

## Creation/Evolution

### Journal

#### **Genesis 1:25-28 (NLT)**

God made all sorts of wild animals, livestock, and small animals, each able to produce offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good. The God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign (rule) over the fish in sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

### Horse Activity

What is Creation? What is Evolution?

Set up 2 obstacle courses. Each will have several poles and cones.

Course 1 will have order and a pattern will be given and explained to the rider. The rider executes the pattern as many times as necessary to ride it as correctly as possible. This course represents God's creation. There is order and a plan. There is failure and success but you are there to coach and help as God is for us.

Course 2 will have no order... Cones will be in the middle in a heap! Leader will ask the rider if they would like to see if tossing the cones would form a pattern? The rider will be asked to wait and see if the cones become a course with a pattern and directions. This course represents evolution. The world was formed by one big bang and things just began to form somehow with no order or plan.

### Optional Reading

#### **Psalms 33:4-11 (NLT)**

For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything He does. He loves whatever is just and good; the unfailing love the Lord fills the earth. The Lord merely spoke, and the heavens were created. He breathed the word, and all the stars were born. He assigned the sea its boundaries and locked the oceans in vast reservoirs. Let the whole world fear the Lord, and let everyone stand in awe of Him. For when He spoke, the world began! It appeared at His command. The Lord frustrates the plans of the nations and thwarts all their schemes. But the Lord's plans stand firm forever, His intentions can never be shaken.

#### **Romans 1:20 (NLT)**

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

### **Genesis 2:15-24 (NLT)**

The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden-except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die." Then the Lord God said, "it is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." So the Lord God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chooses a name for each one. He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. "At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'" This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

### **Psalm 139**