

Youth Ministry Questions and Answers

21. If a rainbow is a reflection of the sun on raindrops lingering in the air, then how come rainbows weren't around until Noah's arc?

In Genesis it says that God places his bow in the sky, interpreted as a rainbow in the sky as a sign of the covenant between God and all living beings or people. It does not state that the rainbow did not exist before this but rather that from that time forward it should be a reminder of God's covenant.

22. Did Adam and Eve come before or after dinosaurs?

Evolution would suggest after. The Book of Genesis in the creation narrative indicates that all living creatures were created before man and woman so that would also indicate that they came before Adam and Eve.

23. Is the Garden of Eden on Earth?

The Garden of Eden existed on earth but because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, sin, the Garden no longer exists.

24. Why was Mary the Chosen Mother?

The title for Mary of 'Chosen Mother' is a result of Mary being chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. She said a firm yes to God's plan but she had a choice to say yes or no. We all have this choice. Let us pray that like Mary, we will always say yes to God's plan for each of us.

25. Where was Mary born? Where did she die?

Mary was born at Bethlehem. She lived the last years of her life in Ephesus which is now located in Turkey. When she died at Ephesus her body did not decay but she was assumed body and soul into heaven. As Catholics we celebrate this event on the Feast of the Assumption. She was never touched by corruption either spiritually or physically. We also hope one day to be with Mary who dwells in heaven with God. In order to emphasize that she was never touched by corruption, the Eastern Orthodox refer to her Dormitian or falling asleep prior to her Assumption.