# Sister Maddox’s

## Conversation Starters

**“Getting to the truth isn’t a race; it’s a journey.”**

Use these questions not as a discussion guide but as a way to get the conversation started. Do your best to create an environment in your home, church, or class where big questions and doubts can be openly discussed without fear of reprimand or lecture.

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## Science and the Creator

**Discuss:** At the beginning of the story, Elijah believes that since the universe runs on science and natural laws, it doesn't need a Creator. Why do you think people sometimes feel they have to choose between science and faith?

**Read:** *Romans 1:20*

**Explore:** If you learn exactly how a complex machine or a video game works, does it make the creator seem less important, or more brilliant? How does that apply to God and the universe?

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## Monster-Sized Doubts

**Discuss:** The Clockwork Monster was terrifying, just like some of the doubts and tough questions we might have about our faith. What is a question about God, the Bible, or the world that sometimes feels scary to ask out loud?

**Read:** *Colossians 2:8*

**Explore:** Why is it safer to share our big questions with people we trust (like parents or church leaders) instead of letting them turn into "monsters" in our own heads?

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## The 5 Diagnostic Protocols

**Discuss:** Sister Maddox and Apollo ran protocols looking for things like 'Structural Unity' and 'Design and Purpose'. If you had to pick one thing in nature or space that screams "this was designed on purpose," what would it be?

**Read:** *Psalm 19:1*

**Explore:** When you look closely at how perfectly the earth is positioned and how nature works together, how does it change the way you see the Creator?

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## The Master Builder's Blueprint

**Discuss:** Elijah points out that you can leave a pile of Legos next to an instruction manual all day, but they will never assemble themselves into a rocket ship. Do you think the universe could have just accidentally put itself together?

**Read:** *Hebrews 11:3*

**Explore:** If the universe didn't build itself, what does the sheer size and complexity of the "Great Engine" tell us about the power of the Master Builder?

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## Sister Maddox's Wisdom

**Discuss:** Sister Maddox says, "When we try to force reality to run on our own makeshift logic, the whole system breaks down." Have you ever tried to play a game where everyone was making up their own rules? What happened?

**Read:** *Romans 1:21*

**Explore:** God's design isn't just about physics; it's about how we live. How is following God's design (even when it's hard) actually better than trying to make up our own rules as we go?