

Real World Skit

Mad Scientist

Cast: Haley, Zach, James

Props: Bowl, mixing spoon, rocks, craft store feathers, fake leaves, fake fur, cup of water

Zach is sitting at a table or on the floor, examining his props. James and Haley enter.

HALEY: Hi, Zach. Whatcha doin'?

ZACH: I'm being a mad scientist. Or, at least, I'm trying to be.

JAMES: What do you mean?

ZACH: Well, I've tried this experiment many times, but it never works out. First, I put in a rock, then some feathers, leaves, fur *Zach puts everything except the water into the bowl.*

HALEY: And what are you supposed to get?

ZACH: Well, according to my teacher at school, the whole universe started with a big bang 4.5 billion years ago. Everything just sort of happened. The sun, moon, and stars just kind of formed from something. Then plants and animals appeared, and then finally people started to live. So, I thought that if I put things together in a bowl and waited long enough, they might form a bird or a squirrel or a flower or something.

JAMES: Hmm. Does that make sense to you?

ZACH: Well, actually, as I look at this mess, it really doesn't. But that's what my teacher said!

HALEY: And did your teacher say that animals turned into other animals over time, and that people evolved from monkeys?

ZACH: Of course. My teacher says it's a proven scientific fact.

HALEY: Did you ever think that maybe your teacher is wrong?

ZACH: No. He's a pretty smart guy. And speaking of smart, I think I've figured out what I really need to do to make this work. Watch this! If I just add some water, I will have—*Zach pours in the water and mixes everything with the spoon.*

HALEY: —a big mess?

ZACH: *Zach holds up a soggy feather and the soggy fur and examines them.* I can't believe it didn't work . . . again.

JAMES: Don't you see? It's never going to work, because that's not how everything came to be. The universe didn't just start with a big bang, and plants and animals and people didn't evolve over millions of years from some sort of pond scum.

ZACH: Primordial soup. That's what my teacher calls it.

HALEY: Let's say for a minute, that there was a primordial soup, with all the chemicals needed for life. Who made the chemicals?

ZACH: Well, I guess they just appeared.

JAMES: Really? Does that make sense?

ZACH: Well, no.

HALEY: And let's just say that the chemicals did just appear. How would the chemicals know how to arrange themselves into plants and animals?

ZACH: Well, my teacher said that, given enough time, it could happen. Maybe I haven't waited long enough for my experiment to work.

JAMES: Look at your bowl there, Zach. Do you think that, given enough time, those wet leaves and feathers and fur will just magically turn into plants and birds and animals?

HALEY: And what about people? What are you going to throw into that bowl to try to make people?

ZACH: Ummm . . . I don't know . . . maybe some toenail clippings?

JAMES and HALEY: Eeeeew!

ZACH: I guess evolution is kind of crazy, isn't it?

HALEY: Everything needs someone to create it. And that's how our world came to be. God made everything in just six days 6,000 years ago. Evolution over millions of years just isn't true. And the really cool thing is that He made people the most special part of His creation. He made us in His image, separate from the animals and capable of having a relationship with Him.

ZACH: How do you know all this?

JAMES: The Bible gives us all kinds of details about it. You can find out what days God made the earth and fish and birds, or how He made people, and so on.

ZACH: The Bible will tell me all that?

HALEY: And lots more! The Bible even describes dinosaurs.

ZACH: Dinosaurs? Really?

JAMES: Really.

ZACH: Wow. I had no idea. I'm going to go home and read about creation in the Bible! *He gets up to leave.*

HALEY: Hold on a second!

ZACH: What?

HALEY: The Bible also says that we're supposed to take care of God's creation. So, you have a little cleaning up to do.

ZACH: Oh, yeah. *He picks up the bowl and spoon and all three exit.*