Beth put down her science book. She had just finished her reading assignment on evolution and was very confused! The book said that evolution was pretty much a proven scientific fact; yet, earlier this year they had learned that true science had to be observable, repeatable and demonstrable. At the beginning of the year each student had to think up an idea or theory and try to prove it scientifically. Beth had decided to try taking all the dog food away from her dog Ruff and feeding him nothing but cat food, to see if he might evolve into a cat. Weeks and weeks of feeding him cat food hadn't made any changes in her dog Ruff. Even though her scientific experiment hadn't turned out too well, she had received a good grade because, she had learned that a theory was just an idea and not a proven scientific fact. She had also learned later in her science book that even scientific facts can sometimes be wrong—like when everyone thought the world was flat because it looked flat.

Now Beth was even more confused than ever! How could anyone prove scientifically where life came from? There was no one there to observe it happen in the beginning and evolution sure didn't seem to be happening today because Ruff still looked like a dog. She decided to go ask her Mother what she thought.

She found her Mom in the living room working on her Sunday School lesson. "Mom why do you think scientists say that evolution is a scientific fact?" asked Beth.

"It isn't," said her Mother! Then she went on to explain that evolution is just an idea and not all scientists believe in evolution. Many believe in Creation, the idea that God made everything. She showed Beth what God had to say about creation in the Bible. Her Mother said, "God was there when He made everything, but no one else was able to watch Him do it, so Creation cannot be proven scientifically either."

"Then how do I know which idea to believe," asked Beth?

"Well," said her Mother, "We do not believe in Creation just because it is more likely scientifically. We believe in creation because we believe in God and because we trust what God has revealed to us in the Bible."

Beth was glad that her dog hadn't changed into a cat. She liked Ruff and she was really glad that God had made him to be a DOG!

Think About It!

What could you say to a teacher who says that the Theory of Evolution is a fact?

WHAT IS SCIENCE?

In almost every issue of Kids Think and Believe Too, we will be talking about some form of science. So what is Science? The dictionary says that science is "Knowledge gained by observation." In other words we watch or see something (observation) and we learn something (knowledge). People who study or observe things around us are called scientists. It is through science that we have learned how many things work or behave. Scientists have been able to use the things they learn to make all kinds of stuff that make our life easier. Think how hard it would be to live without electricity! No radio, no electric lights, no computers, no handy kitchen appliances, no television, nor anything else that needs electricity to run. It was through science that electricity was discovered. Think about when we get sick; where did all the medicine come from that makes you feel better and get well? That's right,
through science. Science has shown us so many wonderful things about our world. Can you think of other ways science has made your life easier? God gave us the ability to think and reason scientifically. Science is a real gift from God when it is used properly and to God's glory.

What do you call a bull that sleeps a lot?
* A bulldozer

**ASK EUGENE**

Hi everybody!!! Well, the letters are starting to roll in, and it seems you like Kid's Think and Believe Too! Keep writing with questions, suggestions, jokes, and pictures. Here was my first letter!

**Dear Eugene, How do you know that the dinosaurs lived less than millions of years ago? I also wanted to tell you that I am saved now and I was baptized yesterday. Love, Heather (age 7, Carthage, Mo.)**

Dear Heather, I know you! I met you at camp Red Cloud, and came to stay with you in Missouri! I am so happy that you asked the Lord Jesus into your heart and got baptized. The angels in heaven are rejoicing and so am I! Now about those dinosaurs; in the Bible it says that all land animals were created on day 6 of creation. Dinosaurs walked on the land, so they are land animals! Man was also created on day 6. Evolutionist tell us that all the dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago. But the Bible tells us that there was no death in the world until Adam and Eve sinned. So how could dinosaurs lived and died millions of years before sin? I also believe the earth is young, maybe only 6,000 to 10,000 years old, not billions of years! I'll talk about ages in some other issue.

Love ya back, Eugene.

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What does an elephant do when he hurts his toe?
* He calls a tow truck!

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**BRAIN SCRAMBLER**

**UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS BELOW TO MAKES WORDS USED IN THIS ISSUE**

1. **LEBBI** — God's Word
2. **VERSBOE** — Watch it
3. **NIECECS** — Learn by seeing
4. **ROEHYT** — Just an idea

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Across:
3. We walk by ______, not by sight (2 Cor 5:7)
5. Idea that God made everything
7. A very slow reptile
8. A scientist uses ______ to test his theory
9. God made all the ______ animals on day 6
12. Big animals created on day 6
11. Dogs were created to be ______, not cats!
13. When we watch or see something
14. The only one who was there when the universe began
15. An animal with a long neck

Down:
1. Knowledge gained by observation
2. The word of God
4. An idea that should fit the facts if it is true
6. Send him your questions and ideas!
8. Idea that one animal becomes something else
10. Big animals created on day 6
14. The only one who was there when the universe began
12. A big number

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