



THE TREE OF LIFE [PG-13]

TOPIC: Creation

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 121:1-10

CLIP LOCATION: 00:19:38 through 00:36:06 (DVD Chapter: 4)

SYNOPSIS: This one will take some guts on your part, but if you've got a group that can handle a 15-minute creation sequence, I think it'll create some great conversation.

GOSPEL FILTER: This amazing scene shows an artistic view of creation, and throughout the majestic sequence we hear a mother's voice, asking God questions about what he knew about her son's death. What role he played. Why he allowed it to happen. **You should mention that the woman's son has died before you show the clip, to help teenagers contextualize her questions.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: *What is your reaction to what we just saw? In what ways do you think this was accurate? In what ways was it unbelievable? Why do people find it so hard to believe we were created by a loving God? What was the most interesting question the mother asked during that sequence? She asked God, "Who are we to you?" What do you think is the answer to that question? How important are our individual struggles when held against the vastness of creation? Read aloud Psalm 121:1-10. These verses address both God's role as Creator and his care for individuals. How do you react to that promise? When have you seen evidence of God watching over you?*