

# JUMP START



## Lesson 3: Nature

**God has given us nature to strengthen our relationship with Him.**

**The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.  
Psalm 24:1a**



### REARVIEW MIRROR

Think about the last lesson. What was one thing that really spoke to you? Was there something that you changed, did differently or added into your life as a result?



### EYES ON THE ROAD: Watch the video.

### START YOUR ENGINE

Are you a mountain, desert, ocean or prairie person. Why?

What is your favorite season of the year. Why?

“Reading about nature is fine, but if a person walks in the woods and listens carefully, he can learn more than what is in books, for they speak with the voice of God.”

—George Washington Carver



### CHARGE YOUR BATTERY

Scripture references may be found at the end of each lesson.

1. Make a list of things about nature that amaze you. Then, list how God's attributes are revealed through nature.

Things in nature that amaze you  
(Example)

Lightning - precision & power

Attributes of God revealed through nature

God is precise and powerful

Now write a thank-you note, praising God and thanking Him for who He is.

2. Sometimes God uses ordinary things in nature to demonstrate His extraordinary presence in your life. For example, in Susan's talk she shared how a simple pond spoke to the heart about salvation.

Can you think of a time when God spoke to you through something ordinary in nature? What did that reveal to you about God?

(For example, you might look at something as simple as a tree and then think about what you learn about God as you visualize the tree during each season.)

3. Name some undependable things in your life.

Now think of some things that God has created that you can depend on in nature. (Example: Sunrise/Sunset)

What does that say about God and His dependability?

4. Read Mark 4:35-41 and answer the following questions:

Who are all the participants?

What happened in verse 37?

What was Jesus doing in verse 38?

How were the disciples responding to the situation in verse 38?

What did Jesus do in verse 39?

What did the wind and water do in verse 39?

What did Jesus ask them in verse 40?

Do you think the disciples had faith? Do you think having faith means you will never be afraid?

Re-read verse 41. In this verse notice that the disciples were both in awe and also confused about who Jesus was. Describe a time when nature filled you with both awe and confusion.

Read Psalm 46:1-3. What do these verses say about God and nature?

5. Think of a storm in your life—the situations that cause you great anxiety. Would you be willing to take a step of faith and believe in God without seeing the hoped-for result and ask Him to do something extraordinary?

Write out your extraordinary prayer request below.

Realizing that God does not always calm our storms, how are you going to claim God's peace until the storm is over?

In this lesson, you have been faithful to learn God's Word. Now, it's time to *Hit the Road*. By doing the *Hit the Road* portion of *Jumpstart*, you will take what you have learned and put it into action. Don't miss the most exciting part of the ride.



## HIT THE ROAD

1. Use the **A-L-L** method you learned in Lesson 1. It will help you hear God speak to you personally.

**A**=About (What's the passage or verse about? Facts: Who, What, When, Where, How and Why. It may not answer all these questions.)

**L**=Lessons learned (Truths from the passage)

**L**=Live (Application—how am I going to live as a result of reading and studying the word?)

**EXAMPLE: Psalm 119:165**

*Those who love your law have great peace and do not stumble.*

**About:**

- Who? people who love the law.
- What? peace,
- When? now, today.
- Where? doesn't identify where.
- How? love the law.
- Why? so you won't stumble.

Read Romans 1:20.

*For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His invisible qualities— His eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever, for not knowing God.*

A = About:

- Who?
- What?
- When?
- Where?
- Why?

L=Lessons Learned:

L=Live:

2. Take a nature walk without your IPOD. Collect things that remind you of God and keep them on your desk or another prominent place to remind you to worship Him.
  
3. One sure thing about nature is that it is universal. Everyone sees the sun. All can experience a sunset. Mountains speak without using words.

How can we help others see God through nature?

## SCRIPTURES (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)



### CHARGE YOUR BATTERY

#### **Mark 4:35-41—**

*As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.” 36 So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). 37 But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.*

*38 Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to drown?” 39 When Jesus woke up, He rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm.*

*40 Then He asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”*

*41 The disciples were absolutely terrified. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey Him!”*

#### **Psalms 46:1-3—**

*1 God is our refuge and strength,  
always ready to help in times of trouble.*

*2 So we will not fear when earthquakes come  
and the mountains crumble into the sea.*

*3 Let the oceans roar and foam.  
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!*