

APOLOGETICS FOR KIDS

WHAT IS APOLOGETICS?

- Apologetics comes from the Greek word "apologia" meaning "speaking in defense"
- Apologetics answers the "why" questions of Christianity
- **1 PETER 3:15**- But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

WHY APOLOGETICS IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY?

- Apologetics equips students
 - Gives kids answers to the big and real questions they are asking (asking questions is a part of learning)
 - Helps kids build a firm foundation in their walk with God, knowing their faith is founded upon fact
 - Provides tools for kids to share their faith and disciple others
- Apologetics equips teachers
 - Provides teachers with tools to teach kids and answer their questions
 - Helps teachers to be confident and grow in their own personal walk with God

TOPICS TO COVER

• WHAT IS APOLOGETICS?

3 R'S:

BE READY
BE REASONABLE
BE RESPECTFUL

4 QUALIFYING QUESTIONS:

#1- WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
#2- WHY ARE YOU ASKING?
#3- WOULD YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?
#4- WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?

• WHY IS THERE EVIL IN THE WORLD?

- **DOES GOD EXIST?**

5 C'S

- COSMOS**
- COMPLEXITY OF LIFE**
- CONSISTENCY IN THE BIBLE**
- CONSCIENCE**
- CHANGED LIVES**

- **IS THE BIBLE TRUE?**

FACES

- FULFILLED PROPHECIES**
- ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES**
- CONSISTENCY IN THE BIBLE**
- EXTRA-BIBLICAL WRITINGS**
- SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE**

- **IS JESUS GOD?**

FACTS

- FULFILLED PROPHECIES**
- ACCEPTED WORSHIP**
- CALLED GOD**
- TONS OF MIRACLES**
- SINLESS**

- **CREATION VS. EVOLUTION**

NO'S OF EVOLUTION:

- NO TRANSITIONAL FORMS**
- NO EXAMPLES OF LIFE FROM NONLIFE**
- NO ANSWER FOR COMPLEX DESIGN**

DNA OF CREATION:

- DESIGN PROVES A CREATOR**
- NO TRANSITIONAL FORMS**
- ACCEPT THE BIBLE AS TRUSTWORTHY**

- **CHRISTIANITY VS. OTHER RELIGIONS**

FADS

- FOCUS ON GOOD WORKS**
- ADD TO THE BIBLE**
- DENY JESUS IS GOD**
- SERIOUS ERRORS**

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

GOTQUESTIONS.ORG

ANSWERSINGENESIS.ORG

ONE MINUTE ANSWERS TO SKEPTICS BY CHARLIE CAMPBELL

JAWS WITHOUT TEETH BY RAY COMFORT

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