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BEST EVIDENCE FOR CREATION

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Dedication

I want to dedicate this book to some dear friends who have had a major impact on my life.

First, of course, is Jesus Christ! Without Him there is nothing. The gift of salvation He gave me so many years ago is totally underserved. I pray that my life reflects well on His Word.

Second, my family! After salvation, you are the best gift that I've been given. The characters in this story are based on my children, Alisa and Dennis (aka Denny). My dear wife Masami is so important. Without her I'd be a mess. She keeps me humble! Thank you, Masami, for your patience and love throughout more than 25 years of marriage! I love you.

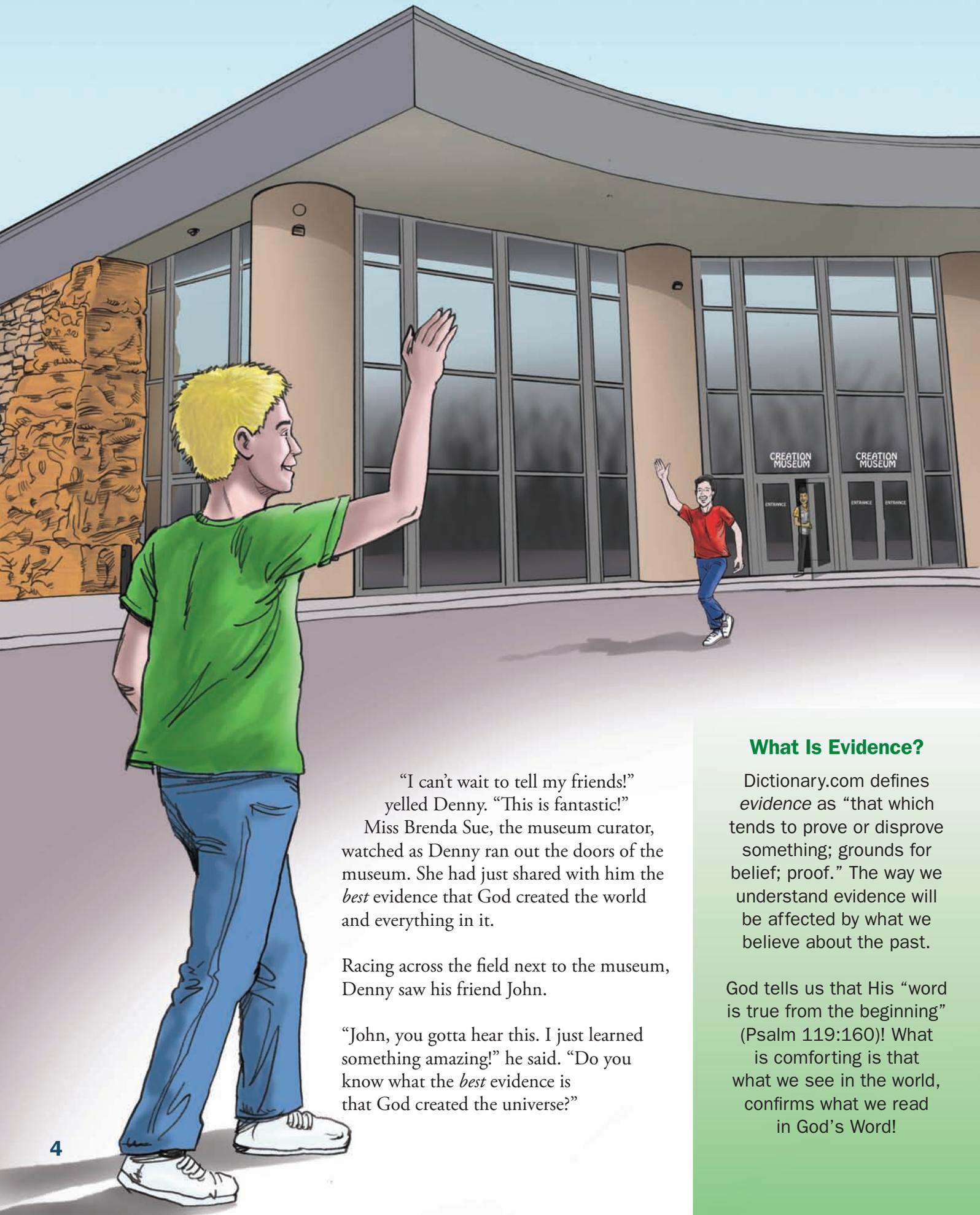
Ken Ham, for taking a chance on the son of a professional wrestler and air traffic controller. Not huge credentials to be involved in ministry! Thank you for looking beyond the exterior and allowing me to work with you these many years.

Miss Brenda Sue comes from two ladies names combined. (And I mean ladies. In our world today we don't have enough of them.) These two families have been an example to me on how to deal with tough times biblically! Thank you Rockwell's and Boone's for your godly example.

Dr. Jason Lisle and Dr. David Menton, who have the rare gift of being extremely intelligent, yet able to communicate to even the sons of wrestlers! Thank you both for sharing your wisdom. It is a privilege to work with you.

Last, but not least, Dr. John, (John in the story!). Thank you, sir, for your example and dedication, especially to prayer. I'll never forget watching you work with your patients. We need many more examples in our culture today of Christians sharing their faith in the marketplace. May God richly bless your service to Him.





“I can’t wait to tell my friends!” yelled Denny. “This is fantastic!”

Miss Brenda Sue, the museum curator, watched as Denny ran out the doors of the museum. She had just shared with him the *best* evidence that God created the world and everything in it.

Racing across the field next to the museum, Denny saw his friend John.

“John, you gotta hear this. I just learned something amazing!” he said. “Do you know what the *best* evidence is that God created the universe?”

What Is Evidence?

Dictionary.com defines *evidence* as “that which tends to prove or disprove something; grounds for belief; proof.” The way we understand evidence will be affected by what we believe about the past.

God tells us that His “word is true from the beginning” (Psalm 119:160)! What is comforting is that what we see in the world, confirms what we read in God’s Word!

“Hey, Denny,” said John. “I think I know what the best evidence is! Just last night I was watching TV and saw an amazing show about giraffes. Did you know some giraffes have a heart that weighs almost 25 pounds and is two-and-a-half feet long?”

Denny was surprised. “No way! Why would their hearts be so big?”

“Because the dad giraffes can be almost 18 feet tall!” said John. “They need a big heart to pump the blood that high into the air. But a big heart isn’t the only thing that makes them special. They also have one-way valves in the arteries going from their hearts to their brain!”

“One way valves? What’re they for?” asked Denny.

“Well, if they didn’t have them, there wouldn’t be any giraffes!”

“Why’s that?” asked Denny.

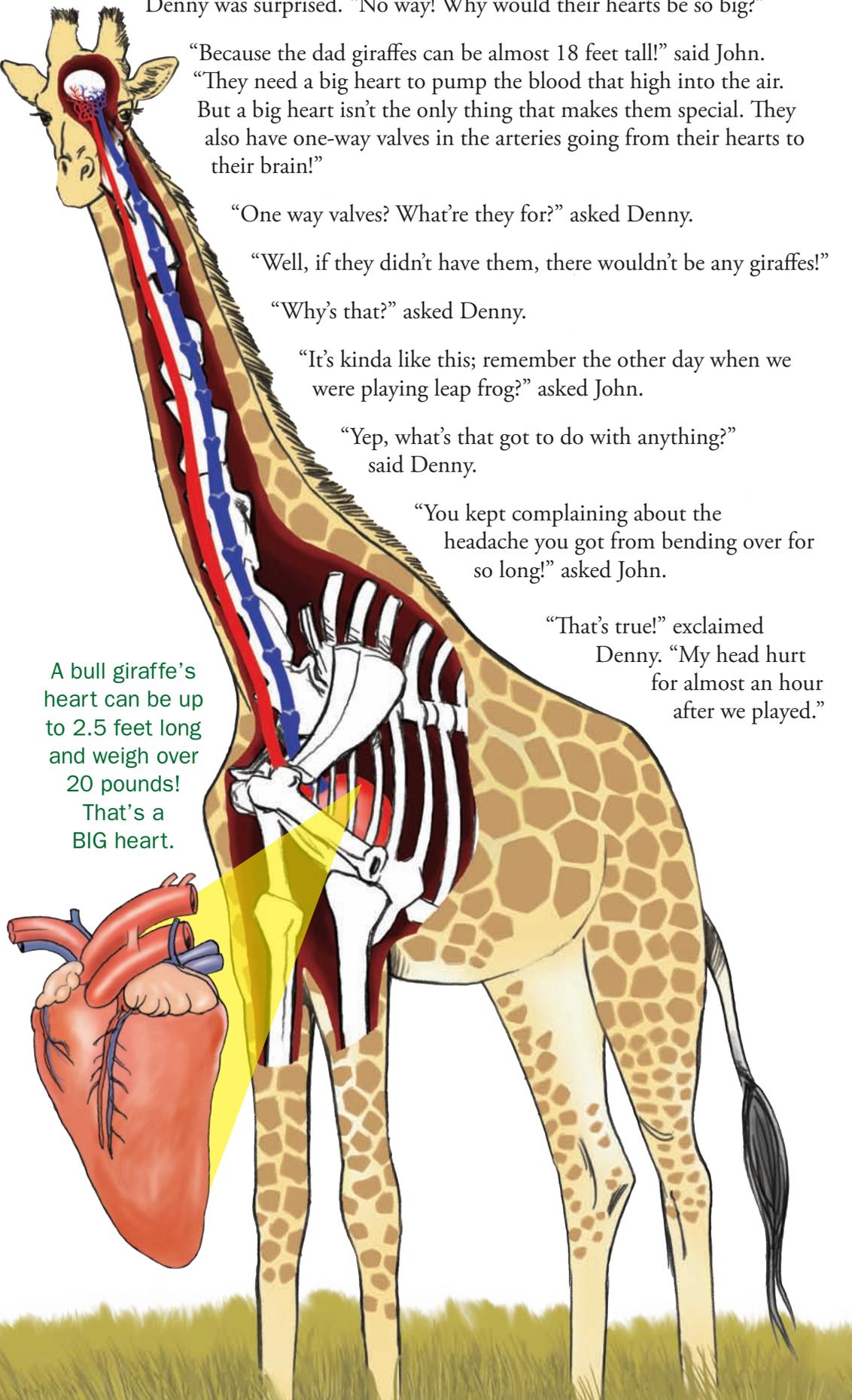
“It’s kinda like this; remember the other day when we were playing leap frog?” asked John.

“Yep, what’s that got to do with anything?” said Denny.

“You kept complaining about the headache you got from bending over for so long!” asked John.

“That’s true!” exclaimed Denny. “My head hurt for almost an hour after we played.”

A bull giraffe’s heart can be up to 2.5 feet long and weigh over 20 pounds! That’s a BIG heart.



The Amazing Giraffe!

- The skin of a giraffe is very tight, which helps force the blood out of the lower body back up to the heart. Without this skin, along with very small blood vessels in their lower bodies, the blood would stay in their legs causing them to swell!

- Giraffes have 32 teeth, just like most humans!

- Giraffes sleep only five minutes at a time for a total of 20 minutes of sleep per day! But, they spend up to 20 hours a day eating!

- Giraffes can run up to 35 mph.

- Giraffes can go months without drinking water, and when they finally do get a drink they can drink up to 12 gallons at a time!

- The giraffe’s blood cells are 1/3 the size of a human’s, allowing oxygen to be quickly moved throughout their bodies.

“You got the headache because gravity pulled the blood to your head as you bent over. Well, the same thing happens to a giraffe,” John explained.

“If they didn’t have the one-way valves in their arteries, giraffes would die whenever they bend over!”

“Oh, I get it!” said Denny. “Without the one-way valves, the blood from their big hearts would go straight into the giraffes’ brains and kill them! That’s a whole lot worse than my headache. But wait, when the blood hits that valve wouldn’t the artery explode?”

“They talked about that too,” said John. “Their arteries are flexible like a balloon. They swell up so they don’t blow up!”

“Now that’s cool!” said Denny.



Check This Out!

Humans have one-way valves in their blood vessels as well. Ours are very different from those in giraffes though. The valves are in our legs and keep blood from going back into our feet! Because our hearts aren’t as powerful as those in giraffes, we have to rely on the valves to keep the blood from pooling in our feet. As we walk the muscles in our legs push the blood back toward our heart in a pumping motion. In between pumps gravity pulls the blood back down toward our feet. The valves then kick in to stop the blood until our muscles contract, which pushes the blood toward our hearts again! I don’t know about you, but millions of years of random-chance processes can’t explain that. But a loving Creator God sure does!



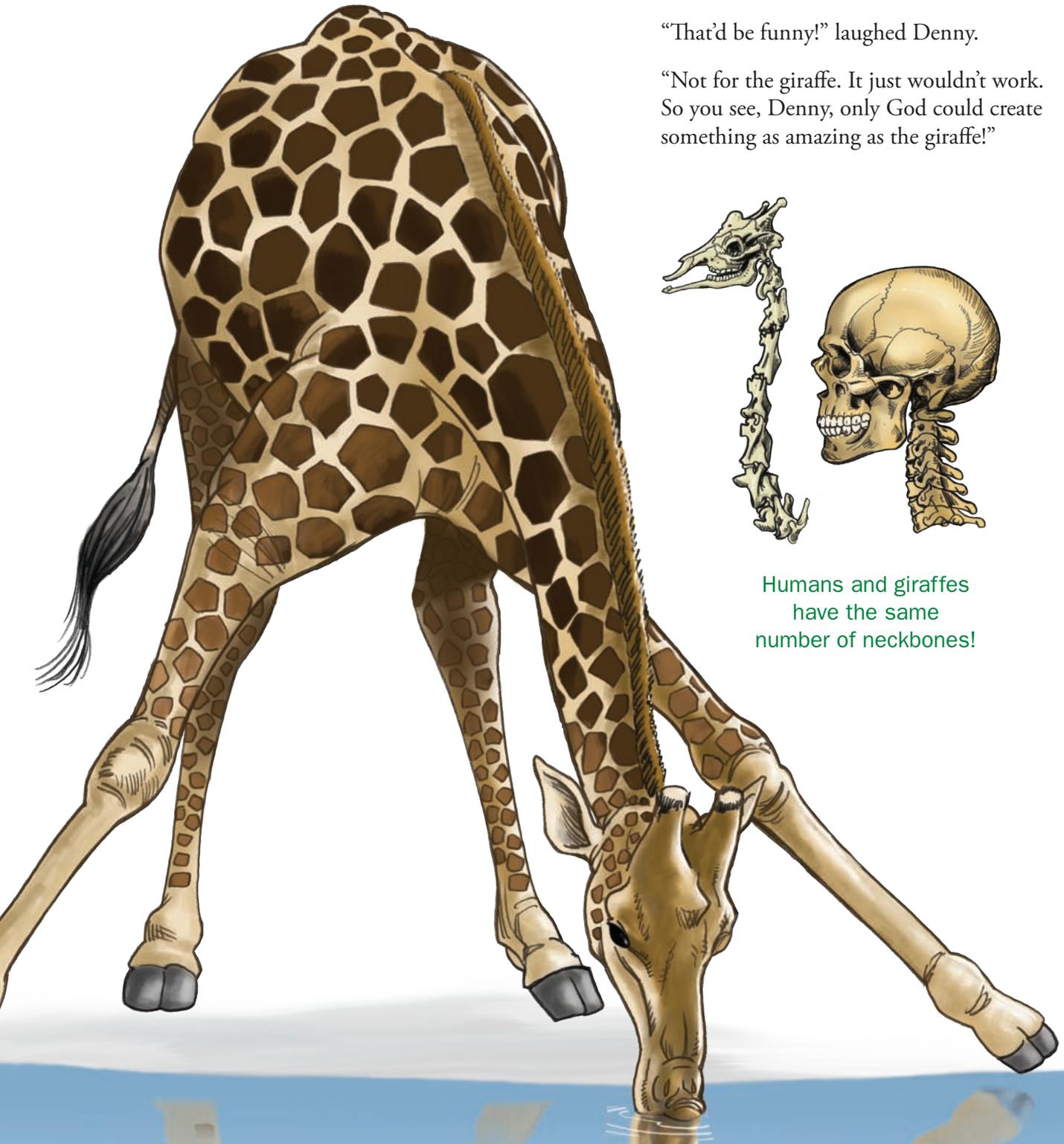
“That’s just a couple of things.” said John. “I also learned that giraffes have seven neck bones just like us.”

“Really?” said Denny “I would have thought they would have a lot more neck bones than us.”

“Me too!” John said. “But they said if they had more neck bones than that there would be BIG problems. Right now it takes almost 500 pounds of muscles and tendons to make their necks work. If they had more neck bones, it would take more muscles and tendons, which would mean more weight. If giraffes had 14 neck bones their necks would be so heavy they’d fall over every time they tried to get a drink!”

“That’d be funny!” laughed Denny.

“Not for the giraffe. It just wouldn’t work. So you see, Denny, only God could create something as amazing as the giraffe!”



Humans and giraffes
have the same
number of neckbones!

“You’re right, John, only God could create the giraffe. No way millions of years and chance could do all that, but it’s not the *best* evidence that God created the universe,” said Denny.

“It’s not? What could be more amazing than a giraffe?” asked John. “Come on, I’ll show you!” said Denny as he took off across the field.

A minute later they heard their friend Alisa calling to them from the edge of the woods. “Hey guys, where are you going? Let’s play hide-n-seek!”

“Sorry Alisa, we can’t stop now. We’re going to see the *best* evidence that God created the universe,” yelled Denny. “Maybe later!”

“Wait a second,” Alisa called back. “I can show you the *best* evidence that God created the universe right over by the pond.”



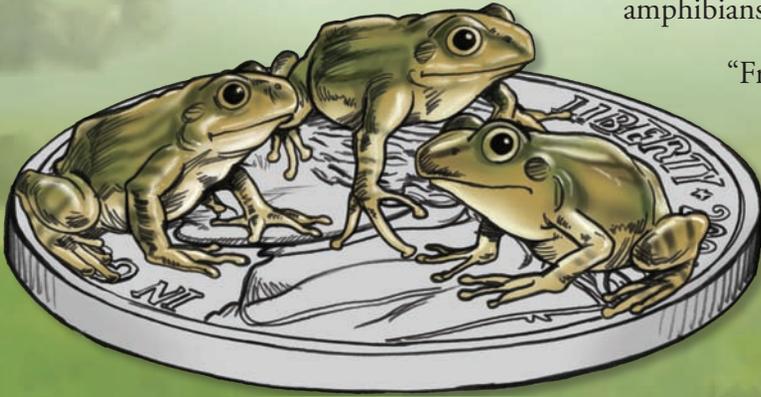
Frogs of Many Sizes!

- Frogs live on every continent except Antarctica! More than 60 percent of the Eastern Wood Frog’s body can freeze during the winter and it will still survive.
- There are more than 4,700 species of frogs in the world.
- In certain environments some frogs secrete a painkiller that is 200 times more powerful than morphine and not addictive.

“Really?” said Denny coming to an abrupt stop. “That’s great; let’s go.”

Off the three friends went with Alisa leading them down a path toward an amazing array of noises. As they got closer, they saw where the sound was coming from. It was a pond. Hundreds of tadpoles were swimming in the shallow areas busily searching for food.

“Here you go guys. Take a look at these tadpoles. They turn into one of my favorite amphibians,” said Alisa.



“Frogs!” John and Denny called out in unison.

“You got it!” Alisa said. “I love frogs. Did you know there are more than four thousand different kinds of frogs? They’re so different. It’s hard to believe they’re all frogs! Some frogs are so small you could put three adults on a nickel.”

