

# HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

**Herd Junior High** are easy-to-use, engaging lessons that are geared toward middle school and junior high students. Bible-based and single-focused, they're designed to help everyone from volunteer leaders to experienced full-time youth workers quickly facilitate great discussions with clear takeaways and real-life application steps.

## WILDLIFE

### WHAT TO DO

1. **One handout / Two options:**
  - **SIMPLE:** Give everyone both front and back pages. Just print and go!
  - **CUSTOM:** Give students the back page. Keep the front page as a leaders-only resource so you can customize the opening question, teaching, and discussion prompts for your group's needs.
2. **Apply It:** Challenge students to get specific. Growth happens when we make a plan, then ask others to keep us accountable. You may want to choose a different student to personally follow up with after each lesson.
3. **End with prayer:** Each lesson ends with a different prayer method to help students continue thinking about how The Takeaway applies to daily life. Spend a few minutes walking through the prompts to make sure your students know what they need to do when they're on their own during the week.
4. **Plan your optional service opportunity:** Each set of 4 lessons comes with a service opportunity idea that helps students live out what they are learning. You pick the time and place that works best for your group!

### WILDLIFE SERIES OVERVIEW

#### Four lessons on people who followed God through the wilderness.

This series will talk about the times in the "wilderness" that visit every Christ-follower. These times are filled with wondering: has God forgotten me? Students will hear four accounts of people following God in the wilderness and how God used that time to shape their lives. Challenge students to identify the wilderness seasons in their own life, particularly when it comes to doubt, difficulty, and not "feeling it" or feeling "on fire" with their faith.

<b>LESSON 1</b> When in the Wilderness	<b>SCRIPTURE:</b> 1 Kings 17:1–24 <b>THE TAKEAWAY:</b> All believers go through time in the "wilderness", but God is still powerfully at work in those seasons.
<b>LESSON 2</b> Burning Bush	<b>SCRIPTURE:</b> Acts 7:20–35 <b>THE TAKEAWAY:</b> No matter how long our time in the wilderness is, we must be ready and willing to respond to God's call.
<b>LESSON 3</b> Locusts, Honey, and Camel Hair	<b>SCRIPTURE:</b> Mark 1:1–11 <b>THE TAKEAWAY:</b> No matter where we are or what we look like, God has given us a message for the world.
<b>LESSON 4</b> Wild Jesus	<b>SCRIPTURE:</b> Luke 4:1–13 <b>THE TAKEAWAY:</b> Jesus went through the wilderness too, and he did it for you.



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### STUDENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY IDEA

#### **Loving in the Wilderness**

Students can support a local/regional ministry that helps refugees. Some ideas could be providing aid and services to those who have been resettled in your area, tutoring refugee kids who need help with reading, putting on a Bible day-camp for refugee kids (where you provide a healthy snack, fun games, and a Bible message), or anything else you or your students come up with. This is a way to love and serve those who might be in a wilderness time of life.

### WILDLIFE SERIES OVERVIEW VIDEO

Remember to watch the series overview video to help you get the most out of the *Wildlife* series.

<http://vimeo.com/leadertreks/stampede-wildlife>