



Chapter 8 Leader Guide - Resist Conspiracy Theories

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 8 - Resist Conspiracy Theories

Chapter 10 - Prepare for an Attack

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

Chapter 8 - Resist Conspiracy Theories

Postscript - Belief THAT or Belief IN?

Important Concepts In This Chapter:

We chose to end Cold-Case Christianity for Kids with this chapter because so many objections against the gospels eventually boil down to some form of conspiracy or claim that the disciples lied. We also suggest that parents read Chapter 10 from the adult book and use this opportunity to talk about the forms objections often take. It's important for our kids to expect objections, even well-crafted objections, from skeptics and critics of the Bible. Remember: an *objection* is not necessarily a *refutation*. So be ready in advance for people to articulate lengthy, albeit flawed, objections. Help your kids understand how difficult it is to pull-off a successful conspiracy, and then be sure to be consistent when examining claims about other conspiracies in our culture. At the end of this chapter, cadets who have finished reading the book can print out the Certificate of Promotion from the website and graduate "with Distinction." If they've completed the fill-in and activity sheets, they can graduate "with Great Distinction." Finally, the postscript describes the difference between belief THAT and belief IN (from the Preface of the adult book). It also provides you with an opportunity to discuss the gospel offer of salvation with your child.

Good Questions to Ask:

"How did Lacey know so much about the skateboard?"

"Why is it so difficult to complete a successful conspiracy?"

"Why is the claim that the disciples lied about the Resurrection unreasonable?"

"Can you remember some of the reasons why the Gospels are reliable?"

"What is the difference between belief THAT and belief IN?"

"How can we, as imperfect human beings, join a perfect God in heaven?"