



Chapter 4 Leader Guide - The Obvious Artist

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 4 - Signs of Design: Is There Evidence of An Artist?

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Important Concepts In This Chapter:

This chapter makes a cumulative case for an intelligent designer. Take some time to help your reader understand the power of cumulative cases. The more evidence we have to form a conclusion, the more reasonable the conclusion. In the adult book, we make an even more robust cumulative case for design than we do in the kid's book. But, the abbreviated case for design in the kid's version is still robust and convincing. Help your reader appreciate the strength of the collective case. Also, remember that designs often tell us something about their designers. Help your cadet think about the purpose God might have for the designs we see in nature. Take time to marvel at the microscopic, bacterial flagellum motor. In fact, perform a search for videos of this micro-machine online. It is truly a marvel of engineering, and it displays attributes of intelligent design. The appearance of design in biology provides more information about the external cause of our universe. The cause must be intelligent, communicative, creative and resourceful. Help your reader see how these attributes contribute to the growing "suspect profile" of the cause of the universe.

Good Questions to Ask:

"Which items in the shoebox appear to be designed by humans? *Why* do these items appear to be designed?"

"Which item in the shoe box is the result of natural or accidental events? *Why* is it different than the designed objects?"

"Can a bird's nest be caused by chance or natural laws (like gravity)? *Why* or *why not*?"

"What is the purpose of a bird's nest? How can we tell what the purpose is?"

"*Why* does the bacterial flagellum appear to be designed?"

"What kind of designer could account for the design we see in biological organisms like the flagellum?"