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**EJ12: Girl Hero, Jump Start**  
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**Synopsis**

In *Jump Start*, EJ12's mission is to find out what SHADOW is doing in the middle of the rain forest and to stop their evil plans. She needs to help the endangered animals and save their beautiful, natural habitat. Emma Jack's mission is to overcome her fear of high jumps on the beam for her gymnastics competition.

- **Times Table Fun**

EJ has to crack a code that uses the 3 times table (page 109). Pick a times table above the number 3 to write a secret message and share it with your friends to solve.

- **Crack the Code**

Find the number codes on pages 3 and 5 of *Jump Start*. Try and crack these codes. Then make up your own number codes with secret messages and ask your friends to solve them.

- **What Makes You Afraid?**

Emma easily conquers SHADOW in the forest but is terrified of her high jumps on the gymnastics beam. How does Emma overcome her fear to jump in the rain forest and how does this help her in the gymnastics competition? Share things you're scared of or have trouble trying to get past. Discuss strategies to help one another overcome these fears.

- **Save the Rain Forests**

Discuss what you know about rain forests. Research more information about them in books and on the Internet and share this with your discussion group. Discuss ways to convince others to help save our rain forests.

- **World Heritage Sites**

Use books and the Internet to find out about World Heritage sites. Have each member of your discussion group select one and share why they chose it, where it is, and some interesting facts. You might even want to develop a group presentation using PowerPoint or a similar computer program.