

JOURNEY

ADVOCATES

PARENT GUIDE

LESSON 1.1: APOLOGETICS

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:1-41

SUMMARY:

We aren't skipping a beat with this first lesson of the year. Our focus for this week was to set the stage and expectations high, as we will hit on a ton of heavy topics throughout the year. We introduced apologetics and looked at the apostles as models for how to engage culture in humble dialogue about truth. As Christians, we are commanded to be ready to explain the reasons for our faith (1 Peter 3:15). We call this practice "apologetics." We learned from the apostles that, as we engage in

conversations, the goal is to let the Spirit lead us, find common ground, and use evidence to lead someone to the knowledge of Jesus' saving act of His death and resurrection. If we are humble and prepare ourselves to defend the faith, we will be equipped for the good work of apologetics.

CORE VERSES

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; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

1 Peter 3:15-16

CORE CONCEPTS

Christians need to be ready to share the reasons for their beliefs.

APOLOGETICS:

The practice of defending one's beliefs

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- What questions do you and your friends have about God and Christianity?
- Where do you seek answers for questions about your faith?
- How confident are you in sharing your faith with someone who disagrees with you? Explain.
- Describe your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?