



Chapter 1 Leader Guide - Don't Be A "Know-It-All"

Cold Case Christianity for Kids

Prepare Yourself:

Read the following sections in *Cold-Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels*:

Preface - The Detective Way

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Read the following section in *Cold-Case Christianity for Kids*:

A Note to Families

Chapter 1 - Don't Be a Know-It-All!

Important Concepts In This Chapter:

Our presuppositions often keep us from seeing the truth. We want our kids to understand the power of their foundational assumptions and the danger of "philosophical naturalism" (as described in the adult book). People who refuse to accept the existence of anything supernatural simply cannot investigate the evidence for God fairly. In this chapter, Daniel assumes he knows who owns the skateboard before he even starts to examine the case. Jason then demonstrates the danger of assuming miracles are unreasonable (and Christianity is false) before examining the evidence for the Bible and God. Help your kids understand the importance of using evidence to reach reasonable conclusions, and the importance of keeping an open mind, even in times of doubt.

Good Questions to Ask:

"Why do you think Daniel jumped to a conclusion about who owned the skateboard?"

"Why do you think some people assume God doesn't exist, even before they examine the evidence?"

"Can you think of some of the miracles performed by God in the Old Testament? Which one do you think is the most amazing?"

"What are some of the most remarkable miracles performed by Jesus?"

"What Old Testament miracle does Detective Jeffries think is the most incredible?"

"Why is it important to keep an open mind about the evidence for God?"

"Can you think of some dangerous assumptions people might have that keep them from being fair about the evidence for God?"