

JOURNEY

ADVOCATES

PARENT GUIDE

LESSON 3.4: DESIGNER

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 19:1-6

SUMMARY:

Psalm 19 explains how nature speaks to us about God. If something is designed specifically, the best explanation is that there is a designer. This week students looked at the complexity and specificity of God's design. One way of recognizing design is by something called irreducible complexity. Many natural things exhibit irreducible complexity. We looked at one example, the bacterial flagellum, a motor-like piece of biological machinery consisting of many different parts.

The bacterial flagellum is comprised of 40 parts, making it an intricate and complex system.

The bacterial flagellum shows all the signs of having been designed, and this is just one tiny piece of biological machinery. Our bodies are composed of various intricate systems, like the nervous system and respiratory system. So while creation brilliantly proclaims the glory of God, to see the greatest example of God's design just look in the mirror!

CORE VERSES

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge.

Psalm 19:1-2

CORE CONCEPTS

The complex patterns of the universe are best explained as the work of an intelligent designer.

DESIGN:

The intentional plan or purpose behind a creation

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- Where is your favorite place to see God's creation?
- What have you learned about God by just looking at His creation?
- How would understanding and believing in intelligent design cause you to think and act differently toward creation?
- Describe your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?