

Question: *Were people different before the Flood than they are today?*


Olivia K.

Age 11 — Australia



Answer:

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. . . . "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech" (Genesis 11:1, 7).



All people are of one race (descended from Adam), created in the image of God. But Olivia, I'm sure you see unique differences in people, even in your neighborhood. The Bible tells us what happened between Noah and today that caused such differences in people to arise. After the Flood, the people became prideful in their own efforts and disobeyed God's command to spread out over the earth. They built the Tower of Babel to worship the heavens instead of worshipping God.

So God confused their language — resulting in different language groups being formed. They could no longer understand one another. This caused them to move away from each other. And as the various groups became more and more separated, minor differences in groups arose as a result of the differing combinations of human genes. So, yes, I believe the people were probably a bit different back before the Flood because they spoke the same language and looked more similar than humans do today — but we are still humans belonging to one race.

Genesis 11:1–9





Question: *Did Noah take dinosaurs on the ark?*

Joy B.

Age 10 — Michigan, USA



Answer:

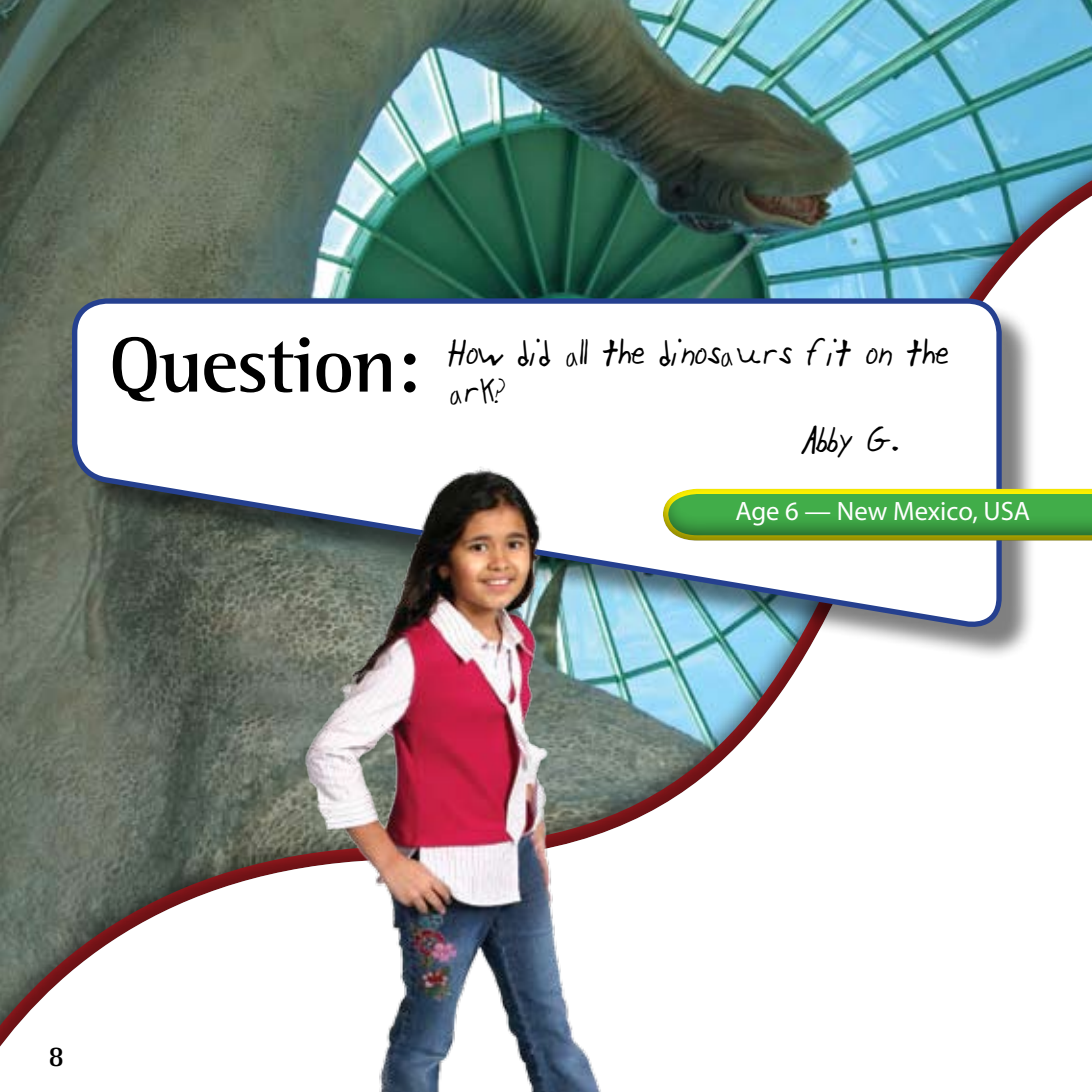
And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female (Genesis 6:19).

Can you even imagine it? Dinosaurs on the ark? It is so very cool to think about. And we can be *sure* they were there because the Bible tells us that every kind of air-breathing, land-dwelling animal went aboard. Now, Noah did not know of the word dinosaur back then. In fact, that word was made up in 1841 to describe land animals found that had very unique bone structures, uncommon to other animals. Dinosaur literally means “Terrible Lizard.”

But we do know what God tells us — that *all* the kinds of land animals were on the ark. Well, that just *had* to include the dinosaur kinds, too!

Genesis 6:19–20, 7:14



A young girl with long dark hair, wearing a red vest over a white shirt and blue jeans, stands in front of a large dinosaur exhibit. The dinosaur's head and neck are visible, reaching down from a high, arched glass and metal ceiling. The scene is set in a museum or zoo.

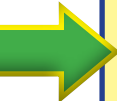
Question: *How did all the dinosaurs fit on the ark?*

Abby G.

Age 6 — New Mexico, USA

Answer:

And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits (Genesis 6:15).



Abby, your question is often asked by people a lot older than six! First of all, God told Noah how big to make the ark (see our verse). You might ask, what is a cubit? I believe the cubit that was used was about 20 inches long . . . and that would make the ark as long as one and a half football fields — about 510 feet (155 meters) — as tall as a 4-story building — about 45 feet (14 meters) — and about 85 feet (23 meters) wide! It was really big! Now another thing is that although there are hundreds of names of dinosaurs, there were probably only about 50 actual kinds. So, there may have only been a total of 100 dinosaurs on the ark. That still seems like a lot, doesn't it?

But, did you know that most dinosaurs were actually quite small? In fact, the average size of a dinosaur is the size of a sheep. (Some were as small as chickens!) And for the few dinosaurs that grew large, it would make sense that God would send smaller young adults. You know, after looking at all of these facts, I think there was plenty of room on the ark for the dinosaurs and all the other animals God sent to survive the Flood.

Genesis 1:25, 7:14



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