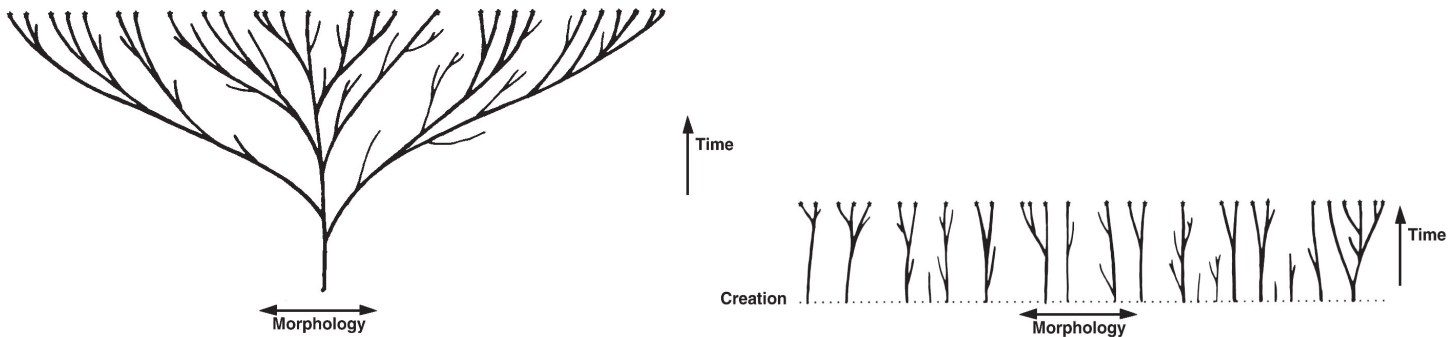


Kinds of Critters

On the fifth and sixth days of the Creation Week, God created many different kinds of animals. On Day Five, all of the flying and sea creatures were created to fill the waters and the sky according to their kinds. On Day Six, all of the land-dwelling creatures were created according to their kinds to multiply and fill the earth.



Rather than an evolutionary “tree” of life where all organisms on the earth share a common ancestor, the biblical explanation would be more like an “orchard” of life. Each of the distinct kinds of creatures that God made began with an amazing amount of variety programmed into them. From there, these characteristics were expressed in different individuals as they multiplied and filled the earth—each according to its kind.

This activity includes two parts. First, you can do a little exercise to think about some of the interesting creatures God created. Then, you can look at some of the animals we see today and organize them into created kinds.

FIVE OR SIX?

For each of the creatures listed below, think about the categories from Genesis 1:20–28 and decide on which day of the Creation Week they were created. Write 5 or 6 on the line next to each.

_____ Bats

_____ Hummingbirds

_____ Tyrannosaurs

_____ Tuna

_____ Dogs

_____ Lizards

_____ Platypus

_____ Cows

_____ Crows

_____ Camels

_____ Alligators

_____ Seals

_____ Butterflies

_____ Deer

_____ Whales

_____ Lobster

_____ Pterodactyls

_____ Plesiosaurs

CREATED KINDS

Use the list below and organize the creatures into created kinds based on what you know about these animals.

Wolf, Leopard, Camel, Coyote, Llama, Tiger, Cougar, Jackal, Bobcat, Alpaca, Lion, Black Lab, Housecat