

# **Incorporating Apologetics into Youth Ministry**

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## **The Approaches (Ages 13-18)**

### **Approach 1: As the topic comes up in the Scripture or Series**

- Examples:
  - Before starting Genesis, give the case for the why we can trust the Bible and how we can know God exists.
  - When the Red Sea is parted or Jesus is performing miracles, give the case for miracles.
  - When starting the Gospels, give the case for the Incarnation and Jesus' deity.
  - When you get to the supposedly contradictory passages in the Gospels, discuss why that doesn't mean the Bible is in error.
  - When you get to the crucifixion, give the external evidence for the crucifixion.
  - When you get to the Resurrection, give the Minimal Facts.

### **Approach 2: In between Books or Series**

- Sometimes, when you get to the end of a book or series, it's good to take a break and cover a topic.
- Examples:
  - Between each book of the Pentateuch, give a different reason for why we can know that God exists.
  - Between each history book, give an argument for why we can trust the Bible.
  - Between each prophet, give a reason for why you can believe that miracles happen.
  - Between the testaments, give the case for the harmony of the gospels.
  - Between the gospels, give the case for Jesus' incarnation, existence, deity, crucifixion, and resurrection.

### **Approach 3: As a Supplemental Event**

- Mid-week Study topic
- Special Night
- One-Day Event
- Retreat or Camp Topic
  - *Always Be Ready – 1 Peter 3:15*
  - *Defending the Faith*
  - *Cold Case Christianity*
  - *On Guard*
  - *Loving God with All of Your Mind – Luke 10:27*
  - *Let Us Reason – Isaiah 1:18*
- Missions Trip/Immersion Experience
- Book Club
- Devotional
- Small Groups
- Games / Crafts (Apologetics Olympics, Question Ball, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, Trivial Pursuit, Pictionary)
- Special guest speakers
- Specific Program
- You-Tube Videos / Debates (Wes Huff, Mike Winger)

## The Resources

### For Older Students (13-18 years)

- *A Visual Guide to Biblical Apologetics*
  - <https://www.amazon.com/Visual-Guide-Biblical-Apologetics-Kind/dp/0736982760/>
- *Apologetics Study Bible for Students*
  - [https://www.amazon.com/Apologetics-Study-Bible-Students-Trade/dp/1433651173/ref=tmm\\_pap\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=1609817478&sr=8-3](https://www.amazon.com/Apologetics-Study-Bible-Students-Trade/dp/1433651173/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1609817478&sr=8-3)
- **Guest Speaker Recommendations**
  - Brett Kunkle, MAVEN ministries
    - <https://maventruth.com/>
  - Sean McDowell
    - <https://seanmcdowell.org/>
  - J. Warner Wallace, Cold Case Christianity
    - <https://coldcasechristianity.com/>
  - Tim Barnett, STR.org
    - <https://www.str.org/tim-barnett>
  - Sarah Enterline, Calvary Curriculum
    - <https://sarahenterline.com/>
- **Book Club Book Recommendations**
  - *Living Loud: Defending Your Faith* by Norman Geisler
    - [https://www.amazon.com/Living-Loud-Introduction-Apologetics-Students-ebook/dp/B08KYQYFDZ/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?dchild=1&keywords=living+loud&qid=1609827617&sr=8-2](https://www.amazon.com/Living-Loud-Introduction-Apologetics-Students-ebook/dp/B08KYQYFDZ/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=living+loud&qid=1609827617&sr=8-2)
  - *On Guard Student Edition* by Dr. William Lane Craig
    - [https://www.amazon.com/Guard-Students-Thinkers-Guide-Christian/dp/0781412994/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=1EHFRWNX698WZ&dchild=1&keywords=on+guard+student+edition&qid=1609827643&srefix=on+guard+student%2Caps%2C220&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Guard-Students-Thinkers-Guide-Christian/dp/0781412994/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1EHFRWNX698WZ&dchild=1&keywords=on+guard+student+edition&qid=1609827643&srefix=on+guard+student%2Caps%2C220&sr=8-1)
    - *Case for Christ Youth Edition* by Lee Strobel
      - [https://www.amazon.com/Case-Christ-Youth-Journalists-Personal-Investigation/dp/0310242193/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?dchild=1&keywords=case+for+christ+youth&qid=1609827664&sr=8-2](https://www.amazon.com/Case-Christ-Youth-Journalists-Personal-Investigation/dp/0310242193/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=case+for+christ+youth&qid=1609827664&sr=8-2)
  - *Questioning the Bible* by Jonathan Morrow
    - [https://www.amazon.com/Questioning-Bible-Challenges-Bibles-Authority/dp/0802411789/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=questioning+the+bible&qid=1609827688&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Questioning-Bible-Challenges-Bibles-Authority/dp/0802411789/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=questioning+the+bible&qid=1609827688&sr=8-1)
  - *5 Minute Apologetics for Today Daily Devotional* by Dr. Ron Rhodes
    - [https://www.amazon.com/5-Minute-Apologetics-Today-Answers-Questions/dp/0736924574/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=ron+rhodes+five+minutes&qid=1609827713&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/5-Minute-Apologetics-Today-Answers-Questions/dp/0736924574/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=ron+rhodes+five+minutes&qid=1609827713&sr=8-1)
- **Program Recommendations**
  - Truth Project
    - <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/faith/the-truth-project/>
  - Summit Ministries
    - <https://www.summit.org/curriculum/>
  - Accessible Apologetics

- <http://apologeticsguy.com/resources/lessons/accessible-apologetics/>

### **For Younger Students (Under 12)**

- Case for Christ for Kids by Lee Strobel
  - [https://www.amazon.com/Case-Christ-Kids/dp/0310719909/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=case+for+christ+kids&qid=1609828405&s=books&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Case-Christ-Kids/dp/0310719909/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=case+for+christ+kids&qid=1609828405&s=books&sr=1-1)
- Case Makers Academy by J. Warner Wallace
  - <http://www.casemakersacademy.com/>
- What is God Like? Series by Dr. William Lane Craig
  - [https://www.amazon.com/God-Three-Persons-Dr-Craig/dp/1480199877/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=what+is+god+like+craig&qid=1609828091&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/God-Three-Persons-Dr-Craig/dp/1480199877/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=what+is+god+like+craig&qid=1609828091&sr=8-1)
- Picture Book Apologetics by J.D. Camorlinga
  - [https://www.amazon.com/Chameleons-Can-Worms-Picture-Apologetics/dp/0615925359/ref=sr\\_1\\_6?dchild=1&keywords=picture+book+apologetics&qid=1609828117&sr=8-6](https://www.amazon.com/Chameleons-Can-Worms-Picture-Apologetics/dp/0615925359/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&keywords=picture+book+apologetics&qid=1609828117&sr=8-6)
- Melissa Travis books by Melissa Cain Travis
  - [https://www.amazon.com/Really-There-Melissa-Travis-Hardcover/dp/B00POFGBMC/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?dchild=1&keywords=melissa+travis&qid=1609816257&s=books&sr=1-4](https://www.amazon.com/Really-There-Melissa-Travis-Hardcover/dp/B00POFGBMC/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=melissa+travis&qid=1609816257&s=books&sr=1-4)
- Foundations Curriculum
  - <https://foundationworldview.com/>
- Summit Curriculum
  - <https://www.summit.org/curriculum/>

### **For Parents and Youth Pastors**

- *Mama Bear Apologetics* by Hillary Morgan Ferrer
  - [https://www.amazon.com/Mama-Bear-Apologetics-Empowering-Challenge/dp/0736976159/ref=pb\\_bxgy\\_img\\_2/144-1908908-6458620?encoding=UTF8&pd\\_rd\\_i=0736976159&pd\\_rd\\_r=7c29d2e4-a836-4728-b9d5-4560ce597de7&pd\\_rd\\_w=i2mcJ&pd\\_rd\\_wg=VPPoL&pf\\_rd\\_p=f325d01c-4658-4593-be83-3e12ca663f0e&pf\\_rd\\_r=CZJ4GSORAMAN1STWQYCC&pvc=1&refRID=CZJ4GSORAMAN1STWQYCC](https://www.amazon.com/Mama-Bear-Apologetics-Empowering-Challenge/dp/0736976159/ref=pb_bxgy_img_2/144-1908908-6458620?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=0736976159&pd_rd_r=7c29d2e4-a836-4728-b9d5-4560ce597de7&pd_rd_w=i2mcJ&pd_rd_wg=VPPoL&pf_rd_p=f325d01c-4658-4593-be83-3e12ca663f0e&pf_rd_r=CZJ4GSORAMAN1STWQYCC&pvc=1&refRID=CZJ4GSORAMAN1STWQYCC)
- *Keeping Your Kids on God's Side* by Natasha Crain
  - [https://www.amazon.com/Keeping-Your-Kids-Gods-Side-ebook/dp/B018676GQU/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_sspa?dchild=1&keywords=natasha+crain&qid=1609828325&s=books&sr=1-1\\_spons&pvc=1&spLa=ZW5jenlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEzVVBkRkNVVj03TEhKJmVuY3J5cHRIZElkPUEwMTY1NDE4WlY4RVBOWDdMMlhrRmVuY3J5cHRIZEFkSWO9QTAYnJlUEc0TFIwTIE4SFomd2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zF9hdGYmYWNoaW9uPWNsaWNRUmVkaXJlY3QmZG9Ob3RMb2dDbGijaz10cnVl](https://www.amazon.com/Keeping-Your-Kids-Gods-Side-ebook/dp/B018676GQU/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?dchild=1&keywords=natasha+crain&qid=1609828325&s=books&sr=1-1_spons&pvc=1&spLa=ZW5jenlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEzVVBkRkNVVj03TEhKJmVuY3J5cHRIZElkPUEwMTY1NDE4WlY4RVBOWDdMMlhrRmVuY3J5cHRIZEFkSWO9QTAYnJlUEc0TFIwTIE4SFomd2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zF9hdGYmYWNoaW9uPWNsaWNRUmVkaXJlY3QmZG9Ob3RMb2dDbGijaz10cnVl)
- *Talking with Your Kids about God* by Natasha Crain
  - [https://www.amazon.com/Talking-Your-Kids-about-Conversations/dp/0801075521/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?dchild=1&keywords=natasha+crain&qid=1609828350&s=books&sr=1-4](https://www.amazon.com/Talking-Your-Kids-about-Conversations/dp/0801075521/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=natasha+crain&qid=1609828350&s=books&sr=1-4)
- *Talking with Your Kids about Jesus* by Natasha Crain
  - [https://www.amazon.com/Talking-Your-Kids-about-Jesus/dp/080107553X/ref=pb\\_bxgy\\_img\\_2/144-1908908-6458620?encoding=UTF8&pd\\_rd\\_i=080107553X&pd\\_rd\\_r=01f91b76-7119-4fd4-8372-5211573f7158&pd\\_rd\\_w=DKk5z&pd\\_rd\\_wg=7oim&pf\\_rd\\_p=f325d01c-4658-4593-be83-3e12ca663f0e&pf\\_rd\\_r=G0KKNYWHX4RW6J9XNPKH&pvc=1&refRID=G0KKNYWHX4RW6J9XNPKH](https://www.amazon.com/Talking-Your-Kids-about-Jesus/dp/080107553X/ref=pb_bxgy_img_2/144-1908908-6458620?encoding=UTF8&pd_rd_i=080107553X&pd_rd_r=01f91b76-7119-4fd4-8372-5211573f7158&pd_rd_w=DKk5z&pd_rd_wg=7oim&pf_rd_p=f325d01c-4658-4593-be83-3e12ca663f0e&pf_rd_r=G0KKNYWHX4RW6J9XNPKH&pvc=1&refRID=G0KKNYWHX4RW6J9XNPKH)
- *So The Next Generation Will Know* by Sean McDowell
  - [https://www.amazon.com/Next-Generation-Will-Know-Challenging/dp/1434712281/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crd=2S9TSTNW0ZFK2&dchild=1&keywords=so+the+next+generation+will+know+sean+mcdowell&qid=1609828512&s=books&sprefix=so+the+n%2Cstripbooks%2C217&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Next-Generation-Will-Know-Challenging/dp/1434712281/ref=sr_1_1?crd=2S9TSTNW0ZFK2&dchild=1&keywords=so+the+next+generation+will+know+sean+mcdowell&qid=1609828512&s=books&sprefix=so+the+n%2Cstripbooks%2C217&sr=1-1)
- *Apologetics for a New Generation* by Sean McDowell
  - [https://www.amazon.com/Apologetics-New-Generation-Culturally-ConversantLife-com%2%AE/dp/0736925201/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crd=11AOF5TY1PIY2&dchild=1&keywords=apologetics+for+a+new+generation+sean+mcdowell&qid=1609828537&s=books&sprefix=apologetics+for+a+%2Cstripbooks%2C258&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Apologetics-New-Generation-Culturally-ConversantLife-com%2%AE/dp/0736925201/ref=sr_1_1?crd=11AOF5TY1PIY2&dchild=1&keywords=apologetics+for+a+new+generation+sean+mcdowell&qid=1609828537&s=books&sprefix=apologetics+for+a+%2Cstripbooks%2C258&sr=1-1)

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