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AFTER THEIR KINDS

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“Mary, will you please read Genesis 1, verses 11 and 12, for us?” asked Mr. Jones during a family devotion time.

“And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.” And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.” Mary read.

“Thank you Mary. Now, does anyone know what it means by ‘after his kind’?”

“It means to be good to someone after they are good to you!” declared Billy.

“Well, the word kind can certainly mean to be good unto others,” smiled Mr. Jones, “but, in these verses, it means

something else. Here, it means a natural group or division of plants.”

“What do you mean, Dad?” Mary asked.

“What do you notice about Buddy and Patches?”

“Patches is my mother cat,” said Mary.

“Yeah, and Buddy is a dog!” stated Bobby.

“Yes, and notice that they are very different from each other. Buddy is a dog kind, and Patches is a cat kind. In the Creation account in Genesis 1, we read again and again that God created both animals and plants to reproduce ‘after his kind’. In verses 11 and 12, ‘after his kind’ is repeated three times,” said Mr. Jones.

“Whenever God repeats something, He is usually trying to make a point. Here God is pointing out the truth that all living things make other living things just like themselves.”

“What does re ... re ... ‘re-pooching’ mean, Dad?” asked Billy.

“That word is ‘reproduce’, Billy,” laughed Mr. Jones. “With animals and man, reproduce means to make babies like themselves. Plants use seeds and other methods to make baby plants.”

“Dad, why are Patches’ baby kitties so different from each other?” asked Mary.

“Well, Mary, God created the genetic information to make the different kinds of living things. When parents get together, their genetic information is sometimes

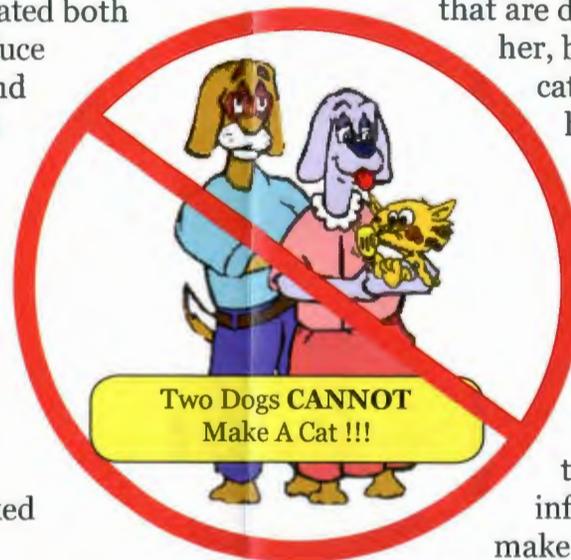
shuffled around or even lost. This mixing of information makes an offspring (baby) that might be slightly different than the parents. However, there is a limit to these variations.”

“What do you mean by limit, Dad?” Mary inquired.

“There seems to be an invisible fence that neither animals nor plants can ever cross to change into another kind. For example Patches had kittens that are different than

her, but they are still cats. She did not have baby dogs or monkeys or mice. And notice that there are no blue kittens. The only way to get a blue cat would be for existing cats to have the right information to make blue fur. No new information is made.”

“Evolution has never been able to scientifically show how one kind of creature could change into a completely different kind.” continued Mr. Jones. “I think that all living things today are variations in the original kinds of creatures and plants that God created on days five and six of Creation. These variations show how wonderfully creative our God is.”



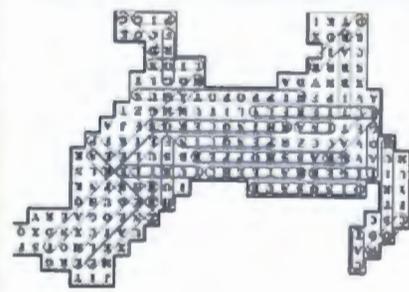


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WORD LIST

- BEETLE
- BIRD
- CAT
- CHEETAH
- COW
- DINOSAUR
- DOG
- ELEPHANT
- GOAT
- GRASSHOPPER
- HAMSTER
- HIPPOPOTAMUS
- HORSE
- PENQUIN
- PIG
- RHINOCEROS
- SHEEP
- TIGER

- ZEBRA
- TURTLE
- SNAKE
- RABBIT
- OSTRICH
- LION
- FROG
- BUTTERFLY
- BEAR
- ANT



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