

Introduction: Theo the Triceratops

STOMPER IN TRAINING

Theo enters. He is practicing stomping, taking big steps as he enters.

Theo: *(Takes a step while saying “stomp.”) Stomp! (Takes another step.) Stomp! (Takes another step.) STOMP! (Notices the audience.) Oh, hi there! I didn’t see you at first. I was busy practicing my stomping. (Chuckles.) Around here, you’ll meet plenty of stompers. And you’ll see lots of chompers too! Someday I’ll be big enough to be a stomper. What’s your favorite kind of dinosaur? (Pauses for students to respond.) I happen to be a triceratops.*

*I know, I know. You’re thinking, “Isn’t he a little small for a dinosaur?” Well, dinos come in all shapes and sizes. But I’m just a kid. I’m still growing—like all of you! Someday I’m going to be a *lot* bigger than I am now. I’ll be *huge*! Then I’ll be good at stomping. In fact, I think I feel a growth spurt right now! (Strains a little, as if forcing himself to grow.) There! I look bigger already, don’t you think? (Slight pause.) Well, maybe you just need to look harder. Just wait. Someday I’ll be the best stomper around!*

I’m so glad you’ve come to visit us. We’ve got lots of dino-sized fun in store! While you’re here, you’ll learn how you can have faith in God and His plan. That’s right. God made this entire world, and He has a plan for you! God loves everyone He made. That’s why you can have dino-sized faith in His plan.

I’ve got to keep practicing my stomping. Come back again and we’ll learn more about God’s big plan! See you later!

Exits, practicing stomping as he goes.

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DINO DOT

Theo enters. Dot is following him, carrying rolled-up plans. A sign on or near the stage reads Stompers & Chompers Construction Company.

Theo: Well, Dot, here it is!

Dot: Here *what* is?

Theo: This is the place I was telling you about. Welcome to Stompers & Chompers Construction Company! These are the people you wanted to talk to, right?

Dot: Yes, they are! I've got my plans right here for them to see. *(Holds up her rolled-up plans.)*

Theo: Plans for what?

Dot: Plans for houses, of course. You said these folks are building houses for people, right?

Theo: That's right!

Dot: I've got some amazing new designs for houses that I'm sure they'll want to build. But I was wondering—why do they call this company Stompers & Chompers?

Theo: Well, you see—

Rex and Roxie enter, interrupting.

Rex: *(Importantly.)* Whoa, whoa, whoa! Hang on right there, folks. I can't let you go any farther. This is a highly dangerous construction zone, and we can't have any unauthorized personnel coming through. There's a lot of dangerous work going on.

Roxie: Dangerous work? What dangerous work? Everybody's on break right now.

Rex: I know, but . . . but . . . they'll be off their break soon.

Roxie: *(To Dot.)* Don't mind Rex. He thinks he's in charge sometimes.

Rex: Roxie, Pop put me in charge of security around here!

Roxie: He didn't put *you* in charge of security. He just told *both* of us to watch out for unauthorized people.

Rex: Well, they're unauthorized, aren't they?

Theo: I'm not "unauthorized"! I work here! And I'm not a person either. Sounds like you need to have a little faith.