



Funtastic Family Home Evenings  
*Easy to Prepare! Fun to Share!*



## CREATION OR ACCIDENT?

(Ages ~11 and older)

### PURPOSE

To help family members better understand that this world was created by God and not by chance

### MATERIALS

- A beautiful object (a vase, a small figurine, etc.)

### LESSON IDEAS

1. Explain to your family that last summer you went hiking and found a beautiful object lying on the ground.
  - a. Tell them you showed the object to your friends and they decided that the object was formed as a result of some volcanic eruption and then shaped by millions of years of rain, wind and ice.
2. Tell your family that you brought the object with you and you would like their opinion of how they think it came into existence.
  - a. Hold up the object (e.g. vase, figurine) and show the listeners.
  - b. Ask them if you should believe what your friends told you about how it was formed. Why or why not?
3. Family members will probably protest the conclusion of your friends, saying that something so perfectly formed could not have been from an accidental creation.
4. Help family members understand that as this simple object testifies that someone must have created it, so the wonders of the earth and heavens powerfully testify of a Creator.
5. You may find it helpful to share the following quote:
  - a. “When a load of bricks, dumped on a corner lot, can arrange themselves into a house; when a handful of springs and screws and wheels, emptied on a desk, can gather themselves into a watch, then and not until then will it seem sensible, to some of us at least, to believe that all these thousands or millions of worlds could have been created, balanced and set to revolving in their separate orbits -- all without any directing intelligence at all.” – Bruce Barton (American congressman, 1886 – 1967).
6. Watch one or more of the following videos and invite family members to ponder whether the earth, its beauty and complexity, could have come about by chance or accident.
  - a. [I Believe](#)
  - b. [The Watchmaker](#)

### ACTIVITY IDEAS

1. Go to [www.FunFamilyCrafts.com](http://www.FunFamilyCrafts.com) and select a craft project appropriate to the age of your children.
2. Remind them that just as this craft needs a ‘creator’ so did the earth and heavens need a Creator.