



## Worship the Creator

**Monthly Focus**  
Beyond Going Green

**Week 4**  
Devotion

### **Lesson:**

Have a praise and worship service outdoors. Invite someone to lead worship on a guitar or take a CD player of your favorite contemporary worship songs and go outside to bask in the wonder of God's creation. Invite the students to talk about their experience with God in such a setting. What do they think of Him here as opposed to inside a chapel? Lead them in a meditation on scripture that depicts some of the natural surroundings of Jesus' day. One example could be a meditation on John 21. Johnny Baker wrote an excellent focused meditation in his book *Alternative Worship on John 21*. Teach them as Jesus taught his disciples on a lake, in the woods, at a picnic.

Alternatively: Set up prayer stations for your teens that are in nature and involve nature. A few examples:

- Have your students plant a seed in the ground while considering the scripture of the Sower.
- Have them consider a few leaves from trees and consider how each one is different. Have them consider their own fingerprints (ink pad and paper) and how each person's is different. Invite them to talk to God about the details they see in front of them and the details of their lives.
- Build a fire. Feel its warmth. Talk to God about how He meets all of their needs.
- Read through Psalm 23. Invite them to spend time thinking about each line and where they are in their walk with the Lord in relation to the Psalm.

These are just a few examples. Use your imagination. Invite them into God's creation so that they can learn to respect his gift to us. Then encourage them to take care of it.

Go back over last week's Refine and Pursue steps. Ask the teens to decide if they want to change them at all or keep doing them for the coming week. Then practice the unification part where your teens tell each other what their plans are and they commit it to each other.