



Chapter 3 Leader Guide - Directions for Life

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 3 - The Origin of Life: Does the Text Require an Author?

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Chapter 3 - Directions for Life

Important Concepts In This Chapter:

The letter from Grampa Ren and the drawing found in the shoebox are both examples of information. They are most reasonably explained as having come from the mind of an intelligent Being. In a similar way, our DNA is information; it is also best explained as having come from the mind of an intelligent Being. Chance and natural law are inadequate to explain the origin of information. In fact, we don't have a single example in the history of science (or the history of the universe, for that matter) in which information has *ever* come from anything *other* than intelligence. As we learn more about organic life in the universe, the role of information becomes more apparent and more difficult to explain. Information is required for life to begin, and once again, intelligence is the best explanation for this information. What kind of intelligent agent could be the cause of the information in DNA? In this chapter, we also discuss the nature of good questions. Help your reader understand the importance of asking a *who* question (along with the *what*, *where*, *when*, and *why* questions) when trying to find the source of information in DNA.

Good Questions to Ask:

"How did Grampa Ren take care of the seeds he planted?"

"How is this similar to what God does when caring for the universe?"

"What is DNA and why is it important? Where do you think the information in DNA comes from?"

"Can you list the 5 categories of questions detectives ask? Which one of these questions is the most important, according to Detective Jeffries?"

"Why is the *who* question so important when trying to find the source of the information in DNA?"

"Why does Hannah say, 'Our 'suspect' is starting to sound a lot like God?'"