

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

2nd Grade Science

History of Nature

- Explaining that God created a perfect world in six days; affirming that the Flood drastically changed earth's surface and produced the fossil record
- Evaluating the claim that the universe originated in the big bang
- Proposing ways to think biblically about the big changes that are evident on the earth's surface; explaining the appearance of change in nature in light of the Bible rather than evolution

Order in Nature

- Affirming that God made the different parts of nature to work together
- Evaluating the claim that the order we observe has developed slowly over time, without God
- Defending the idea that God made the world so that its parts work together beautifully; attributing the problems we see in nature to the Fall and sin

Importance of People

- Affirming that people are the most important part of creation
- Evaluating the claim that animals and people have a common ancestor
- Distinguishing characteristics that people share with animals from characteristics that are unique to people; attributing common characteristics between people and animals to a common Creator

Purpose of Science

- Defining science as the study of God's world; identifying the Creation Mandate as a key justification for science
- Evaluating the claim that science gives final answers
- Affirming the absolute authority of the Bible; defending the use of science for fulfilling the Creation Mandate

