Intentionally Create Connections to Nature
with Conversation Starters

Assemble Your Flipbook

1. Print out Conversation Starters.
2. Cut out. Each page is not exactly a fourth of the page. Cut on the lines.
3. Place in a 4 x 6 flip photo album.

Ways to Use

1. Pick a **designated time** weekly or more often to read one with your children.
2. Use it as a **reference** when observing nature.

Designated Time Option

Read it. That's it. Talk about anything comes to mind. This is the **easiest, least prep** way to introduce the ideas of Scripture and nature as related. Also, nature has a way of not cooperating with your lesson plans. If you plan: this week we will read the cloud verses and study the clouds, you can bet there won't be a cloud in the sky.

Memorize it. When you memorize the Scripture, you begin to internalize it. Then, God can bring it to mind when you are out and about in nature. So, when you (parent) memorize the Scripture and you are on a nature walk, these spiritual truths will be in your mind already to share with your kids. I would encourage families to memorize Scripture together, but if anyone in the family learns it, that's fantastic!

When to read these together?
Whatever set time works for your family. Maybe it's Thursday mornings. Maybe it's at snack time or meal time or bedtime or on a walk or in the car. Make reading Scripture together a habit.   The point is to be **intentional**.

Reference Option

Planned Study

Plan a unit study on an aspect of nature.
- Use Nature Conversation Starters (Scripture).
- Use ideas from classicalbutRelevant.com for each subject.

Intentionally study an aspect of nature and over time record observations in a nature journal.

Spotaneous Study

- Just go outside and observe nature.
- When you make an observation or your child has a question, use the Nature Conversation Starters to connect Scripture with what you are studying.
- See Nature Conversations on the website for further ideas, as a springboard for lesson plans and conversations related to each topic.