

# Friends Club



Creation

## 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).

# Additional Discussion Questions

## Discovery #1

- How can we know the Bible is telling the truth about what happened? No one was there to watch God create, so how do we know this is true?
- Why do you think God waited to create humans?
- Why is it important that God created humans in His own image?

## Discovery #2

- Why is it so important to believe in creationism?
- Why is believing in evolution creating a problem for a Christian?
- Why is it important to believe that Scripture is "God-breathed"?

## Discovery #3

- What should you do if someone tries to teach you that evolution is a fact?
- Can evolution be disproved?
- How does the scientific method help us as Christians?

## Discovery #4

- What is divine design?
- What does the concept of divine design teach us about God?
- What does the case of the peppered moth teach us about divine design?

## Discovery #5

- How does nature give glory to God?
- Read Romans 1:20 again. Why are "men without excuse"? What does that mean?
- How do the complexities of different creatures point to divine design?

## Discovery #6

- How can we tell God had a plan when He created us?
- Why did God create humans?
- How do we know God wants to have a relationship with us?