



Chapter 4 Leader Guide - Test Your Witnesses

Cold Case Christianity for Kids

Prepare Yourself:

Read the following sections in *Cold-Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels*:

Chapter 4 - Test Your Witnesses

Chapter 11 - Were They Present?

Chapter 12 - Were They Corroborated?

Chapter 14 - Were They Biased?

Read the following section in *Cold-Case Christianity for Kids*:

Chapter 4 - Test Your Witnesses

Important Concepts In This Chapter:

In order to make the kid's version more accessible, we've combined material from several chapters of the adult book. Take the time to read all four adult chapters; if you do so, you'll know more than enough to help your kids through this chapter. Don't be overwhelmed by all the material described in the adult book; you'll notice that the kid's version only briefly describes one or two elements from the adult chapters. Feel free to discuss the additional material from the adult book as appropriate with the age of your kids. Remember: judges instruct jurors to treat testimony as reliable if it passes the test in these four areas. Even though a juror may not "like" a witness personally, he or she must treat the witness' testimony as trustworthy if it passes the test. That's why it is so important for us to show our kids that the gospels pass the test in these four areas.

Good Questions to Ask:

"Why do you think it's important to test eyewitnesses?"

"Why is it important to show that the gospels were written early?"

"When Luke wrote the Book of Acts, he failed to mention several important events that took place in the first century. How does this help us to be certain the Gospels were written early?"

"What kinds of evidence can we use to verify what the gospel authors said about Jesus?"

"How does the correct use of names in the Gospels help us to know they are true?"

"None of the disciples ever changed their story about Jesus. Why does this show us that they were telling the truth?"