Living Fossils: Proof of God's Design

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Vocabulary Words: Match the definition to each word.

1. A fossil is a plant or animal that looks the same today as it does in ancient fossils.
2. Fossils are the preserved remains or impressions of living things in rocks.
3. Some people believe living fossils are evidence of God's design.
4. Coral and ferns are examples of living fossils that have not changed much over time.
5. Scientists use fossils to compare ancient life with life today.

Word Bank: design, fossil, ancient, ferns, remains

Multiple Choice: Choose the correct answer from the choices for each question.

1. What is a fossil?
   a) A living animal
   b) A rock made by people
   c) The preserved remains or impression of a living thing
   d) A type of plant

2. Why are living fossils interesting to scientists?
   a) They are always bigger than modern animals.
   b) They show little or no change from ancient forms.
   c) They are found only in water.
   d) They always have fur.

3. Which of the following is an example of a living fossil?
   a) Dog
   b) Coral
   c) Parrot
   d) Elephant

4. What do some people believe living fossils prove?
   a) That plants can talk
   b) That all animals are extinct
   c) That some creatures were designed & have not changed.
   d) That rocks turn into animals

Discussion & Reflection: Answer the following questions in complete sentences

1. Why do you think scientists compare fossils with living animals and plants?

Scientists compare fossils with living animals and plants to see how life has changed or stayed the same over time.

2. How might someone use living fossils as evidence for their God's design?

Someone might use living fossils to say that some creatures have not changed much, which supports their belief that life was specially created.

4. Describe one example of a living fossil and explain what makes it special.

An example of a living fossil is coral. It is special because ancient fossil corals look almost identical to the corals found in the ocean today.

5. This shows me that God is (Circle the word):

Wise Powerful Caring Creative All of the above

Explain your choice:

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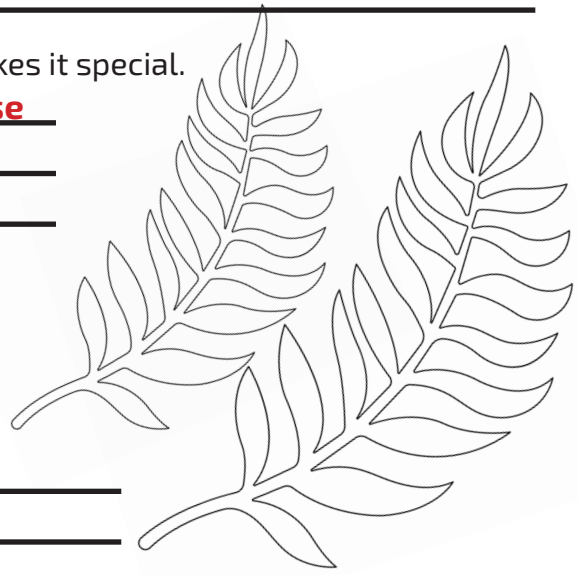
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