

# Girls Only

## Creation vs. Evolution

### Additional Project Ideas

**Go outside.** Get outside the clubroom and take the lesson outside. Give the girls plenty of time to sit outside and listen (silently) and observe what they see and hear. Allow the girls to describe what they see and hear and how these things bring glory to God. Have the girls commit to spend time outside every day. Challenge the girls to journal about what they observe as they enjoy God's creation. Talk with the girls about the importance of being silent and allowing God to speak to us.

**Take a hike.** Take the girls on a nature hike. Split the girls up into teams. Have the girls count the different trees, plants, and animals they see on their walk. Have the girls collect leaves that have fallen and compare the differences between the leaves. Let the girls talk about what they see and hear and how these things bring glory to God.

**Write a song.** Have the girls write song lyrics, a melody, or a song about how nature declares the glory of God. If you have girls who are musical in your group, have them play their songs for the club. Use Psalm 19, 50, 89, 97, 148, and Romans 1:18-20 for inspiration.

**Be entertained.** Have a movie night. Prepare popcorn and comfy places to sit. Let the girls come in their pajamas if they want to. Watch *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*. Lead the girls in a discussion about the topics discussed in the movie. If the girls would like to know more, help them research the topics and organizations mentioned in the film. Discussion starters are available at <http://www.getexpelled.com/youthleaders.php>.

**Clean up your act.** Organize a trash clean-up day. Pick up litter from a park or from the neighborhood around your church. Contact your pastor to see if any elderly individuals or single moms in the church need help with their yard work. Team up with the Stars and Girls Only Clubs at your church or with your youth group or organize a church-wide clean-up day. Talk to the girls about the importance of respecting and caring for what God created.

**Monkey business.** Let the girls choose a favorite animal to study. Have the girls prepare a short report or speech to share with the club. Talk with the girls about the differences between animals and humans and the diversity within different species of animals and how creative God is.

**Learn about it.** Take the girls to a museum or nature center. Have the girls take note of the things they learn about creation and collect samples (with permission). If you have time, send the girls on a scavenger hunt in search of things that can be found in the museum or nature center.

**Invite a guest.** Invite a guest speaker who is a Christian who also has a scientific background (teacher, researcher, scientist, or even a doctor). Have the speaker talk about the scientific method and how evolution fits into the laws of science.

## Resource Ideas

- *It's Easy Being Green: One Student's Guide to Serving God and Saving the Planet* by Emma Sleeth, Zondervan, 2008.
- *The Six-Day Creation Faith Devotional: For Teenagers to Discover Why Naked People in the Garden Really Matter* by Dan Davidson & Dave Davidson, New Leaf Press, 2002.
- *The Case for a Creator, Student Edition* by Lee Strobel, available at [www.gospelpublishing.com](http://www.gospelpublishing.com).
- *You Asked About... Life: Questions Teens Are Asking* by Tim Pauls, Concordia, 2006.

## Additional Discussion Questions

### Discovery #1

- Why is believing in creation important?
- What did you learn about God's Word that supports creation?
- How did sin come into the world? Why is it important to know this?

### Discovery #2

- Can creation and evolution both be true? Why or why not?
- What is the day-age theory? Could it be true? Why or why not?
- What is the gap theory? Could it be true? Why or why not?
- What is the theistic evolution theory? Could it be true? Why or why not?

### Discovery #3

- How does nature give evidence of God? What have you observed in nature that gives evidence of God?
- What do the woodpecker and the bombardier beetle teach us about creation? What do they teach us about God?
- What does Psalm 139:14 say about you? What does that teach us about creation? What does it teach us about God?

### Discovery #4

- Does science support evolution? Why or why not?
- What do the second law of thermodynamics and the law of biogenesis teach us about evolution? Why is this important?
- Why is evolution so widely accepted by scientists?

### Discovery #5

- Do the fossils prove evolution? Why or why not?
- What happened to the dinosaurs? What does that have to do with creation or evolution?
- What does the Lord's returning have to do with creation?

### Discovery #6

- Where did the different races come from?
- Why are there different nations? Are we all called to do the same thing?
- What is God's purpose in dealing with people?