



## Chapter 2 Leader Guide - Learn How to Infer

### Cold Case Christianity for Kids

#### Prepare Yourself:

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

Chapter 2 – Learn How to “Infer”

Chapter 9 – Know When “Enough Is Enough”

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

Chapter 2 – Learn How to Infer

#### Important Concepts In This Chapter:

If there's one thing we want to teach our kids, it's how to evaluate evidence and reach reasonable conclusions. Chapter 2 is designed to teach kids about “abductive reasoning”. While we want to help kids understand the process of “inferring to the most reasonable explanation,” we also want them to understand the “standard of proof” and while “beyond a reasonable doubt” is a viable standard. That's why we want parents to read both Chapters 2 and 9 of the adult book before helping your kids with chapter 2 in the kid's version. In Chapter 2 of the adult version, we've used the example of a death scene to illustrate abductive reasoning. In the kid's version, we are using the example of the skateboard. Ultimately, we will use abductive reasoning to determine the best explanation for the claims of the gospels related to the Resurrection. Make sure your kids understand the importance of this claim and the role evidence will play in determining truth. In the end, we are trying to separate what's *reasonable* from what's *possible*.

#### Good Questions to Ask:

“Can you describe the difference between what's possible and what's reasonable?”

“Why do you think it's important to write a list of the evidences and then a list of the explanations?”

“Why do you think some people try to explain the Resurrection of Jesus in a way that's different than the Gospels?”

“Why is it important for us to be able to explain why we believe the gospels are telling us the truth about the Resurrection?”

“Why is it important for us to be able to respond to people who don't believe Jesus rose from the dead?”

“Why do you think Jason has doubts about the Resurrection?”