## **Prepare Yourself:**

Read the following sections in *Forensic Faith: A Homicide Detective Makes the Case for a More Reasonable, Evidential Christian Faith*:

Chapter 2 - Targeted Training

Read the following section in Forensic Faith for Kids:

Chapter 3: Time to Train!

## **Important Concepts In This Chapter:**

In Chapter 3, the cadets face difficult challenges as they investigate the Deity of Jesus and the case related to Bailey. Their struggles offer an opportunity to talk with your reader(s) about the value of struggle and hardship, especially as it prepares us to meet challenges in our lives. This chapter introduces the concept of "training" as opposed to "teaching," so take time to help your child understand the value of a good "test". Tests help us understand what we don't know, so we can begin to train ourselves to be better Christian Case Makers. Help your reader understand this relationship between a "frustrating test" and a "future task." Also, be sure to read through the CSI assignment involving Luke 6:40. Have you been providing an example of leadership when it comes to mastering the case for Christianity? If not, it's time to start developing a reasonable, evidential faith so you can pass it on to your kids. Finally, read the Detective Definition sidebar and make sure your child understands the importance of *action* in the Christian life. The cadets are actively engaging their beliefs as they investigate the Deity of Jesus and learning how to present the case to Marco. Hopefully they can provide an example to the rest of us.

## **Good Questions to Ask:**

"What kind of challenge did Jason say he faced with his bicycle? What kinds of challenges have you faced so far?"

"What did you learn from the challenges and how did they motivate you?"

"How do tests in our lives help us to become better followers of Jesus?"

"What would you say if Marco told you what he told Tiana?"

"Can you think of one thing you could do today to help you answer Marcos questions and claims?"

"According to Detective Jeffries, why won't some people accept the truth?"

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