



Chapter 1 Leader Guide - How Did It Get Here?

God's Crime Scene for Kids

Prepare Yourself:

Read the following sections in *God's Crime Scene: A Cold-Case Detective Examines the Evidence for a Divinely Created Universe*:

Opening Statement - Has Someone Else Been In This Room?

Chapter 1 - In the Beginning: Was the Universe an Inside Job?

Read the following section in *God's Crime Scene for Kids*:

Welcome Cadets

The Mystery: Things That Go Bump In the Night

Chapter 1 - How Did It Get Here?

Important Concepts In This Chapter:

In God's Crime Scene for Kids, young aspiring detectives enter a Special Investigations Academy to master their skills as investigators. The characters from Cold-Case Christianity for Kids are reintroduced and are presented with a new mystery. How did the shoebox appear in the attic? Who put it there and why does it contain several mysterious objects? As Detective Jeffries helps the cadets investigate the shoebox, he also guides them through an investigation of eight important pieces of evidence in the natural universe. In this first chapter, Detective Jeffries focuses on a critical first question: how did the box get in the attic? Similarly, how did the universe originate? Help your reader understand that the universe, all space time and matter, are not eternally old. They have a *beginning*. In addition, help your reader understand that space, time and matter cannot create themselves, so we are looking for a first cause that is something other than space, time and matter. This means the cause of the universe must be something "extra-," "supra-," or "super-"natural. Be sure to review the emerging "suspect description" as you read from chapter to chapter.

Good Questions to Ask:

"Why do you think Detective Jeffries told the cadets, 'None of you saw that,' after cuddling Simba?" "How would you describe Detective Jeffries so far?"

"Why can't we explain the things inside the shoebox with a cause that's also inside the shoebox?"

"Why is the origin of the universe an important piece of evidence?"

"What kind of first cause ("suspect") could bring the universe into existence?"