



**November 27th, 2011**

## **Mystery 2**

### **I. Synopsis** *(a summary of the lesson from this week)*

Three guests check into the Snowy Hill Inn, each of whom are stranded there because of a big snowstorm! Over breakfast, the guests learn that no one has actually met the owner of the inn. Once again an old and valuable item has gone missing – a rare book! The guests must unravel the clues to find it. And along the way, they learn about the accuracy of another ancient book – the Bible.

You can watch the teaching segments from this week at: <http://lifekids.lifechurch.tv/toon-town/unit-81/Week-2>. It will be helpful to watch this segment before talking about it with your child. Or, you all can watch it together as a family – it's only about 15 minutes long!

### **II. Hook:** *(a fun, interactive activity that helps connect to a spiritual conversation)*

There is a pretty in-depth murder mystery Flash game located at <http://www.mysterygamecentral.com/games/DetectiveGrimoirePlay.html>. It might be too complex for younger kids, but would make for a fun family activity trying to solve the mystery. It's definitely rated PG for language and adult situations though.

### **III. Book** *(a review of the Bible verse and Bible phrase taught this week)*

Have your child lookup and read 1 Timothy 3:16, or read it yourself: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true..."

Then read the phrase for this week: "The facts in the Bible are a clue, so I can see that God is true."

#### **IV. Look** *(a series of questions to talk about with your child)*

First, ask your child what he or she remembers from the story that they watched on Sunday. You can remind them that after breakfast the guests go to look at the inn's ancient book, only to discover it's been stolen!. A clue leads them back to the library, where they find a book that talks about how history and archeology have verified that what the Bible says is true.

Next, discuss the following questions:

- Who wrote the Bible? Is there good evidence that these were real people?
- If several people see the same event, will they describe it in exactly the same way? Do these differences mean that these people aren't telling the truth?
- Does the evidence from history and archeology match up with what the Bible says happened? Can you think of any specific examples?
- Should we believe the Bible simply because of history and archeology, or does it also take faith to believe that the Bible is absolutely true? Why do you think that?

#### **V. Took** *(what you want your child to remember from this story)*

1. God used many different people to write the Bible. History shows that these were real, living people.
2. Several witnesses may see different things about the same event, but these differences don't mean that the event didn't actually happen.
3. History and archeology provide strong evidence that the Bible is true, but we also need faith to believe that God inspired the whole book and protected it over thousands of years.

Talk to your child about other reasons we can believe that the Bible is true.

#### **VI. The Next Step** *(what your child can do to get a deeper understanding of these concepts)*

Help your child complete the question on the Take Home Card and work on memorizing the week's verse and phrase. If your child can recite them to his or her teacher the following week, he or she will earn an extra point for his or her team!

#### **VII. Close with Prayer**