

Jessup the Dinosaur The Search

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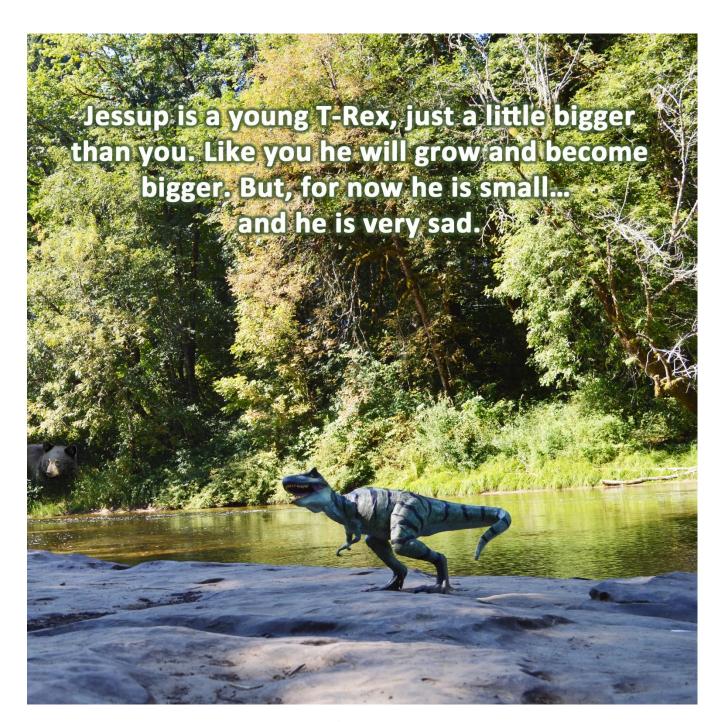
This book is dedicated to my four oldest grandchildren Lyza, Cord, Remy and Leti Jo, who love listening to grandpa read books in the morning.

Dear reader:

As you are reading the story, look for Jessup.
You will see him, in most of the pictures
walking around searching for
another dinosaur that is like him.

(Hint: the dinosaur he is searching for is wearing a blue flower. See notes at the back of the book for more.)

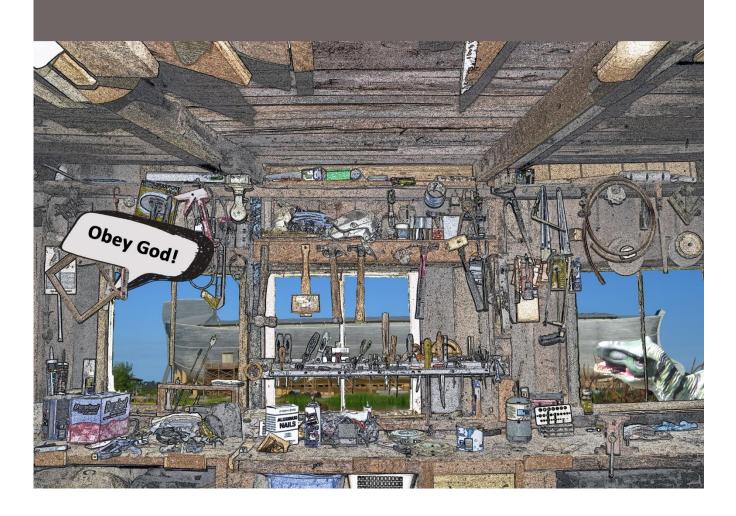
I hope you enjoy the story.

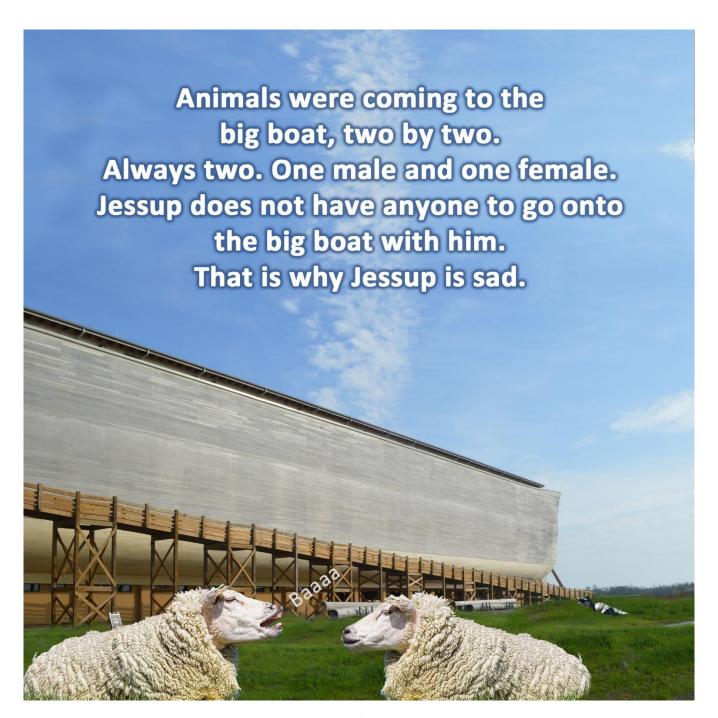


Jessup's dad is big and strong.
He works pulling a stagecoach
bringing workers to their job.
They are building a big boat
for a man named Noah.



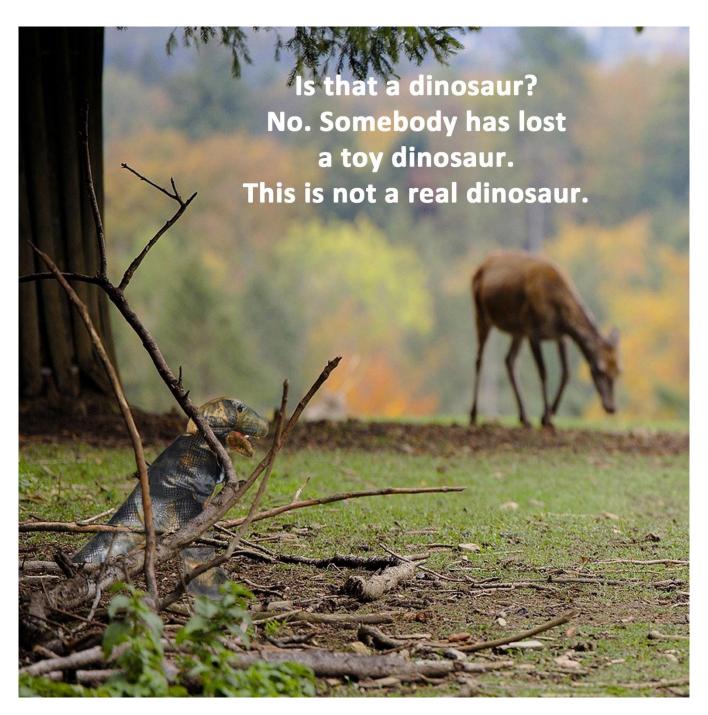
Every day Jessup hears Noah warning people about a flood that is coming. Everyone who does not obey God, and does not get on the big boat, will drown.





Jessup needs to find another dinosaur like him. Can you help him? Do you see another dinosaur?





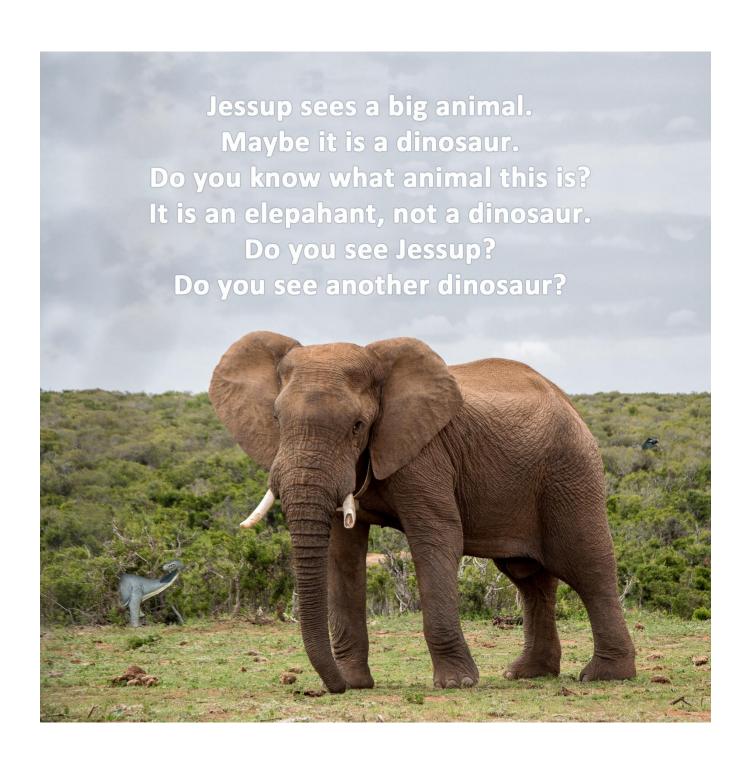
Jessup sees two big animals. Are these dinosaurs?

No. They are two hippopotamuses.



Jessup sees two more animals. Are these dinosaur? No. They are horses.

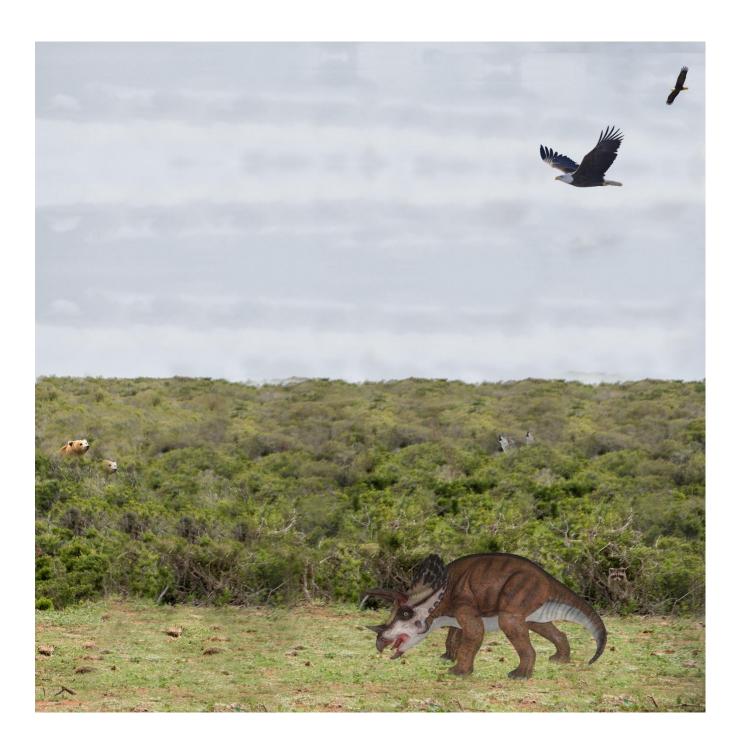




Is this a dinosaur like Jessup?
No. This is a sauropod dinosaur.
His name is Hunter.
They will become friends,
but they are not the same.

Do you see another dinosaur?





There were two dinosaurs!
These are Jessup's friends.
Cupcake, the iguanodont,
and Theodore the triceratops.
They are dinosaurs,
but they are not like Jessup.
Can you help Jessup learn about
things that are the same and different?



These four people are a family.

Are they the same or different?

They are the same.

All people are made in the image of God.

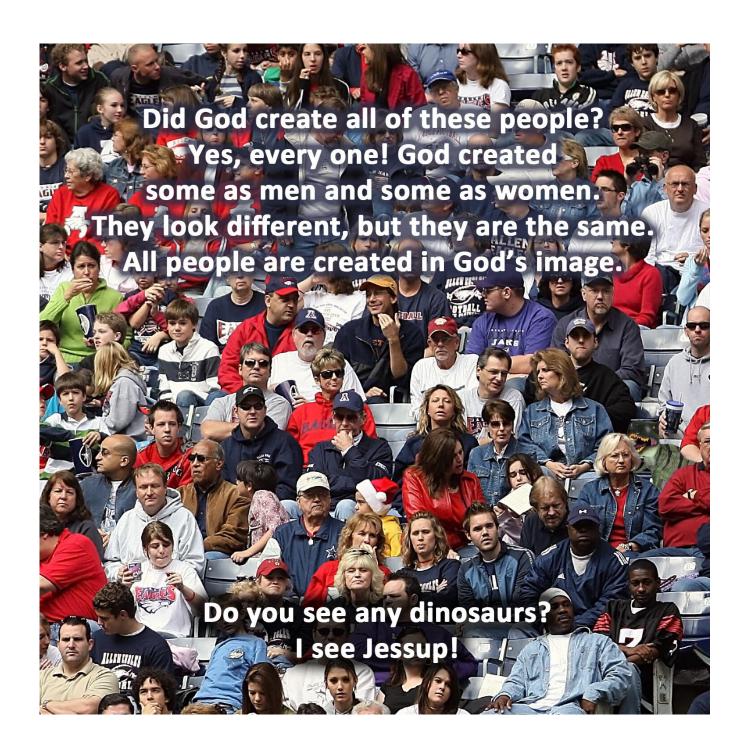
But, they are also not the same.

Two are females, the mom and the daughter, and two are males, the dad and the son.

So they are also different.







Jessup needs to find another dinosaur that is the same, but different.

Jessup is a male.

Jessup is sad. He cannot find a girl T-Rex.



Jessup goes back to the big boat.

Time is running out.

The big boat is finished.

He can hear Noah warning people the flood will come any day.

Jessup does not know what to do.



God brings a dinosaur to Jessup.

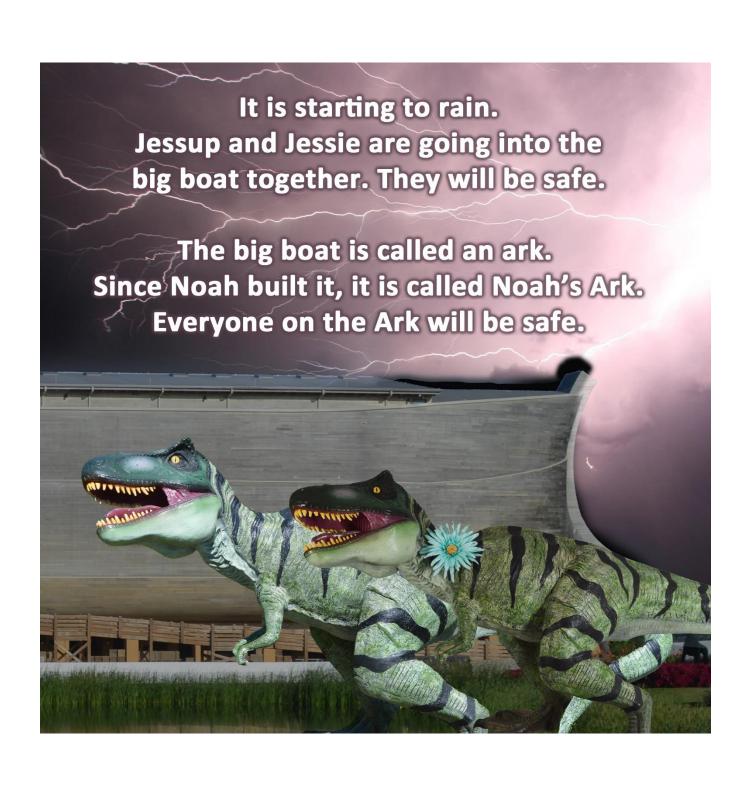
She's a T-Rex like Jessup!

But she is also different.

Jessup is a boy and this dinosaur is a girl.

Her name is Jessie.





The Rest of the Story

This story is based on a true story from the Bible. The story of the global flood, Noah's Ark, and how God brought the animals two-by-two (seven of some – the clean animals used for sacrifices), male and female.

What does it mean to be made in the image of God?

Then God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth." So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."—Genesis 1:26-27 (NASB)

Being made in the image of God does not mean we physically look like God. It also does not mean we are gods. It does mean we are different from the animals. People are not animals.

The image of God refers to the immaterial part of humanity. We have God's likeness mentally, morally and socially. For example, God is creator and we can create, although at a lesser level than God. We are rational, we investigate the universe, create music and art, we use mathematics and philosophy, build and extend our abilities with technology. We have courts to ensure justice, no animal does that. Having the image of God makes us unique, distinct from all other life. It makes us who we are.

It also means we have a responsibility to accurately reflect God's character. The Ten Commandments describe God's character. When we violate one of them, (www.911Christ.com) we violate God's character... and there are eternal consequences. Death.

Therefore, just as through one man sin [disobeying God] entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned. – Romans 5:12

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus

our Lord. – Romans 6:23

Jesus is like the door on the Ark. If we go through that door (go through Jesus), we will have life, just as the eight people who went on the Ark had life. Repent (turn away from disobeying God). Trust that Jesus has paid your penalty, in full, for breaking God's laws (www.911Christ.com).

You are made in the image of God. That makes you special. You are so loved by God, that He died on the cross in your place, so you could live. www.DinosaursForJesus.com/gospel

How could the dinosaurs fit on the Ark?

There was plenty of room. If you get a chance, visit the Answers in Genesis Ark Encounter in Kentucky and see for yourself.

God did not have to bring the fully-grown dinosaurs. It would make sense to bring the smaller, young dinosaurs (like Jessup and Jessie). They would take up less space, eat less, and produce less waste. See: www.SciencePastor.com/ark

In addition, the Ark did not have to hold two of every species, just two of every kind. For example, two wolves, not two of every breed of dog.

Suggestions & Story Notes

Have the children find all of the animals on each page.

Have the children find Jessup (Jessup is not on pages 2, 6 or 11).

Have the children count the number of animals (including dinosaurs) on each page.

Have the children count the number of pairs (two by two) of animals.

Have the children watch for Jessie to see if they can spot her before Jessup does.

There is a wide margin around each picture. Ask the children to add to the story. Use the margins to write in what is to be included in the story the next time you read it. For example, you might have the children give all of the animals new names, and put those names in the margins so you remember them.

Page 1 - Jessup is in the foreground. He is about 2 to 3 years old. A newborn T-Rex was about the size of a house cat. It is thought that a T-Rex reached its full size of about 9 tons (18,000 pounds) in its early twenties. A T-Rex grew the fastest during its mid-teens, gaining about 4,000 pounds per year.

There is a black bear (Ralph) in the forest on the far left near the water. His wife is Olivia, but she is away visiting her mom who is not feeling well.)

- **Page 2** Jessup's dad is named Rex. He has been employed by Noah to pull stagecoaches for the past four years. The dinosaur in the background is a Spinosaurus. He hangs around the ark construction site, but is not very friendly. No one knows his name or why he is there.
- **Page 3** Jessup can be seen in the window on the right. All Ark photos show the full-sized replica of the Ark at the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. It is a wonderful and educational place to visit. Well worth the trip. (www. arkencounter.com). All of the Ark photos are by the author.

- **Page 4** The two sheep in the foreground are Larry and Darpa. Jessup is in the background looking for another a dinosaur that is like him.
- **Pages 5 & 6** There are two elk (they do not talk much so I do not know their names), with one squirrel (Nutty) in the foreground. Jessup is in the background, on the right, near the tree line. Page 6 this is a close-up of part of page 5.
- **Page 7** Two hippopotamuses and two small birds (one standing on Jessup's nose). Jessup is in the lower left of the photo. The two hippos and the birds need names. Can the children give them each a name? Some of the other animals also do not have names yet. The children can give them all names. (That is a lot of work!)
- **Page 8** Two horses. Their names are Dash (facing away) and Lightening. Jessup is near the left edge.
- **Page 9** There is one elephant (Harvey). There is a young Sauropod dinosaur (Hunter) is coming out of the shrubs. Jessup is up to his neck in the shrubs on the far right.
- **Page 10** Hunter (the Sauropod) has come out of the shrubs to meet Jessup. There are two giraffes, two oryx, and two rhinos in the shrubs¹. An oryx is a type of antelope found in Africa and the Middle East. There is also one, small Eguanodont dinosaur (Cupcake) in the shrubs near the right edge.
- **Page 11** You can see two brown bears in the shrubs on the left. There are two wolves are howling in the shrubs. Why are they howling? (I do not know why. I was hoping you knew.) A raccoon (Rocky) can be seen at the front edge of the shrubs, near the left edge of the photo. There are two eagles flying. And, of course, there is Theodore, the Triceratops in the foreground.
- **Page 12** Jessup is talking with his dinosaur friends Theodore and Cupcake. There is one gorilla (Charles) in the shrubs on the left side of the picture. Charles works

¹ Some of the shrubs had some serious thorns and I was not able to personally talk with some of the animals who are in my photos. As a result I do not (yet) know their names. You, or the children listening to this book, may give them names.

for Noah as a security guard. He is Jessup's dad's friend. Charles had seen Jessup wandering around and was worried about him. He looked so sad. So Charles was following Jessup so he could be close just in case Jessup got lost or needed help. We can also see two lions. I'm not sure who they are or why they are there. And there is a female T-Rex (Jessie) in the shrubs near the right edge of the photo. She is wearing a blue flower.

Pages 13 & 14 - Jessup is in the foreground.

Page 15 - Jessup is in one of the stadium seats.

Page 16 – That there is a moose is obvious. His name is Bull. He sits around a lot and likes to give other animals advice. There is a chipmunk on Jessup's arm. The Chipmunk's name is Annabelle, and she is a good friend of Jessup's. A fawn (deer) wandered into the picture. I did not know it was there until I looked at the picture back in my studio. It is next to the path. A fox is at the bottom of a tree. A wood pecker, whose name is not Woody, is digging in a tree to get insects. Coincidently, Jessie, the female T-Rex, can be seen just above the Moose's antlers. Or is it a coincidence?

Page 17 - Jessup is in the foreground. Jessie, the female T-Rex (Jessie), is far in the background near the Ark.

Pages 18 & 19 - Jessup and Jessie together.

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The author with Jessup at a county fair evangelism booth.
Jessup is wearing a wild rag and custom saddlebags.
Jessup hopes to become a Pony Express dinosaur
when he grows up.

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