job 26:7).

21. The reason sad things, like sickness and death, exist today is because God is punishing us. *(Error)*

In the beginning, God said that if Adam disobeyed his command about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the punishment would be death (Genesis 2:17). Because Adam disobeyed, death is now in the world (Romans 5:12, 17). Disease and sickness are sad results of our bodies dying. But they aren’t necessarily direct punishments from God for specific sins. See, for example, the account of the man born blind given in John 9. Ultimately, God uses sickness, disease, and disability for his glory and for our good.

22. The Bible supports the idea that intelligent alien life exists in outer space. *(Error)*

In the Bible, there are references to “aliens,” meaning “a foreigner from another country.” But there are no indications that God created intelligent life other than on planet earth. Additionally, the entire universe is suffering under the curse God placed on his creation after Adam sinned (Romans 8:20–22). That would mean that extraterrestrials were suffering because of the sin of the human race. Yet, it’s clear from Scripture that God sent Jesus only to earth and only to save members of Adam’s family (humans).

There’s no room in biblical teaching for another race of intelligent beings elsewhere in the universe.

23. America is mentioned in the Bible. *(Error)*

Nowhere in the Bible is America specifically mentioned by name.

24. Someday there’s going to be a new earth, and all the sickness and sadness will be gone. *(Truth)*

Revelation 21 tells us of a time when all things will be made new, and it will be a perfect paradise again.

25. We need to be good to get to heaven. *(Error)*

We can never be good enough to get to heaven because we are all sinners and deserving of death. Any sin is enough to separate us from our holy God, who is without sin. Remember, Adam sinned just once before receiving the punishment for his sin. Getting to heaven is based on what Jesus did for us, not what we do for Jesus. Eternal life is a free gift (Ephesians 2:8–9) we can receive by admitting our sins (repenting) and trusting Jesus.

26. Many of today’s mountain ranges, such as the Rocky Mountains and the Himalayas, formed as a result of Noah’s flood. *(Truth)*

The rock layers in the Himalayas and other mountain ranges around the globe were deposited during the flood, well before these mountains were formed. Later, many of these mountain ranges were pushed up by earth movements to their present high elevations at the end of the flood. This is recorded in Psalm 104:8, where the flood waters are described as eroding and retreating down valleys as the mountains rose at the end of the flood. The account of the global flood is given in Genesis 6–9. (See AnswersVBS.com/keeperfaq for more information.)

27. The story of Jonah is not true. He could never have survived in the belly of a big fish for three days. *(Error)*

God can do any miracle he chooses. He created everything from nothing. The account of Jonah is a simple miracle by comparison. Jesus Christ considered the event to be real history (Matthew 12:40).

28. It doesn’t matter who you marry as long as you’re in love. *(Error)*

God’s intent for marriage was that one man would marry one woman and they would stay together for life (Genesis 2). Jesus affirmed that marriage was to be between one man and one woman in Matthew 19:4–6. God also tells us that he wants his children to make sure that the one person (of the opposite gender) they marry is also a child of his (2 Corinthians 6:14).

29. We should take good care of our pets. *(Truth)*

A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal (Proverbs 12:10). God told man to take care of everything on the earth (Genesis 1:26–28).

30. There is only one way to get to heaven. *(Truth)*

Read John 14:6.

31. There are many different races of people. (*Error*)

There is only one race—the human race—created by God. God created Adam and Eve in the beginning—the first two people. Every one of us is descended from them. In Acts 17:26 we find that God made us all from one blood (meaning one man). After the event at Babel (Genesis 11), family groups separated and took with them certain physical characteristics that became more prominent as time went on. The physical differences we see today in different people groups are the result of very minor genetic differences (way less than 1%). For example, we all share the same skin-coloring pigment called melanin—some people produce more of it (making their skin a darker shade) and some produce less (making their skin a lighter shade). For more information, see AnswersVBS.com/keeperfaq.

32. What we read in our school textbooks is always true. (*Error*)

We must compare everything we read, see, or hear to what God's Word teaches. Just because we see something on TV, or hear it on the radio, or read it in books or online doesn't mean it's true. For instance, there are known mistakes and fakes published in science textbooks just because they support molecules-to-man evolution. (See AnswersVBS.com/keeperfaq for more information.)

33. It's okay to be mean to someone who is different from me. (*Error*)

It is never acceptable to be mean or say mean things about anyone. God wants us to be kind to everyone (Ephesians 4:32) and to treat others as we would want to be treated (Luke 6:31). We need to defend those who are being bullied (Proverbs 31:9) and speak encouragingly to everyone (Proverbs 25:11; Hebrews 3:13). Even if someone looks different or acts or talks differently from us, we know that they were created in God's image and that God wants us to take care of his image bearers.

34. Thousands of years ago, people lived in caves. (*Truth*)

After the event at Babel (Genesis 11), as people scattered over the earth, they would have looked for places to stay wherever they could find shelter—including in caves. These people were intelligent, not animallike as they are often shown to be. Human remains have been found in many caves in Europe, often with very advanced tools and jewelry, and with advanced works of art on the cave walls. For more information, see AnswersVBS.com/keeperfaq.

35. Mother nature is in control of the weather. (*Error*)

God has created the universe and our world, and he is the one who is in control of all that happens here. He sends sunshine and rain (Matthew 5:45), he calms the winds and waves (Mark 4:35–41), and he sends snow, ice, and lightning (Job 37:10–12).

36. According to the Bible, all people were vegetarians in the beginning. (*Truth*)

In the beginning, God gave all men and animals plants for food (Genesis 1:30). After Adam sinned and God sent the flood during Noah's day, man was permitted to eat meat (Genesis 9:3).

37. Many false religions have one thing in common—they teach that Jesus isn't God. (*Truth*)

Many cults and false religions agree that Jesus was a real, historical person. Some even accept him as a prophet and a great man. But only Christianity recognizes that Jesus is God. And only true Christians believe that Jesus died to pay for their sins and rose again on the third day.

38. Dinosaurs died out from asteroids hitting the earth. (*Error*)

This is a fairy tale. Over the years, there have been many false ideas about why dinosaurs became extinct. But the Bible gives us truthful information. The book of Genesis says that on day six of creation week, God created land animals (including dinosaurs) along with Adam and Eve. Then Noah took dinosaur representatives (land-dwelling, air-breathing creatures) on the ark with him to survive the global flood. Later, Job records an encounter with an animal that sounds much like a dinosaur (Job 40). At some point, dinosaurs began to go extinct because they didn't have enough food or were hunted or because of environmental changes (all reasons that animals continue to go extinct today).

39. According to the Bible, slavery is okay. (*Error*)

The writers of the Bible accepted that slavery existed, and they provided guidance on how slaves should be treated. But the Bible writers do not approve of slavery in the form that we're familiar with. In the ancient Middle East, many times "slaves" were what we would call indentured servants—people who voluntarily hired themselves out and agreed to be "indentured" to another in order to pay off debts. God wants us to be kind to everyone and treat them as we would want to be treated (Luke 6:31).

40. Unlike Gautama Buddha (the founder of Buddhism), Mohammed (the founder of Islam), or Confucius (a Chinese philosopher), Jesus (the Son of God) rose from the dead. (*Truth*)

Men such as these who started other (false) religions were just that—men. They died and stayed dead. But Jesus is God, and after he died, he came back to life! Jesus is unique.

41. People can predict the future correctly all the time. (*Error*)

Only God is omniscient—he knows the past, present, and future—so only he can tell what will happen and make it come to pass. Long ago, God chose to reveal some of this knowledge to his prophets in the Old Testament, including over 200 specific prophecies about the coming Messiah. These were all fulfilled by Jesus Christ hundreds of years

later. For example, Micah prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), which is where Jesus was born. Today, those who claim they can predict the future do so apart from God and are false prophets.

42. Archaeologists have proven that many cities and civilizations mentioned in the Bible are not real. *(Error)*

The opposite is true—archaeological discoveries over the centuries continually confirm the historical accuracy of the Bible. See AnswersVBS.com/keeperfaq for more information.

43. Each person is fearfully and wonderfully made by God. *(Truth)*

Read Psalm 139:13–14

44. You can't know for certain if you'll go to heaven when you die. *(Error)*

Throughout God's Word, God teaches that if we repent of our sins and believe in Jesus we can know for certain that we will have eternal life with him. Read Romans 10:9 and 1 John 5:13.

45. God has created each person with a purpose. *(Truth)*

Whether you are young or old, healthy or sick, girl or boy—God loves his children and has made every person with a purpose. Our ultimate purpose is to bring glory to God through our lives (Isaiah 43:7).

46. The account of Noah's ark (Genesis 6–9) can't be true because one boat wouldn't be big enough to fit all the animal kinds. *(Error)*

The ark was huge—510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high. It could hold the equivalent of 450 semi-trailers of cargo. Calculations indicate there may have been as many as 2,000–3,000 animals from as few as 1,000 kinds.

47. It doesn't matter if we follow the laws of the government, as long as we believe in Jesus. *(Error)*

The Apostle Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, tells us to submit to the people who are in authority over us (Romans 13:1–2). Jesus said to give to Caesar what is Caesar's in Matthew 22:21, meaning that we should obey those who rule over us. However, if people in the government ask us to disobey a command of God, such as never speaking about Jesus, we must choose to obey God instead of people (Acts 4:19–20, 5:29).

48. After we die, each of us will go to either heaven or hell forever. *(Truth)*

In the beginning, God made people to live forever. Even though we all die because of sin, we will continue to live forever either in heaven or hell. According to Jesus, those who believe in him will live forever with him (John 6:40, 14:2–3).

49. The "saints" we read about in the Bible are a few holy people who performed miracles. *(Error)*

Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is considered a "saint" (Romans 1:7; Colossians 1:1–2). Although Christians still sin, God considers us "saints" because he has declared us righteous on the basis of what Jesus did for us by dying and rising from the dead.

50. You can't believe in both God and science. You have to choose one or the other. *(Error)*

God is the creator of science! He is the creator of the laws of nature we study in science—the law of gravity, laws of mathematics, laws of chemistry, law of life, etc. (Jeremiah 33:20, 25). And there are many scientists who believe in God and trust his Word, the Bible. If we hear of some "scientific" finding that seems to contradict what the Bible clearly teaches, we need to take another look at it and figure out where the scientists making the claim went wrong. God is always true, and true science always confirms his Word! For more information, see AnswersVBS.com/keeperfaq.

51. Men and apes have many physical similarities, which proves they must have evolved from a common ancestor. *(Error)*

A basketball and an orange have many physical similarities (i.e., round, orange, an outside cover), but that doesn't prove they share a common ancestor. It's true that we have many physical similarities to apes—we have two eyes, opposable thumbs, and two legs, to name just a few. These similarities show that we have a common designer—God—not a common ancestor! But the biggest difference between humans and the animals is that we were created in the image of God.

52. The books of the Bible are meant to be studied by everyone, not just a few men who interpret it for us. *(Truth)*

The Christians from Berea (mentioned in Acts 17:10–11) were praised because they examined the Scriptures carefully to see if Paul's teaching was true.

53. Jesus existed before the beginning of the world. *(Truth)*

In Colossians 1:16–17, we read that Jesus is the Creator of everything! In John 8:58, Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I am." Jesus is God, who has no beginning and no end.

54. The books of other religions are just as true as the Bible. *(Error)*

The Bible is the most accurate and the only perfect book because it was written by God who cannot lie and who knows everything. Other religious books, such as the Book of Mormon or the Koran, were written by men who don't know everything and don't always tell the truth. Many facts in these books are inconsistent with archaeological findings and other historical sources, showing that they weren't written by an all-knowing God.

55. God favors some "races" over others. *(Error)*

There is only one race—the human race, as described in Scripture (Acts 17:26). All people are descendants of Adam and Eve—we are all part of the same human family.

God values each and every member of the human race, and so should we. There should be no such thing as prejudice in Christians.

56. God doesn't want us to fill our minds with TV shows and books that promote spells, witches, and other ideas that come from the kingdom of darkness. *(Truth)*

Scripture is clear that we are not to fill our minds with such things, but instead with that which is good, honorable, right, and pure (Philippians 4:8).

57. We should take good care of our parents when they get older. *(Truth)*

We are to honor our parents all the days of our lives, including caring for them as they age (see, for example, the command in 1 Timothy 5:3-4, 8, 16 about taking care of widows).

58. "The devil made me do it" is a true statement. *(Error)*

The devil tempts Christians and tries to get them to sin, but he doesn't have the power to force them to disobey

God's commands. God is for us and he is all-powerful. As his children, we can win against sin when we ask God to help us!

59. The earth is billions of years old. *(Error)*

According to God, the only eyewitness of all history, and the account he gave us in his Word, he created the earth and the whole universe about 6,000 years ago. That's 4,000 years before Jesus came to earth as a baby. In fact, literally hundreds of dating methods could be used to attempt an estimate of the earth's age, and the vast majority of them point to a much younger earth than the 4.5 billion years claimed by secularists. (See AnswersVBS.com/keeperfaq for more information.)

60. According to God's Word, we should not let anger linger in our thoughts. *(Truth)*

Read Ephesians 4:26-27. We need to be sure to resolve any conflict we're part of as quickly as we can.