

## Back to Nature...

Do you love to be outdoors? What do you like to do outside? Is it taking a stroll? Hiking? Going for a bike ride? Swimming? Camping? Bird watching? Canoeing? Or just getting some friends together to enjoy a sunrise or sunset?

NATURE is God's great backdrop to life here on earth!

This devotional book is set up to help you PLANT God's Word in your life, and GROW to know more of Him.

Each day you will HIKE through Bible verses about NATURE that draw you closer to the CREATOR. You will DIVE into questions to help you understand and reflect on what you've read. Then you will CAMP OUT with a few tidbits or thoughts on the verses. Finally, you will PACK UP the daily reading with a challenge or prayer to remember through the rest of your day.

The Bible tells us that ALL CREATION SHOUTS PRAISE to God! Are you ready to join in the PRAISE?

HERE WE GO!

***Praise be to His glorious name forever;  
may the whole earth be filled with His glory.***

***Amen and Amen.***

***(Psalm 72:19)***



## Day 1

### Hiking Through:

Read Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3.

### Diving In:

What elements from nature are mentioned in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

Who created the earth and the heavens? \_\_\_\_\_

What does created mean? \_\_\_\_\_

In John 1, Who is “The Word”? (If you are not sure, look at John 1:14, 17.)

How is “The Word” described? \_\_\_\_\_

What did “The Word” do? \_\_\_\_\_

Without “The Word” what would be here? (What would have been made?)

### Camping Out:

Take a moment to look around you. Look at everything you have and can experience because Jesus, “The Word”, made it for you. You may be thinking, “Jesus did not write, produce, publish or even manufacture that book up on my shelf.” The finished form, a book, Jesus did not create... that’s correct. BUT the tree that the paper is from, the person who wrote it, the ideas within it, would NOT be here without Jesus. He truly is the Creator of ALL THINGS!!

### Packing Up:

We take so many things for granted. We don’t think about the earth we walk upon, the air we breathe, the joy we get from flowers or animals. Never forget Who has made ALL THINGS, and give Him praise!!! Take a few minutes in prayer to thank God for all you have!



## Day 2

### Hiking Through:

Read Job 12:7-10.

### Diving In:

What elements from nature are mentioned in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite animal? \_\_\_\_\_

What category from these verses does your favorite animal come from?

(Beast, bird, fish?) \_\_\_\_\_

What lesson can animals, fish, dirt (earth), and bushes teach us? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anywhere on earth where the creatures do not know and recognize God as the Ruler of all (everything in His hands)? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it mean that God holds life in His hand? \_\_\_\_\_

### Camping Out:

Have you ever watched nature? Whether it is a pet, an animal at the zoo, the leaves of a tree, the waves of the ocean, the way a mountain is carved, or how a stream flows, all of it is there to point us to God. When we look at these things, we are to be reminded that there is a Creator Who made us, loves us, and cares so much for us that He made a world FULL OF LIFE for us to enjoy! Not only does God create, but He sustains (helps, defends, saves, supports, nurtures, carries, comforts, supplies) all He creates! He is God. He wants to be YOUR God!

### Packing Up:

Every living thing KNOWS God. Do you? Have you made the decision to follow Him? Have you received Jesus as your Savior? YES = PRAISE HIM!!! NO = Take a few moments to look over the last two pages in the back of this book.

