

(This information may be shared with any prospective Celebration families, along with the rest of the Celebration package.)

The next Creation Celebration is soon approaching. It is an initiative designed to be a catalyst for families to teach truth regarding origins to their children and youth. The source of that truth is found throughout the books of the Bible, and especially in the first 11 chapters of Genesis.

Beliefs about where we came from are foundational to our beliefs about why we are here (and how we should conduct ourselves), as well as where we are going when this brief life is over. Those in our care need to internalize a Biblical belief system, if they are going to behave differently than the people of this fallen world. This is not achieved by living in a home with Christian parents, or simply hoping they will pick it up at church. As Deuteronomy 6 teaches, it is a continuous process, necessitating a family plan.

The Creation Celebration offers:

1. A yearly event at which families can demonstrate and display some of what they have taught throughout the past year at home.
2. Rewards such as medals, vouchers, and prizes as incentives and encouragement for doing hard things.
3. Fellowship, encouragement and positive peer pressure from other likeminded people.
4. An opportunity to peruse a large display of available Biblical and scientific resources.
5. A non-competitive forum for public speaking and musical performance before a supportive audience.

While there are many positive activities and aspects, the heart of the Celebration centers around **memorizing scripture**, which is learned in the context of **family**. We live in perilous times, as described in 2 Timothy 3. Where are children learning sound doctrine? How much actual scripture do they know? What truths do they know, so they will be able to recognize error? What will they have to rely on when they have to make difficult decisions? What will hold them steady during the uncertain years ahead?

Do consider joining us for our next Creation Celebration, if you can. There is still time to prepare something so that your family can participate too! If you are new, look through our extensive list of passages and choose (with the child) a reasonable number of verses. (Each person recites only one of their passages publically at the Celebration, even if they have learned more. Additional passages are recited privately to certain individuals at the Celebration). Try preparing for at least one quiz, by making up questions and using them with your family at home, after teaching the information. Quizzers are divided according to age. Please only enter quizzes for which you have actually prepared. (You may enter as many as you prepare for.) We look forward to welcoming new families!