

Dinosaurs Award

Adventurer Awards Escape Room: Dinosaur Detectives!

Objective: Earn the Adventurer Award for "Dinosaurs: Amazing Creatures of God's Creation" by completing a series of puzzles and challenges related to these fascinating prehistoric reptiles.

Requirements:

1. Make a booklet of at least 5 types of dinosaurs. Draw or find pictures and label them.
2. Read Genesis chapter 1. Find the verse(s) that say God created all the animals and every living thing. Discuss how everything God created at the beginning was perfect and there wasn't even death.
3. How has sin affected all of nature in the world?
4. Discuss how some dinosaurs seem scary. Make a list or find pictures of other animals seen today that seem scary.
5. Who is a paleontologist and what is their work?
6. Discuss and/or look at the pictures of the evidence of dinosaurs that have been found:
 - a. Bones & teeth
 - b. Fossilized skin impressions
 - c. Coprolite (dinosaur poop)
 - d. Footprints
7. What does the word "extinction" mean?
8. Why are so many creatures found buried and preserved in the fossil record? Read Genesis 7:20-23.
9. Play a game where kids act like a specific dinosaur and the other kids have to guess what kind of dinosaur they are pretending to be.

Setting: You're trapped in a museum after closing time! The only way out is to solve dinosaur-themed mysteries and unlock the exit door.

Challenges:

1. Dino Lineup:
 - Five puzzles featuring silhouettes of different dinosaurs (Triceratops, Stegosaurus, Brachiosaurus, Velociraptor, etc.).
 - Kids match the silhouettes to corresponding pictures and labels in their dinosaur booklet created beforehand.
 - Each correct match unlocks a clue related to the next challenge.
2. Biblical Beasts:
 - Kids open a treasure chest containing a Bible and a puzzle with scrambled verses from Genesis 1 about God creating animals.
 - They piece together the puzzle and read the verses aloud, discussing how everything was perfect and death-free in the beginning.
3. Sinful Shadows:
 - Shadows of scary dinosaurs are projected onto a wall.
 - Kids discuss how sin affected nature, creating both scary-looking creatures and harmful interactions.
 - They compare the dinosaur shadows to pictures of modern "scary" animals like lions, spiders, or sharks, reflecting on how appearances can be deceiving.

4. Paleo Pro:
 - A hidden message reveals the role of a paleontologist in studying dinosaurs.
 - Kids use provided props (brushes, magnifying glasses) to "excavate" hidden dinosaur pictures, discussing different types of evidence like bones, skin impressions, footprints, and even "coprolite" (dinosaur poop)!
5. Fossil Frenzy:
 - A word scramble puzzle reveals the word "extinction."
 - Kids read Genesis 7:20-23 and discuss why many creatures found in the fossil record were buried during the Flood.
 - They create a timeline of Earth's history, marking major events like creation, the Flood, and dinosaur extinction.
6. Dino Charades:
 - The final challenge! One child secretly draws a dinosaur from their booklet and acts it out without speaking.
 - Others guess the dinosaur based on its movements and sounds.
 - Once correctly guessed, everyone shouts the dinosaur's name together, unlocking the museum exit door!

Bonus Activities:

- Throughout the escape room, kids can collect fossil-shaped tokens for completing challenges. At the end, they redeem tokens for dinosaur stickers or small toys.
- Play a dino-themed board game after escaping the museum to solidify their learning.
- Encourage kids to continue their dinosaur exploration by visiting a museum, watching documentaries, or reading books.

Remember: Adjust the difficulty of the challenges and activities based on the age and knowledge level of your group. The most important thing is to foster a fun and engaging learning experience while teaching children about the wonders of dinosaurs and God's amazing creation.

This escape room adventure provides a hands-on, interactive way for children to earn their Adventurer Awards badge and develop a deeper appreciation for these fascinating prehistoric creatures.