



Chapter 5 Leader Guide - Determined to Be Detectives

Forensic Faith for Kids

Prepare Yourself:

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

Chapter 3 - Intense Investigation

Read the following section in *Forensic Faith for Kids*:

Chapter 5: Determined to Be Detectives

Important Concepts In This Chapter:

In Chapter 5, the cadets begin to learn and practice good detective techniques. Investigative skills are important if we ever hope to adopt a more reasonable, evidential faith. Note-taking is a great first step in the process. Your reader can even take notes as he or she is reading *Forensic Faith for Kids*. Encourage your child to develop patterns until they become “muscle memory” as described by Detective Jeffries. For some of us, the Bible is simply too precious to write in, but the example offered by Pastor Woods will help young readers to think about their Bibles as interactive documents, filled with great evidence “hidden in plain sight”. If our kids see Bible reading as an opportunity to find, circle and note something new every time they read it, they are far more likely to engage the words of God. In addition, our collection of note-filled Bibles over the years bears testimony to our love of Bible study. As you talk about the CSI Assignment with your reader, discuss the relationship between endurance and learning the truth. It’s not always easy to discover the truth, but the *process* is important. In fact, we can *celebrate* the process as detectives as we make discoveries and take notes in our Bibles.

Good Questions to Ask:

“Why is it so important for us to learn how to take good notes?”

“What kinds of things do you think you might discover in your Bible that would cause you to take notes?”

“What does Detective Jeffries mean by ‘muscle memory’?”

“Studying and taking notes is hard work sometimes. What does the Bible say in James 1:2-4 about the importance of hard work and endurance?”

“What three things does Detective Jeffries state are important when taking notes? What does Detective Jeffries mean when he talks about the detective ‘process’?”