

FAMILY FILM DEVOTIONAL GUIDE TO THE FILM

PROJECT DINOSAUR

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1 Mikey vs. Simon

Project Dinosaur involves the conflict between two science fair contestants, Mikey and Simon. Both desire very strongly to win the science fair, but both of them go about winning in different ways. Discuss the difference between them in the following areas:

Attitude

Church and God

Victory Tactics

Reflection: How does Mikey's behavior toward Simon affect his testimony as a Christian? What was your response to Mikey's behavior as you watched the film? Discuss how Amber's admonition to Mikey to behave like a Christian applies to all Christians. How have you responded to those who have acted unkindly toward you? How can you apply the principles of good Christian behavior toward the lost portrayed in the movie?

Grace mentions that her father says "it's OK to win, but what really matters is how you win." Discuss how this applies practically to Christians. What is your behavior during sports and other competitions? Discuss ways in which you can become more like Christ in these areas.

Discuss the following verses: Prov. 25:21-22; Matt. 5:44; Lk. 6:35; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; 2 Tim. 2:5-6.

BREAK IT UP

We recommend looking over the guide and watching the film as a family the first night. Then take one section of this guide for each consecutive night for your family devotions. This will be more enriching than discussing the entire guide on one evening. Remember to plan another family movie night sometime during the year to refresh your memory of what you've learned!

2 Creation vs. Evolution

Mikey learns that scientific proof requires observation. A theory is formed prior to scientific study and observation. Dr. Pilzer reminds Mikey that a theory is NOT a fact.

Discuss your understanding of this concept. Do you currently believe that God created everything in six days or that the earth is a product of evolution?

Reflection: The study of origins has many more implications than just academic importance. No view can be proven scientifically since no one was present to observe the beginning of the world. Both creation and evolution actually require faith. What you believe about this matter ultimately affects the way in which you will view the world and how you will behave. Some do not want to accept God's role in creation because they do not want to accept God's role in their life. How do you believe this to be the case?

Discuss your current understanding of the following topics addressed in the film:

Dinosaurs

Age of the Earth

Prehistoric Humans (Neanderthal Man and Java Man)

In what ways can the view of creation or evolution affect someone's life? How does your current understanding affect yours?

Discuss the following verses: Gen. 1:1-27; Job 40:15-41:34; Acts 17:24-30.

It is all right if you do not have a thorough understanding of these topics. See the "Special Features" section on the DVD for some book references so you can learn more.

3 Flesh vs. Spirit

Being a good testimony means representing Christ and His work in our lives—magnifying God’s goodness and glory to the world so that others will come to Him. A person needs to be walking in the Spirit of God in order to do this. Mikey at times demonstrates ungodliness through fleshly responses to Simon in the film. He is later reminded of the need to act Christlike.

Reflection: What does it mean to walk in the Spirit? Are you currently walking in the Spirit as you interact with others you do not get along with? Discuss ways in which you can be reminded to rely on the Spirit in your day-to-day dealings with people. How are Mikey’s friends encouraging to him? Do your friends influence you to be more like Christ so that you could be a good witness to others?

Consider the following verses: Prov. 13:20; Matt. 5:13-16; Gal. 5:16-26.

4 Boldness vs. Fear

It takes a healthy dose of courage to stand up for your beliefs. Mikey stands strong for his belief in creation when faced with the challenge of presenting a credible science experiment at his public school. Creationism, although a credible, scientific position, is ridiculed in scientific circles where evolution is primarily believed. Mikey sticks to what his teacher taught him—making conclusions based on evidence.

Reflection: How does Mikey’s faith affect you as you watch the film? Discuss other examples you have witnessed of men and women who have stood up for their beliefs despite strong ridicule. Are you able to stand up for your beliefs and convictions, even in situations when you can be strongly criticized? Ask the Lord to grant you the character and the courage to stand up for your faith at all times.

Discuss the following verses: Matt. 10:28; Eph. 3:11-13; 1 Thess. 5:21; 2 Tim. 1:7; 1 Pet. 3:13-15.

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The Stars Speak

Science and the Christian (DVD)

A Question of Origins (VHS)

Moody Science Classics: God of Creation (DVD)

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