



Chapter 7 Leader Guide - Choosing Right from Wrong

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*:

Chapter 7 - Law and Order: Is Morality More Than An Opinion?

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Chapter 7 - Choosing Right from Wrong

Important Concepts In This Chapter:

This is an important chapter, as it describes moral evidence that is commonly available to kids through experiences in their daily lives. Unlike some of the abstract concepts we've covered so far, moral obligations are a part of our daily experience. But why do we feel these obligations? Are they simply personal or cultural inventions? This chapter will help your reader to think about the moral hierarchy and the best explanation for transcendent, objective moral truths and obligations. Help your reader understand that these truths and obligations are not simply "facts" of biology determined by goals of "well-being" or "human flourishing" (the adult book will help you master these issues). The objective moral laws of the universe are overarching and universally applicable. They bind us in obligation to do what is right, good, and loving, and they are ultimately tied to a personal authority located "outside the room". God's Divine nature is reflected in the moral values we all acknowledge as human beings.

Good Questions to Ask:

"Can you think of some objective moral truths that apply to everyone in the universe, no matter where they live or when they lived in history?"

"Can someone's personal opinion make it ok to do something that's against the law? Why or why not?"

"Imagine you're with a group of your friends. They've decided to do something you know is wrong. What would you say if they tried to convince you that the behavior was right because they all had agreed?"

"Why don't moral truths come from groups (like the friends we just described)?"

"Why do you think God is the best explanation for objective moral truths that apply to everyone?"