



CREATION OR ACCIDENT?

PURPOSE

To illustrate that all things bear witness of a creation and of a Creator.

MATERIALS

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



LESSON IDEAS

1. Explain to the listeners that last summer you went hiking with some friends and found a beautiful object lying on the ground.
2. 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.
3. Tell your listeners 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 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?
4. Your listeners will probably protest the conclusion of your friends, saying that something so perfectly shaped and formed could not have been the result of an accidental creation.
5. Help the listeners understand that even as this simple object testifies that someone must have created it, so the wonders of the earth and heavens powerfully testify of a Creator.
6. You may want to share the following scripture and quote:
 - a. “But Alma said unto him: Thou hast had signs enough; will ye tempt your God? Will ye say, Show unto me a sign, when ye have the testimony of all these thy brethren, and also all the holy prophets? The scriptures are laid before thee, yea, and all things denote there is a God; yea, even the earth, and all things that are upon the face of it, yea, and its motion, yea, and also all the planets which move in their regular form do witness that there is a Supreme Creator” (Alma 30:44).
 - b. “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)