

ROYAL RANGERS



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LESSONS

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each commander must complete the courses in advance. There are no answer sheets.
2. Provide Bible Study Lessons for everyone in the outpost. Assign the lesson to be completed that week. Explain that they should take the lesson home and work on it by themselves. (Young Pioneers may need help from mom or dad.)
3. Have the boys return the lesson at the very next meeting. Give recognition to those completing the lesson each week. Keep interest high by making weekly reports to the outpost on those doing good work.
4. During the Bible Study period review each question and give the correct answer. Let the boys grade their own lessons. This will give the fellows a chance to review each lesson and will also save the commander a lot of valuable time.

SECTION ONE

THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER PLEDGE

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SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER PLEDGE

LESSON 1: "WITH GOD'S HELP, I WILL DO MY BEST..."

This lesson is the first of six lessons on the subject of "The Bible and the Ranger Pledge." In each of these six lessons we will study a part of the Ranger Pledge. "With God's help, I will do my best" is the part of the pledge we will study in this lesson.

"WITH GOD'S HELP"

The Bible tells us that there is help from God. Let us complete the following verses and see what the Bible tells us about this help.

1. Hebrews 13:6, "The Lord is my _____."
2. Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not; for I (God) am _____ thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will _____ thee; yea, I will _____ thee; yea, I will _____ thee with the right hand of my righteousness."
3. Isaiah 65:24, "And it shall come to pass, that _____, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will _____."
4. Luke 11:9, "And I say unto you, _____, and it shall be _____ you; _____, and ye shall _____; _____, and it shall be _____ unto you."
5. Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their _____; they shall mount up with wings as _____; they shall _____, and not be _____; and they shall _____, and not _____."

"I WILL DO MY BEST"

We can see by these scriptures that God will help us. With God's help, we will be able to do the next part of the pledge, "I will do my best."

Write the correct scripture reference on the line at the beginning of each verse and then complete the verse.

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| Jer. 29:13 | Phil. 4:13 | Ecc. 9:10 | Col. 3:23 |
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6. _____, "I can do _____ through Christ which _____ me."
 7. _____, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy _____."
 8. _____, "And whatsoever ye do, do it _____, as to the Lord, and not unto men."
 9. _____, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me _____."

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LESSON 2: "With God's help, I will do my best to: SERVE GOD..."

In last week's lesson we learned that God will help us. We further discovered that the Bible tells us to do our best with the help of God. Let us continue our study of "The Bible and the Ranger Pledge." The next part of the pledge tells us the first thing in which we should do our best. It says "With God's help, I will do my best to: _____."

What are some of the ways we can serve God?

LOVE

Jesus tells us how much we should love God in Luke 10:27, "Thou shalt _____ the Lord thy God with _____ thy _____, and with _____ thy _____, and with _____ thy _____, and with _____ thy _____; and thy neighbor as thy self."

OBEDIENCE

John 14:15, "If ye _____ me, _____ my commandments."

Obedience was the key to Hezekiah's success. 2 Kings 18:6, "For he clave to the Lord, and _____ from following him, but _____ his _____, which the Lord commanded Moses."

King Saul decided to offer a sacrifice to God instead of obeying Him. Turn to 1 Samuel 15:22 and see what God told him. "Behold, _____ is _____ than sacrifice, and _____ (listen) than the fat of rams."

BIBLE STUDY

If we are to obey the commandments of the Lord, we need to know what they are. God has given us His commandments in the Bible. Therefore, we need to study the Bible daily to learn what He would have us to do.

Deuteronomy 17:19, "And it (the law of God--the Bible) shall be with him, and he shall _____ therein _____ the days of _____; that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to _____ all the words of this law and these statutes, to _____ them."

Acts 17:11, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they _____ the word with all readiness of mind, and _____ the Scriptures _____, whether those things were so."

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LESSON 3: "With God's help, I will do my best to: ...SERVE MY CHURCH..."

In the last lesson we studied about serving God with our best. In this lesson we will study the next part of the Ranger Pledge, "With God's help, I will do my best to serve my church." What are some of the ways in which we can serve our church?

We can serve our church by living a consistent Christian life.

It is very important for every member of the church to live a Christian life at all times. Many of the people we meet each day never read the Bible or attend church. All they learn about God and our church is what they learn as they watch the way we live. Our lives will either attract them to God and our church, or drive them away. You can see why it is important to live a consistent Christian life. Let us see what the Bible says about our lives.

1. 1 Timothy 4:12, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an _____ of the believers, in _____, in _____ - _____ (conduct), in _____ (love), in _____, in _____, in _____."
2. Titus 2:7, "In all things showing thyself a _____ of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity."
3. Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so _____ before men, that they may _____ your _____, and _____ your Father which is in heaven."

We can serve our church by supporting it through our regular attendance and our tithes and offerings.

ATTENDANCE

4. Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the _____ of ourselves _____, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

GIVING

5. Deuteronomy 16:17, "Every man _____ as he is _____, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee."
6. 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so _____; not _____, or of _____: for God loveth a _____ giver."
7. Malachi 3:10, "_____ ye _____ the _____ into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now here-with, saith the _____ of hosts."

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LESSON 4: "With God's help, I will do my best to: ...SERVE MY FELLOW MAN..."

There are many ways to serve our fellow man. Each day presents new opportunities to be of service to someone. The opportunity may be a small one, like speaking a word of encouragement to a classmate. Or, a bigger one, like saving someone's life. Whatever the case, we should do our best to serve those who are in need.

The parable of the good Samaritan gives us an excellent example of serving our fellow man. Read the complete story, Luke 10:30-37. Now complete the verse which tells how the good Samaritan served his fellow man. Verse 34. "And went to him, and _____ his _____, pouring in oil and wine, and _____ him on his own beast, and _____ him to an inn, and _____ of him."

Read the verses indicated and then answer the questions.

Galatians 6:10

1. We should use every opportunity we have to do good. T F
2. We should do good to those we like. T F
3. We should do good to those we don't like. T F
4. We should do good to everyone. T F

Matthew 5:44

5. What should you do to your enemies? _____ them.
6. What should you do if someone curses you? _____ them.
7. What should you do to those who hate you? _____ them.
8. You should _____ for them that despitefully use you.
9. You should _____ for them that persecute you.

One of the most important ways in which we can serve our fellow man is by witnessing to them. When we tell our friends and classmates about Jesus, we do them a twofold favor. First, we are telling them the way to heaven. Second, we are telling them of the best friend a person ever had; a friend who will "never leave them or forsake them." This friend is Jesus.

The Bible tells us we should be witnesses. Let us see what it says.

10. Acts 1:8, "and ye shall be _____ unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the _____ part of the earth."
11. Mark 16:15, "And he (Jesus) said unto them, Go _____ into all the world, and _____ the gospel to _____."

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LESSON 5: "With God's help, I will do my best to: ...LIVE BY THE RANGER CODE..."

A code is a set of rules to follow or live by. The Royal Ranger Code is a set of rules Royal Rangers live by. God, in His dealings with man, has always had a set of rules for man to obey. The Royal Ranger Code was taken from the Bible. The points of the code are age-old principles of Christian living expressed in Royal Ranger language. Let us make a brief study of the Bible and see what it teaches concerning these principles of Christian living.

God's rules are to be kept.

1. Psalm 119:4, "Thou hast commanded us to _____ thy precepts."
2. Matthew 19:17, "if thou wilt enter into life, _____ the commandments."
3. Deuteronomy 6:17, "Ye shall _____ the commandments of the Lord your God, and his _____, and his _____, which he hath commanded thee."

He who keeps the rules of God is wise.

4. Proverbs 28:7, "Whoso _____ the law is a _____ son."
5. Deuteronomy 4:5, 6, "Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, ... Keep therefore and do them; for this is your _____ and your _____."

God will prosper and bless those who live by His laws.

6. Proverbs 3:1, 2, "My son, forget not my _____; but let thine heart _____ my commandments: For length of days, and _____, and _____, shall they add to thee."
7. Read the first Psalm and then complete the following verses:
Psalm 1:2, 3, "But his delight is in the _____ of the _____; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a _____ planted by the _____ of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not _____; and _____ he _____."

It takes courage.

It takes real courage to live by God's laws when our friends and classmates do not.

8. Joshua 23:6, "Be ye therefore very _____ to _____ and to _____ that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye _____ therefrom to the _____ or to the _____."

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LESSON 6: "With God's help, I will do my best to: ...MAKE THE GOLDEN RULE MY DAILY RULE."

This is the last lesson in the series of lessons on "The Bible and the Ranger Pledge." We will be studying the last part of the pledge, "I will do my best to make the Golden Rule my daily rule."

The Golden Rule is found in Matthew 7:12. Try to complete it from memory. "Whatsoever ye would that _____ to you, _____ to them." This rule says we should treat those around us as we want them to treat us.

According to the Bible, who should we treat as we want to be treated?

1. John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my _____, if ye _____ to another."
2. Matthew 22:39, "Thou shalt love _____ as thyself."
3. Matthew 5:44, "But I say unto you, Love your _____."

We can see from these verses everyone is included—other Christians (disciples), our neighbors, and our enemies.

How should we treat others?

4. Luke 6:35, "But love ye your enemies, and do _____."
5. Acts 10:38, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about _____."
6. Proverbs 25:21, "If thine enemy be _____, _____ him _____ to eat; and if he be _____, _____ him _____ to drink."

Who of us likes it when other people laugh at us when we make a mistake? Do you think it is funny when someone you do not like has trouble? You shouldn't. If you are living by the Golden Rule, you should never make fun of the misfortune of others.

7. Proverbs 24:17, "_____ when thine enemy _____, and _____ thine heart _____ when he _____."
8. Romans 13:10, "Love _____ to his _____."

The Golden Rule is easy to obey when we are with our friends. It is a little harder to keep when we are with our neighbors. When we are around those who do not like us, it is very hard to follow the Golden Rule. However, a Royal Ranger can live by the Golden Rule at all times because God will help him. To have God's help all you need to do is ask Him. He will fill you as He did Jesus "with the _____ and _____" Acts 10:38.

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THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER MOTTO

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LESSON 1: "READY" FOR ANYTHING

In this series of lessons we will study what the Bible has to say about the Royal Ranger Motto, "READY." One of the greatest lessons a Royal Ranger can learn is the importance of being "READY" for anything.

Paul the Apostle, who was responsible for bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to many countries, is a wonderful example of a man who was "READY" for anything.

READ WHAT HE HAD TO SAY IN ACTS 21:13.

Complete the following: "For I am _____ not to be _____ only, but also to _____ at Jerusalem for the _____ of the _____."

ALSO READ THE STATEMENT BY PAUL IN ROMANS 1:15.

Complete the following: "So, as much as in me is, I am _____ to _____ the gospel to you that are at _____ also."

NOW READ WHY PAUL WAS "READY" IN ROMANS 1:16.

Complete the following: "For I am not _____ of the _____ of Christ: for it is the _____ of God unto salvation to every one that _____."

FINALLY, READ HOW PAUL WAS "READY" TO DIE FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST IN 2 TIMOTHY 4:6.

Complete the following: "For I am now ready to be _____, (die) and the time of my _____ (death) is at hand."

TO DISCOVER THE RESULTS IN PAUL'S LIFE BECAUSE HE WAS ALWAYS "READY," READ 2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8.

List below three things given in verse 7 that Paul was able to do because he was "READY":

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____

What did Paul say, in verse 8, he would receive for being faithful and "READY?"

Complete the following: "I have fought a _____, I have finished my _____, I have kept the _____: henceforth there is _____ up for me a _____ of righteousness, which the _____, the righteous judge, shall _____ me at that day: and not to me _____, but unto _____ them also that _____ his appearing."

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LESSON 2: "READY" TO WORK

A great man once said, "Industry (work) is the making of a man." Certainly every Royal Ranger should be "READY" to work for the Lord, his church, and his outpost. Being "READY" and willing to work is a great step in becoming a success when you become a man.

The Bible tells us about two young men named Joshua and Caleb. They were among the spies who Moses sent into Canaan to look over the land before the people took it. It was discovered that the land had many walled cities and there were also giants living there. Most of the people felt it would be too great a task to conquer Canaan.

Joshua and Caleb stood up and pleaded with the people. They reasoned if the people would not be afraid, and would really try, God would be with them. Joshua and Caleb became great leaders in Israel because they were "READY" and willing to accept any task God gave them to do.

READ THEIR STORY IN NUMBERS, CHAPTER 13, AND THE FIRST NINE VERSES OF NUMBERS, CHAPTER 14.

Also read Joshua 1:1-9 and Joshua 14:6-12.

TRUE OR FALSE

1. Moses showed his confidence in Joshua and Caleb by sending them as spies into Canaan. _____
2. They brought back a good report to Moses and the people. _____
3. Joshua and Caleb were afraid of the giants in the land of Canaan. _____
4. All of the spies agreed with Joshua and Caleb. _____
5. Joshua and Caleb thought it best if they agreed with the crowd. _____
6. Joshua and Caleb were "READY" to take the land of Canaan. _____
7. Joshua became the leader of the children of Israel after Moses died. _____
8. God told Joshua if he would be strong and have courage, He would be with him. _____
9. When Caleb became old, he was unwilling to work the way he had when he was a young man. _____
10. The mountain Caleb asked for was an easy job to take. _____
11. Working for God is always easy. _____
12. It is important to always be "READY" to work. _____

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LESSON 3: "READY" TO SERVE

Serving the Lord Jesus Christ is not always easy. Sometimes we are laughed at and criticized because we are faithful in our service to Him. Sometimes, it takes a real he-man to be a good Christian. Every Royal Ranger should be "READY" to serve God no matter what happens.

The Bible tells us about three young men who were willing to be thrown into a fiery furnace in order to serve the Lord.

READ THEIR STORY IN DANIEL 3:1-30.

Answer the following questions:

1. Who was the King of Babylon? (verse 1) _____.
2. What did he build for the people to worship? _____
_____.
3. How high and how wide was the image? _____
_____, _____.
4. List eight classes of people the King required to worship his image. (verse 3) _____,
_____, _____,
_____, _____, _____,
_____, and _____ of the _____.
5. List the six musical instruments that played while the people bowed before the image. (verse 5) _____,
_____, _____,
_____, _____, and _____.
6. Give the three Jewish boys' names. (verse 12) _____,
_____, and _____.
7. What province were the three Hebrews rulers over? _____.
8. Did they bow down before the golden image? _____.
9. Who did they say they served? (verse 17) _____.
10. What did they say they would not do? (verse 18) _____
_____, _____, _____, _____.
11. How did King Nebuchadnezzar feel when they refused to worship his image? (verse 19) _____.
12. What did the King do to the three Hebrews? (verse 20) _____
_____.
13. What happened to the men who threw them into the furnace? (verse 22)
_____, _____.
14. How many people did the King see in the furnace? (verse 25) _____.
15. In verse 26 whose servants did the King say they were? _____
_____.
16. Were the Hebrews hurt in any way? (verse 27) _____.
17. Did the King recognize God's power? (verse 28) _____.
18. For what purpose did God deliver the three boys? (verse 28) _____
_____, _____, _____, _____.

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LESSON 4: "READY" TO WORSHIP

One of the most important duties of a Royal Ranger is to be "READY" to worship. We worship God by singing hymns and listening to His Word in church. We worship God, also, when we pray and read the Bible.

The Bible tells us about a young man named Daniel who always was "READY" to worship God. He did not have a church to worship in, however, everyday he took time to pray in his room and worship God. Evil men, who hated Daniel, plotted to have him killed. God delivered Daniel because he was "READY" to worship God, even if it meant death.

READ HIS EXCITING STORY IN CHAPTER SIX OF THE BOOK OF DANIEL.

Complete the following multiple-choice questions by underlining the correct answer:

1. King Darius had (72) (95) (120) princes in his kingdom.
2. Daniel's position among these princes was (third) (first) (seventh).
3. Daniel was preferred above the others because he (was very smart) (had an excellent spirit) (was handsome).
4. Daniel's enemies found (a few faults) (many faults) (no fault).
5. The King signed a decree that no one could ask a petition of any god or man for a period of (30) (21) (15) days.
6. The decree stated whoever disobeyed would be (beheaded) (hung) (cast into the lion's den).
7. In spite of the decree, Daniel kneeled and prayed (one time) (two times) (three times) a day.
8. When he prayed, Daniel (closed his doors) (shut his windows) (opened his windows).
9. The King threw Daniel in the lion's den because he (was angry at Daniel) (did not like Daniel) (could not change the decree).
10. The King spent the night (drinking) (fasting) (sleeping).
11. The next morning the King went (in haste) (slowly) (uncertainly) to the lion's den.
12. God delivered Daniel from the lions by (striking them dead) (shutting their mouths) (making them blind).
13. The King was (exceeding glad) (completely surprised) (very disappointed).
14. The King made (a decree) (a speech) (a promise) that everyone should fear Daniel's God.
15. Daniel (suffered) (prospered) (was rejected) in the reign of Darius.

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LESSON 5: "READY" TO DIE

As we continue our study of the Royal Ranger Motto, we come face to face with a subject not too pleasant to think about, but which each of us must face sometime. This subject is death. Our motto says a Royal Ranger is "READY" for anything, so as Rangers we need to be "READY" to die. Let us see what the Bible teaches about death and how we can be "READY" for it.

THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT ALL WILL DIE.

Heb. 9:27, "It is _____ unto men once _____,..."

Here the Bible tells us all men, whether great or small, must die. It also tells us something else will happen to everyone after death.

THE BIBLE TELLS US AFTER DEATH WE WILL BE JUDGED.

Heb. 9:27, "...but after this the _____."

We can see from this scripture that we will all die and be called before God to be judged. For many of us it will be a long time until we stand before God, but for some of us it may be tomorrow or even today. Since none of us know how long we will live, we need to be "READY" at all times. In order to be "READY," the Bible tells us we must do the following:

1. We must repent of our sins. (Be sorry enough not to do them again.) Acts 3:19, "_____ ye therefore, and be converted."
2. We must confess our sins to God. 1 John 1:9, "If we _____ our _____, he is faithful and just _____ us our sins, and to _____ us from all _____."
3. We must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that _____ in him should not _____, but have everlasting _____."
4. We must receive Jesus as our Saviour. John 1:12, "But as many as _____ him, to _____ gave he power to become the _____, even to them that _____ on his name."
5. After completing the scriptures above, I know I am "READY" to die and meet God. Yes ___ No ___
6. I am sorry for my sins. Yes ___ No ___
7. I will confess my sins. Yes ___ No ___
8. I believe in Jesus Christ and that He died for me. Yes ___ No ___
9. I have opened my heart's door and received Jesus as my personal Saviour. Yes ___ No ___

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LESSON 6: "READY" TO LIVE

In last week's lesson we learned we need to accept Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour in order to be "READY" to die. In this lesson we will continue our study of the Ranger Motto. Our subject is "READY" to live. As strange as it may seem, a Royal Ranger is not "READY" to live until he is "READY" to die. It is only as he serves God that he really lives.

Jesus said it this way: John 10:10, "I am come that they might have _____, and that they might have it more _____."

WHAT IS THIS ABUNDANT LIFE?

FIRST, IT IS A LIFE OF JOY.

In an age when so many people are discouraged with life, down in the dumps, and unhappy, it is wonderful to know that Jesus wants to give us a life full of joy.

Complete the following:

1. Isaiah 12:3, "Therefore with _____ shall ye draw water out of the wells of _____."
2. Psalm 16:11, "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of _____; at thy right hand there are _____ for evermore."
3. John 15:11, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my _____ might remain in you, and that _____ might be _____."

SECOND, THIS ABUNDANT LIFE IS A LIFE OF PEACE.

In this age when men are troubled, disturbed, frustrated and fearful, God has promised a life of peace to those who will serve Him.

Complete the following:

4. John 14:27, "_____ I leave with you, my _____ I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be _____, neither let it be _____."
5. Psalm 4:8, "I will both lay me down in _____, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in _____."
6. Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in _____, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."
7. Philippians 4:7, "And the _____ of God, which passeth all _____, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

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LESSON 7: "READY" TO WITNESS

Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave one last command. It is this command which forms the basis of today's lesson. If we are to obey this command, then we must be "READY" to witness. Turn with me to the Bible as we study the command to witness.

Draw a line to connect the first half of these scriptures to the last half. Then draw another line from the last half of the verse to the correct scripture reference.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be	in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."	John 20:21
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"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you:	and preach the gospel to every creature."	Matt. 28:19
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"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world,	as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."	Acts 1:8
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"Ge ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them	witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."	Mark 16:15
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Let us see where, when, and to whom we should witness.

1. We should be "READY" to witness any place. Acts 8:4, they "went _____ preaching the word." Mark 16:15, "Go ye into _____, and preach the gospel."
2. We should be "READY" to witness at any time. 1 Peter 3:15, "Be _____ to give an answer to every man that asketh you."
3. We should be "READY" to witness to everyone. 1 Peter 3:15, "Be ready always to give an answer to _____ that asketh you!"

God has not only given us the command to witness, but He will also give us the power to witness. We read about this power in Acts 1:8. "But _____, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." With the power of the Holy Spirit to help us, we should be "READY" to witness in any place, at any time, and to anyone. Are you "READY"? If not, why not ask the Lord to help you right now?

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LESSON 8: "READY" TO OBEY

Throughout the ages God has looked for men who were willing to obey Him. Whenever God has found men who were willing to obey, He has used them. In the next three lessons we will see how God used men who were willing to obey Him. In this lesson we will study the Bible and see how God used Gideon, who was "READY" to obey, to accomplish the impossible.

Turn to the book of Judges with me and read chapter 7. After you have read the chapter answer the following questions:

1. How large was the army of the Midianites and the Amalekites? Judges 7:12. "And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley _____ for _____; and their camels _____, as the sand by the _____ for _____." A more accurate number is recorded in Judges 8:10, "About _____ men, all that were left...for there fell _____ and _____ men." Add the two numbers together for the total number in the army. The total number of men was _____.
2. How many of Gideon's army went home when they were told they could if they wanted to? Judges 7:3, "and there returned of the people _____ and _____."
3. How many stayed? Judges 7:3, "and there remained _____."
4. Do you think 10,000 men would be too many men to use in fighting against an army of 135,000 men? Yes ___ No ___
5. Did God think there were too many in Gideon's army? Yes ___ No ___
6. How many men did Gideon finally use? Judges 7:7, "And the Lord said unto Gideon, By the _____ that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand."

To fight 135,000 men with only 300 men, and win, seemed impossible but Gideon was "READY" to obey God. Let us see what happened to the Midianite army. Read Judges 7:21 - 8:12. (Circle the correct answer)

7. The Midianite army ran, cried, and fled before Gideon's men. T F
8. Two Midianite princes were killed. T F
9. The two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, were captured. T F
10. Gideon and his 300 men lost the battle. T F

Though it looked impossible, Gideon and his army of 300 won the victory because they were willing to obey God. You too can have God's help if you will obey Him.

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LESSON 9: "READY" TO OBEY

In last week's lesson we saw how God gave Gideon and his small army victory over the Midianites because Gideon obeyed God. In this lesson let us see what other men were able to do when they obeyed God.

Noah: Read Genesis, chapters 6 and 7.

1. What did God ask Noah to do? (Genesis 6:14) _____
2. Did Noah obey? (Genesis 6:22) _____
3. After Noah had built the ark, what did God ask him to do? Genesis 7:1, "Come _____ and all _____ into the ark."
4. Because Noah was "READY" to obey God, he was able to save his H _ _ _ _ (family). (Hebrews 11:7)

Naaman: Read 2 Kings 5:1-19.

5. What kind of sickness did Naaman have? (2 Kings 5:1) _____
6. God, through Elisha, told Naaman if he would do a certain thing, he would be healed. What was Naaman to do? 2 Kings 5:10. He was to "go and _____."
7. Did Naaman want to do this? (2 Kings 5:12) _____
8. What did he do? 2 Kings 5:12, "So he _____ and _____ away in a _____."
9. Did Naaman change his mind and wash as God told him? 2 Kings 5:14, "Then he went down, and _____ seven times in _____."
10. Was Naaman healed before or after he obeyed God? (2 Kings 5:14) _____

Philip: Read Acts 8:5-25

11. In obedience to the command given by Jesus in Mark 16:15, Philip "went down to _____, and _____ unto them." Acts 8:5.
12. What were the results of Philip's preaching? Acts 8:6, "And the _____ with one accord _____ unto those things which Philip spake." Acts 8:12, "But when they _____ Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were _____, both _____ and _____."

Noah obeyed God and saved the lives of his family. Naaman obeyed God and was healed. Philip obeyed God and won a city for God. These men are only a few of the men God has used. God still needs men who will obey Him. Are you "READY" to obey Him? If so, bow your head right now and dedicate your life to God.

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LESSON 10: "READY"

With this lesson we will end our study of the Bible and the Ranger Motto. In the past lessons we have seen how Paul, Joshua, Caleb, Daniel, Gideon, Noah, Naaman, and Philip were "READY." So let us now turn our attention to the Master Ranger, Jesus Christ. In this lesson we will see how He was "READY."

(Complete the following verses)

JESUS WAS "READY" TO WORK

1. John 9:4, "I _____ the works of him that sent me, while it is day."
2. Luke 2:49, "And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? _____ (know) ye not that I _____ be about my Father's business?"

JESUS WAS "READY" TO OBEY

3. John 6:38, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the _____."
4. John 4:34, "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to _____ the _____ of him that sent me, and to finish _____."
5. John 15:10, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I _____ my Father's _____."

Jesus was not only "READY" to work and to obey, but He was "READY" to do more:

JESUS WAS "READY" TO DIE

6. Matt. 26:39, "And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless, not as I will, _____."
7. Luke 22:42, "Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, _____, but _____, be done."
8. Philippians 2:8, "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became _____ unto _____, even the death of the _____."

It is through Jesus' death on the cross that we have forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. Since our Master Ranger was "READY" to work, obey, and die for us, can we do less than live for Him? Are you "READY"?

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LESSON 1: A ROYAL RANGER IS ALERT MENTALLY

In the next series of lessons, we will endeavor to show you fellows how the Royal Ranger Code is endorsed by the Bible.

The next three lessons deal with the first point of the code. The Ranger code states a Royal Ranger is ALERT. He is mentally, physically, and spiritually alert.

In this lesson we will see what the Bible has to say about being mentally alert.

We should be alert in order to be wise and understanding.

Read Proverbs 3:13.

Complete the following, "happy is the man that findeth _____, and the man that getteth _____."

Wisdom is the ability to properly use facts and knowledge. Solomon, who was the wisest man of his day considered this very important.

Read Proverbs 4:7.

Complete the following, "_____ is the principle thing. Therefore get _____; and with all thy getting get _____."

We should be alert by studying for more knowledge. There is little value in being ignorant. Every Royal Ranger should do their best to develop themselves intellectually.

Read Proverbs 15:14.

Complete the following, "The _____ of him that hath _____ seeketh _____:"

TRUE AND FALSE (Circle one).

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| 1. In Proverbs 3:13, it says a man is happy who finds wisdom. | T F |
| 2. Solomon said there is no value in wisdom. | T F |
| 3. Every Royal Ranger should have a desire to learn more. | T F |
| 4. It is better to be ignorant than intelligent. | T F |
| 5. It is important for every Royal Ranger to study hard and learn as much as he can. | T F |

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LESSON 2: A ROYAL RANGER IS ALERT PHYSICALLY

Being physically alert means to be "Ready for quick action." The Bible contains many stories of men who performed many outstanding physical feats and deeds because they were "Ready for Action." However, in order to be ready for action, we must keep our bodies in good physical condition.

This does not mean we should be muscle men or be able to perform certain athletic feats. The fact is, many boys cannot do what some other boys can. However, we should keep ourselves as strong and healthy as possible through exercise, good food, and proper sleep.

The Bible teaches that you should take good care of your body because it is the Temple (home) of the Holy Spirit and also because it belongs to God.

Read I Corinthians 6:19-20.

Complete the following; "What? Know ye not that _____ body is the _____ of the Holy Ghost which is in _____, which ye have of God, and ye are not _____?"
"For ye are _____ with a price: therefore _____ God in your _____, and in your spirit, which are _____."

Answer the following questions.

1. Whose temple is your body? _____
2. Our body belongs to who? _____
3. What should we do with our body according to I Cor. 6:20? _____

TRUE AND FALSE (Circle one).

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| 1. Our body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost. | T F |
| 2. Our body belongs to God. | T F |
| 3. Our body is our own to do with as we please. | T F |
| 4. Everyone should glorify God in their bodies by keeping it healthy and strong. | T F |

The Bible also teaches we should not allow sinful habits to control our bodies. In fact, we should be alert and not begin any habit that would harm our bodies.

Read Romans 6:12.

Complete the following: "Let not _____ therefore reign (control) in your mortal _____, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."

List two habits that will harm our bodies:

_____ and _____.

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LESSON 3: A ROYAL RANGER IS ALERT SPIRITUALLY

In this lesson, we deal with the most important way a Ranger should be alert, that is to be spiritually alert. This means we are "quick, eager, and ready to obey, serve, and please the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Bible, we find that Jesus considered a person to be very wise and alert who was ready and willing to obey Him.
Ready Matthew 7:24.

Complete the following, "Therefore, whosoever heareth these _____ of mine, and _____ them, I will liken him unto a _____ man, which built his house upon a rock."

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Jesus said a person is wise who (thinks, obeys, works).
2. A person who obeys Jesus is (dumb, afraid, wise).

There are many opportunities to work for Jesus if we stay spiritually alert. Paul the Apostle emphasizes the importance of working for Christ and assures us that we will be rewarded for our service.
Read I Corinthians 15:58.

Complete the following, "therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye _____, unmovable, always _____ in the _____ of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know your _____ is not in vain in the Lord."

TRUE OR FALSE

1. We should look for opportunities to work for Jesus. T F
2. We should not work for Christ unless we are ministers. T F
3. There is no reward in working for Christ. T F

God has a will for our lives and we should be ready and alert to do His will. The psalmist David tells us in the Bible how he found great joy in doing God's will.
Read Pslams 40:8.

Complete the following, "I _____ to do thy _____, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart."

The Apostle Paul also warns us to be alert and not allow the Devil to tempt us to sin and fail God.
Read I Peter 5:8.

Complete the following, "Be sober, be vigilant (alert); because your adversary the _____, as a _____, walketh about, _____ whom he may devour."

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LESSON 4: A ROYAL RANGER IS CLEAN IN BODY.

In the next three lessons we will be studying the Bible to see what it has to say about being clean. This lesson will discuss the thought of being clean in heart. In the next lesson we will see what the Bible has to say about being clean in mind. The third lesson will cover being clean in speech.

The first thing a person usually thinks about when someone talks about being clean is washing with soap and hot water. It is certainly important for a Royal Ranger to stay clean in body. However there is another way of staying clean that is even more important. That is staying clean in God's sight. Now, let's look into God's word and see what it has to say about being clean in our heart.

Read Psalms 51:2.

Complete the following: "wash me thoroughly from mine _____, and _____ me from my _____." In this verse, the Psalmist David asks God to cleanse him from all sin and make him clean on the inside. Do you think this should be the wish of everyone? _____

Read Psalms 51:10.

Complete the following: "create in me a _____, O God; and renew a _____ within me." Here we read how David prayed a prayer that should be the desire of all Royal Rangers. Do you think everyone should ask God to give them a clean heart? _____

In Psalms 119:9, David asks the question, "wherewithal (how) shall a young man cleanse his way?" I'm sure many Royal Rangers have asked the question, "How can I have a clean heart?"

Read I John 1:9 for the answer to this question.

Complete the following: "If we _____ our sins, he is _____ and just to _____ us our sins, and to _____ us from all unrighteousness."

Isn't this wonderful? Here the Bible tells us if we will confess our sins to Jesus and ask Him to forgive us, He will forgive us and give us a clean heart.

Do you think every Royal Ranger should have a clean heart? _____

Have you asked Jesus to give you a clean heart? _____

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LESSON 5: A ROYAL RANGER IS CLEAN IN MIND.

Last week we learned that having a clean heart is very important to a Royal Ranger. In order to have a clean heart we only need to confess our sins to Jesus and ask Him to forgive us. He will forgive us and give us a clean heart.

This week we will see what the Bible has to say about having a clean mind.

Read Proverbs 23:7. This verse tells us the importance of right thinking.

1. Does this statement, "as he thinketh in his heart, so is he", mean that a person will do the things he thinks about? Yes No
2. Then this means that if a person thinks about evil things, he will do evil things. Yes No
3. It also means that if a person thinks about good things, then his actions will be good. Yes No

Read Proverbs 24:9 and Matthew 15:19, 20. These verses tell us some things we should not think about.

4. Do these verses say that some thoughts are sinful? Yes No
5. What kind of thought does Proverbs 24:9 say is sinful?
"The thought of _____."
6. In Matthew 15:19, 20, what kind of thoughts does it state defiles a man? _____."

Read Philipians 4:8.

7. Does this verse give us a list of things that we should think about? Yes No
8. Would you call these thoughts clean? Yes No
9. If we would think on these thoughts, will we have a clean mind? Yes No
10. List these thoughts in the blanks below:
"whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are _____,
whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are _____,
whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are of _____,
_____, if there be any _____, and if there be any _____,
think on these things."
11. Malachi 3:16, "and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that _____ upon his name."
12. Psalms 1:2, "But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he _____ day and night."
13. Psalms 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth, and the _____ of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer."

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LESSON 6: A ROYAL RANGER IS CLEAN IN SPEECH.

There are two different areas a person needs to watch in order to have clean speech. The first area is the choice of subject matter. What kind of things do you talk about? Are they evil, wicked things? Do you gossip? These are subjects which would cause dirty speech.

The other area which we must watch in order to have clean speech is the choice of words. Are the words you use curse words or slang expressions which border on swearing? If so, it is time to clean up your speech.

Let us turn to the Bible and see what it has to say about clean speech.

Subjects which should not be used.

1. Psalms 34:13. "Keep thy _____ from _____, and thy _____ from speaking guile."
2. Ephesians 4:29. "Let no _____ communication proceed out of your mouth."
3. 1 Peter 2:1. Lay aside "all _____ speakings."
4. Ephesians 5:3, 4. "Let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither _____, nor _____ talking, nor _____, which are not convenient."
5. James 4:11. We are not to speak "evil _____."
6. In fact, we are "to speak _____ of _____ man." Titus 3:2.
7. Psalms 15:1, 3. "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" "He that _____ not with his _____, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his _____."
8. Leviticus 19:16. "Thou shalt not go up and down as a _____ among the people."

Words that should not be used.

9. Exodus 20:7. "Thou shalt not take the _____ of the Lord thy God in _____."
10. Leviticus 19:12. "Thou shalt not _____ by my name _____, neither shalt thou _____ the name of thy God: I am the Lord."

Subjects which should be used.

11. Psalms 50:14. "Offer unto God _____."
12. Ephesians 4:25. "speak every man _____ with his neighbor."
13. Ephesians 4:29. "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is _____ to the use of _____, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."
14. Ephesians 5:4. "But rather giving of _____."

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LESSON 7: A ROYAL RANGER IS HONEST. HE DOES NOT LIE.

In the past six lessons, we have been studying what the Bible teaches about a Royal Ranger being alert and clean. This lesson starts a series of three lessons on the third point of the Ranger code, "A Royal Ranger is honest; he does not lie, cheat, or steal.

A good verse to remember in connection with "A Royal Ranger is honest" is Romans 12:17, "Provide things _____ in the sight of all men." For the second part, "He does not lie, cheat, or steal," Leviticus 19:11, "Ye shall not _____, neither _____ (cheat), neither _____ one to another." is a good verse to remember.

In this lesson we will study the Bible to see what it has to say about lying.

(Complete the following)

1. Exodus 20:16, "Thou shall not _____ (lie) against thy neighbor."
2. Colossians 3:9 " _____ one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;"
3. Proverbs 12:22 " _____ lips are _____ (extremely disgusting and hateful) to the Lord."

We can see from the above verses how God feels about lying. Next, let us see what the writers of Psalms and Proverbs think about liars.

4. Psalms 101:7; "he that telleth _____ shall not tarry in my sight."
5. Psalms 119:163; "I _____ and _____ lying: but thy law do I love."
6. Psalms 120:2; "Deliver my soul, O Lord, from _____ lips, and from a _____ tongue."
7. Proverbs 13:5; "A righteous man _____."

Now, let's see what will happen to those who tell lies.

8. Proverbs 19:9; "A _____ shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall _____."
9. Revelation 21:8; "and all _____, shall have their part in the lake which _____ with _____ and _____."

Ephesians 4:25 tells what we should do; "putting away _____, speak _____ with his neighbor."

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LESSON 8: A ROYAL RANGER IS HONEST. HE DOES NOT CHEAT.

In lesson 7, we started a series of lessons on honesty by studying about lying. In this lesson we continue our study of honesty by seeing what the Bible says about cheating.

The temptation to cheat is often present. You may be tempted to cheat while taking a test in school. A temptation may come as you are playing a game. You may be tempted to copy someone's home work and turn it in as your own. As you grow older, the temptation to cheat will take other forms. It may come when you are filling out a tax report or as you are making some business deal. Whatever form the temptation may take, remember, a Royal Ranger never cheats.

One of the ways people cheated in Bible times was the using of false weights and measures. In fact, they would often have two or more sets of weights and measures, each one a little different in size. They would then use the set which would permit them to cheat the other person the most. God warned against this practice in Deuteronomy 25:13 and 14, "Thou shall not have in thy bag _____ (different) weights, a _____ and a _____." "Thou shall not have in thy house _____ (different) measures, a _____ and a _____."

Read Deuteronomy 25:15.

What kind of weights did God want them to have? P _____ and
J _____.

What kind of measures did God want them to have? P _____ and
J _____.

In the New Testament, a prominent way of cheating was done by the tax collectors. These tax collectors were known as publicans. The Roman government would set a certain tax to be collected and tell the publicans what it was. The publicans would then charge the people more than this and put the difference in their pockets. These publicans became quite rich by cheating the people.

The Bible tells of two publicans who were saved and followed Jesus. They were Matthew and Zacchaeus. You will remember in the story of Zacchaeus (read Luke 19:1-10) how he repented of his cheating when he met Jesus. He promised to return any money that he had made by cheating fourfold.

As Zacchaeus did long ago, let us bow our heads and ask the Lord to help us never to cheat in any form.

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LESSON 9: A ROYAL RANGER IS HONEST. HE DOES NOT STEAL.

In this lesson, the last in the series on honesty, we will study the Bible to see what it has to say about stealing. Let us define stealing before we go further. Stealing is taking the property of another without permission. The Bible declares in Exodus 20:15; "Thou shall not steal".

We all know that someone steals when they rob a bank. There is no doubt stealing is involved when a person breaks into a store and takes merchandise or money. We know it is stealing when someone enters a home and takes things. But, did you know there are other ways to steal than these?

Let us turn to our Bibles and discover some of the other ways of stealing.

Read Leviticus 6:3.

In this type of stealing, a person finds a lost item and although he knows who the owner is, he does not return it. He just says, "finders keepers." At times, he may even lie about it to cover up his action.

Read Psalms 37:21.

In this form of stealing the person will say, "May I borrow this" I will return it later." Then they keep it, never returning it to its proper owner.

Read Jeremiah 22:13.

This verse shows that a person who owes someone something, such as a just wage, and refuses to pay them is also guilty of stealing.

1. In God's sight, all forms of stealing are sinful and therefore we should not steal in any way. T F
2. I Corinthians 6:10 tells us that thieves will not go to Heaven. T F
3. If we have stolen anything, the first thing we should do is ask God for forgiveness. T F
4. The second thing we should do is return what we took. (Lev. 6:4). T F

Read Ephesians 4:28 and complete the following:

"Let him that stole _____ no more:"

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LESSON 10: A ROYAL RANGER IS COURAGEOUS. HE IS BRAVE IN SPITE OF DANGER.

Courage is that which helps you do what you should in spite of danger. No one knows for sure if he is courageous until he is called upon to perform a duty in the face of difficulty. In order to show courage, three things must be present. First, there must be a duty that should be performed. Second, there must be some kind of opposition involved in doing this duty. The opposition may be in the form of actual physical danger. It may be disapproval or criticism from those around us. Or the opposition may take the form of a threat to you or to someone you love. Third, the duty must be completed in spite of the dangers, criticism, or threats.

Read Acts 19:21; 20:17-27; and 21:8-14.

In these verses, Paul displays courage. He was given a duty by God. There was danger in connection with the carrying out of this duty. Yet, Paul completed this task in spite of danger. Let us see what task God gave Paul to do.

1. Paul was to be a witness for God in J _ _ _ _ _ . Acts 23:11.
2. In what other city was Paul to be a witness for God? R _ _ _ .

We can see that God had given Paul a great responsibility and a duty to perform. God instructed Paul to be a witness for Him in Jerusalem. Let's see if there was any danger in obeying this call.

3. Was there any danger for Paul in Jerusalem? (Acts 20:22,23) _____
4. Did Paul know of this danger? _____
5. What was the danger? (Acts 20:23) B _ _ _ _ and
A _ _ _ _ _ .
6. What other danger awaited Paul in Jerusalem? (Acts 21:11) He would be delivered to the G _ _ _ _ _ .

Paul now has a test of courage before him. He has been given a duty which involves danger. If he is courageous, he will go to Jerusalem.

7. Did Paul go to Jerusalem in spite of the dangers? (Acts 21:17) _____

Paul had the courage to obey God in the face of danger. Do you have the courage to serve God regardless of the danger? The kind of boys and men that God is looking for are those who will serve and obey Him at all times.

With God's help, I, _____ will serve the Lord in spite of danger. (your name)

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LESSON 11: A ROYAL RANGER IS COURAGEOUS. HE IS BRAVE IN SPITE OF CRITICISM.

In the last lesson we saw Paul's courage as he obeyed the Lord in the face of danger. In this lesson we will see courage displayed in spite of ridicule and criticism. Nehemiah showed this courage by completing the work that God had layed on his heart.

The Work:

What was the work that was on Nehemiah's heart to do? Read Nehemiah 2:17 and complete the following; "come, and let us _____ up the _____ of _____."

The Opposition:

The enemies of Israel did not want to see the walls of Jerusalem rebuilt, so they tried to stop the work on the walls. Read the following verses and underline the right word or words that will illustrate some of the things that were used to try to stop Nehemiah.

Read Nehemiah 2:19:

1. They (laughed at) (encouraged) Nehemiah for trying to rebuild the walls.
2. They (liked) (despised) the Jews for working on the walls.
3. They even accused them of (working for) (rebeling against) the king.

Read Nehemiah 4:1-3.

4. Sanballat (mocked) (praised) the Jews.
5. Sanballat called the Jews who were building the walls (strong) (feeble).
6. Tobiah said that even a (fox) (bulldozer) could (break down) build up) the stone walls which they were building.

Courage shown:

In the face of this criticism and ridicule, Nehemiah and the people (completed) (stopped) the work on the walls.

From whom did Nehemiah get his courage? _____. (Nehemiah 1:4 and 2:4)

ROYAL RANGER BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON 12: A ROYAL RANGER IS COURAGEOUS. HE IS BRAVE IN SPITE OF THREATS.

In the two preceding lessons we have seen how Paul had the courage to serve God even in the face of danger. Then we saw the courage of Nehemiah as he completed the building of the walls of Jerusalem in spite of criticism and ridicule. In this lesson, we shall see the courage that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego displayed in the face of a threat to their lives.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were captives in the land of Babylon. They had been taken captive when Nebuchadnezzar conquered the nation of Israel. At the very first of their captivity they decided that they would serve God (Daniel 1). Now they are faced with a test. Nebuchadnezzar has given an order which was in conflict with God's command. Will they continue to serve God? Let us see how they show courage in spite of threats.

1. What was the order that Nebuchadnezzar gave? Daniel 3:5; Everyone was to "_____ down and _____ the golden _____."
2. What commandment of God would they have to disobey if they did this? Exodus 20:3; "Thou _____ before me."

Nebuchadnezzar not only gave an order to worship the image, but he made a threat to those who did not do as he told them to.

3. What was this threat? Daniel 3:6; Those who did not obey would be "_____ into the midst of a _____."
4. Did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego know about this threat? _____ (Daniel 3:15, 17).

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego now had to make up their minds whether they would obey Nebuchadnezzar or God.

5. What was their answer? Daniel 3:18; "We will _____, nor _____ the _____."

They had the courage to serve God in the face of a threat to their lives. Do you have the courage to serve God if someone threatens you?

Let us close this Bible lesson with a prayer. "Dear Lord, give us the courage to serve you always. Help us to be faithful to you even though dangers, criticisms, or threats may come our way."

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SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON 13: A ROYAL RANGER IS LOYAL. HE IS FAITHFUL TO HIS CHURCH.

In the past 12 lessons we have studied what the Bible teaches about a Royal Ranger being alert, clean, honest, and courageous. This lesson starts a series of three lessons on the fifth point of the Ranger Code, "A Royal Ranger is loyal. He is faithful to his church, family, out-post, and friends." We shall start by seeing what the Bible teaches about being faithful to God and to our church.

There are several ways to be loyal to our church. Three of these ways are: through faithful attendance, through faithful giving to support the church, and through faithful living as a Christian.

Faithful Attendance

Jesus set an example for us by regularly attending the synagogue (the church of His day). Turn to Luke 4:16 and see what is said about His attendance. "And he (Jesus) came to Nazareth where he had been brought up: and, as his _____ (regular practice) was, he went into the _____ on the _____ (their Sunday).

Faithful Support

Faithfulness in giving is not determined by the amount which you give. Faithfulness comes through giving regularly what you can.

Malachi 3:10, "Bring ye _____ the _____ into the storehouse."
Luke 21: 2 & 3, "And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither _____ . And he said, of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath case in _____ than they all."

Faithful Living For God

If we are loyal to God in our living, we will serve Him no matter what the cost may be, as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did. The king who had captured them gave a command that everyone must worship the golden image that he had made. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego showed their loyalty to God by their answer. Read Daniel 3:16-18 and mark the following statements true or false:

1. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said their God could deliver them. T F
2. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego said they would not serve the king's golden image even if God did not deliver them. T F
3. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were loyal to God. T F

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LESSON 14: A ROYAL RANGER IS LOYAL. HE IS FAITHFUL TO HIS FAMILY.

Last week's Bible Study lesson started a series of studies on the theme "A Royal Ranger is loyal". We learned that a Ranger is loyal to his church. This week we are continuing the study of loyalty by seeing what the Bible tells us about being loyal to our family.

Read the story that tells of the loyalty of Paul's nephew, Acts 23:12-23.

Many of the religious leaders during the time of Paul wanted to stop all preaching about Jesus Christ. Since Paul had been traveling all over the Roman Empire winning many people to Jesus Christ, these leaders wanted to kill him.

1. At this time there were over _____ men who had made a conspiracy to kill Paul. Acts 23:13
2. Who was the young man that heard of their lying in wait to kill Paul? Acts 23:16 _____
3. Because of his loyalty to Paul, "he went and entered into the castle, and _____ Paul." Acts 23:16
4. "Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this _____ unto the _____: for he hath a certain thing to tell him." Acts 23:17

As soon as the Chief Captain heard of the plot to kill Paul, he called for "_____ soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen _____ and _____, and spearmen _____." (Acts 23:23) The Chief Captain then ordered these men to take Paul to Felix, the governor, where he would be safe.

Thus through the loyalty of Paul's nephew, who risked his life to warn Paul, Paul's life was saved.

A boy can be loyal to his family in many other ways. He is loyal to his home by obeying his parents. He is loyal by showing kindness and consideration to other members of his family. A boy who is loyal does all he can to make a family's home life what it should be by being cheerful and good-natured. He is faithful to his home when he prays for all the members of his family each day. A Royal Ranger also shows loyalty by speaking well of his home and the members of his family. These are some of the ways that a top-notch Royal Ranger shows loyalty to his family.

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SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON 15: A ROYAL RANGER IS LOYAL. HE IS FAITHFUL TO HIS FRIENDS.

In the last two lessons we have been studying what the Bible says about being loyal to our church and family. In this lesson we shall complete the study of loyalty by learning what the Bible teaches concerning being loyal to our friends.

David is now the king of Israel. Many years have passed since his close friend, Jonathan, was killed in battle. Yet, his loyalty to his friend has not ceased. He now takes time from the many problems of his kingdom and asks about Jonathan's family. He finds a son of Jonathan who became crippled when he was young. David shows his loyalty to Jonathan by helping his son. Let us see what he did for Mephibosheth. Read 2 Samuel 9:1-13. List two things that David said he would do.

2 Samuel 9:7

1. I (David) "will _____ thee all the _____ of Saul."
2. "Thou (Mephibosheth) shalt _____ at my (David's) table _____."

Let us look up some of the things that the Bible tells us about friends.

Proverbs 17:17, "A friend _____ at all _____."

John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man _____ for his friends."

Proverbs 18:24, "There is a friend that _____ than a brother."

This is not only true of earthly friends but it is also true of a heavenly friend. This heavenly friend will "never leave us nor forsake us." Do you know this friend? _____ Is He your friend? _____

Turn to John 3:16 and complete this verse. "For God so _____ the world, that he _____ his only begotten _____, that _____ believeth in him should not perish, but have _____."

Jesus wants to be your friend and Savior. Read Rev. 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and _____: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will _____ to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Have you let this friend in? Why don't you bow your head right now and ask Him in. "Dear Lord, we open our heart's door to You. Come in and cleanse us from all sins. We ask this in Thy name, Amen."

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON 16: A ROYAL RANGER IS COURTEOUS. HE IS POLITE.

In this lesson we are continuing the study of the Bible and the Ranger Code. "A Royal Ranger is courteous" is the next point of the code. The Bible tells us to be courteous in 1 Peter 3:8, "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be _____."

Being courteous is showing respect or consideration. This can be done through our speech and through our actions. Quite often both speaking and action are required in order to be courteous.

Being Courteous in our Speech

In Luke 17:11-19 there is the story of ten men who asked Jesus to heal them. Jesus sent them to see the priest and as they were going, God healed them. One of the men showed by his actions and words that he was courteous and thoughtful. Turn to Luke 17:15 & 16 and see what he did that was courteous.

"And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, _____, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, _____ him _____." This man showed courtesy by saying "thank you".

Being Courteous in our Actions

As Moses was resting by a well, Reuel's seven daughters came to the well to water their father's flock. As they were drawing water for the sheep some shepherds drove them away. Let us see how Moses was courteous.

"And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and _____ them, and _____ their flock." Exodus 2:14. Moses showed courtesy by helping.

When we say "please" and "thank you", we are being polite. When we say "yes, sir" and "no, sir" to our leaders, or "yes, ma'am" and "no, ma'am" to our teachers, we are showing respect. When we hold a door open for a lady, we are showing consideration. If we make a habit of doing what is polite, thoughtful, and respectful, we will become a courteous person.

It is not a sign of weakness to be a gentleman. Some of the greatest he-men of all times knew how to be courteous. In fact, a real top-notch Royal Ranger will be a gentleman at all times.

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SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON 17: A ROYAL RANGER IS COURTEOUS. HE IS KIND.

Last week we studied about a Royal Ranger being polite. This week we continue the study of courtesy by seeing what the Bible teaches about being kind.

Read Luke 10:30-37

You have just read the story of the Good Samaritan. This man was a kind, courteous man. In fact he would have made a good Royal Ranger. Let us look at the story again and see how he was kind.

1. Verse 33, "and when he saw him, he had _____ (concern for and a desire to help) on him (the man who was wounded)."
2. Verse 34, "and went to him and _____ (gave first aid) his wounds."
3. Verse 34, "and set him on his _____ (gave him a ride)."
4. Verse 34, "and brought him to an inn (hotel) and took _____."
5. Verse 35, "and on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and _____ to the host (paid his bill)."
6. Verse 35, "and said unto him, Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will _____ (promised to pay for any other charges that were needed)."

There are other scriptures which tell us to be kind.

7. Ephesians 4:32, "And be ye _____ another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."
8. 2 Tim. 2:24, "And the servant of the Lord must not _____; but be _____ unto all men."

A Royal Ranger should not only be kind to those around him, but he should also be kind to animals. Luke 12:6 tells us that God remembers the animals, even a little sparrow. Let us read what Luke says. "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and _____ of them is _____ before God." If God remembers even a little sparrow then a Royal Ranger should never be unkind to any animal.

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON 18: A ROYAL RANGER IS COURTEOUS. HE IS THOUGHTFUL.

This lesson will end our study on the sixth point of the Ranger Code, "A Royal Ranger is courteous." You will remember in last week's lesson we studied about a Royal Ranger being kind. Two weeks ago we studied about a Royal Ranger being polite. In this lesson the subject will be "A Royal Ranger is thoughtful."

Read Exodus 17: 8-13

The nation of Israel was attacked by the army of Amalek. Joshua sounded the alert and led the army of Israel out in defense. Moses, under the direction of God, held up the rod of God. As long as Moses held up the rod of God, Israel's army prevailed. When he lowered the rod of God, Amalek's army prevailed. As the battle wore on Moses' arms became so tired that he could hardly hold them up, yet, he dared not lower the rod.

Aaron and Hur were thoughtful of their leader and took steps to help. Let us see what they did.

1. Verse 12, "But Moses' hands were heavy; and they (Aaron and Hur) _____ a stone, and _____ him, and he sat thereon."
2. Verse 12, "and Aaron and Hur _____ (held) up his hands, the one on the _____ and the other on the _____; and his _____ until the going down of the sun."
3. Verse 13, "And Joshua _____ (defeated) Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword."

A thoughtful Royal Ranger is considerate of other people and concerned about their needs, problems, and feelings. In short, a thoughtful Royal Ranger follows the Golden Rule:

Matt. 7:12, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, _____
_____ to them."

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON 19: A ROYAL RANGER IS OBEDIENT. HE OBEYS HIS PARENTS.

Our studies of the Royal Ranger Code and the Bible now bring us to the seventh point of the Code, "A Royal Ranger is obedient. He obeys his parents, leaders, and those in authority."

In this lesson we will see what the Bible teaches about being obedient to our parents. In the next lesson we will study the Bible and see what it teaches concerning obedience to leaders and those in authority. In the final lesson of this series we will study the important lesson of being obedient to God.

In studying the Bible we find several scriptures which tell us we should obey our parents. One of the first scriptures which comes to our mind concerns Jesus. Since Jesus is our example, let us turn to this scripture and see what Jesus did. Luke 2:51, "And he (Jesus) went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was _____ unto them." As we can see from this verse, Jesus obeyed His parents.

Draw a line connecting the parts of the following verses and see what else the Bible teaches us about obeying our parents. (Read Ex. 20:12, Eph. 6:1, and Col. 3:20.)

"Honour thy father and thy mother: _____ for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: _____ that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

"Children, obey your parents in all things: _____ for this is right."

These verses tell us that obedience to parents is the right thing to do, it is well pleasing to God, and God will bless those who obey.

Review: (Mark true or false.)

1. Children are to obey their father, but not their mother. T F
2. Children are to obey their mother, but not their father. T F
3. Children are to obey both their mother and father. T F
4. Children should only obey their parents when they want to. T F
5. When children obey their parents, it is pleasing to the Lord. T F
6. Obeying parents is the right thing to do. T F
7. God has promised to bless those who obey their parents. T F

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SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON 20: A ROYAL RANGER IS OBEDIENT. HE OBEYS HIS LEADERS AND THOSE IN AUTHORITY.

God has established different kinds of authority. In our last lesson we studied one kind of authority, the authority of parents. We learned in our study that we should obey our parents. This, we found, is pleasing to the Lord.

This week let us study a different kind of authority. God in His wisdom knew sinful men needed a government to keep them from destroying each other. Therefore, He established another authority. This authority is the government. We read this in Romans 13:1, "the _____ that be are _____ (established) of God."

Everyday we can read of people who disobey their parents, leaders, and even the government. Sometimes they may want us to join them in their lawlessness. The question arises: should we? Let us turn to the Bible and see what it tells us about obedience to the government.

Complete the following verses:

1. 1 Peter 2:13, 15, "_____ yourselves to every ordinance (law) of man for the Lord's sake." "For so is the will of God."
2. Romans 13:1, "Let every soul be _____ unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God."
3. Hebrews 13:17, "_____ them that have the rule over you, and _____ yourselves."
4. Titus 3:1, "Put them in mind to be _____ to principalities and powers, to _____ magistrates, to be ready to every good work."
5. Ecclesiastes 8:2, "I counsel thee to _____ the king's commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God."

Notice the words you have written in the scriptures above. Each one of these words speaks of obedience. Thus, the verses above make it clear that we should obey those in authority. This would include obedience to our teachers, leaders, policemen, governors, and all other law-enforcing agencies.

It was the practice of one ancient kingdom that when the king died, all laws would be suspended for five days. There were so many murders, robberies, and other crimes during this time that the people were ready to have a government again. We need to thank God for our government and do our best to keep it strong by obeying our leaders.

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SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON 21: A ROYAL RANGER IS OBEDIENT. HE OBEYS GOD.

In the last two lessons we learned from the Bible we should obey our parents, leaders, and those in authority. This lesson will complete the series of lessons on obedience. The subject we want to study in this lesson is the most important one of the three. It is obedience to God.

Complete the following verses:

1. Luke 11:28, "blessed are they that _____ the word of God, and _____ it."
2. James 1:22, "But be ye _____ of the word, and not _____ only."
3. Matthew 7:24, "Therefore whosoever _____ these sayings of mine, and _____ them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."

Notice the two words that appear in some form in each of these verses. They are "do" and "hear." What God is telling us in these verses is hearing the word of God is not enough. We need to obey His word also.

4. John 14:15, "If ye _____ me, _____ my commandments."
5. John 14:21, "He that hath my commandments, and _____ them, he it is that _____ me."
6. John 14:23, "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man _____ me, he will _____ my words."
7. John 14:24, "He that _____ me _____ _____ my sayings."

We can see by these verses, the way to show our love to God is by keeping His commandments. If we do not obey God, then we are telling everyone we do not love Him.

Once again, let us look to our great example, Jesus. Turn to Philippians 2:8, "he (Jesus) humbled himself, and became _____ unto death, even the death of the cross." Jesus was obedient and gave His life so we might have eternal life.

Have you ever thought about the suffering Jesus went through so we might be saved? There was a crown of thorns driven into His head. They mocked Him, they struck Him, and spit on Him. They whipped Him with a Roman cat-o'-nine-tails. Then they nailed Him to a cross by driving nails through his hands and feet. This is what Jesus was willing to do for us. Can we do less than obey Him?

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON 22: A ROYAL RANGER IS SPIRITUAL. HE PRAYS.

With this lesson we start a series of three lessons on the eighth point of the Ranger Code, "A Royal Ranger is spiritual. He prays, reads his Bible, and witnesses." This is the most important point in the Code. Every Royal Ranger should do his best to be the kind of Christian Jesus wants him to be.

In this lesson our subject is "A Royal Ranger Prays." In the next lesson the subject will be "A Royal Ranger Reads His Bible." In the third and last lesson of this series the subject will be "A Royal Ranger Witnesses."

Prayer is talking to God. If you have a good friend, you always enjoy talking to him. Jesus is the best friend a boy ever had. Therefore, you should talk to Him in prayer sometime everyday.

1. David said he would pray _____, _____, and _____. (Psalms 55:17)
2. Jesus prayed at _____ (Luke 6:12), in the _____ (Mark 1:35), and in the _____. (Matthew 14:23)
3. Paul prayed _____ and _____. (1 Thessalonians 3:10)
4. Paul and Silas prayed at _____. (Acts 16:25)
5. Daniel prayed _____ times a _____. (Daniel 6:10)
6. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to "Pray without _____."
7. Luke 18:1 says "men ought _____ to _____."

There is no set time when it is best for everyone to pray. You may pray in the morning; someone else may pray during the day; while another prays at night. The important thing is to pray each day.

To see some things prayer has accomplished, complete the following:

8. Elijah prayed that it would not rain "and it _____ on the earth by the space of _____ and _____. And he prayed again, and the heaven _____." (James 5:17,18)
9. Elijah prayed and the "_____ of the Lord fell." (1 Kings 18:36-38)
10. Peter prayed for Tabitha and God _____ her from the dead. (Acts 9:36-41)
11. Paul prayed for the sick and they were _____. (Acts 28:8,9)

When you pray, always take time to thank the Lord Jesus for all His blessings. Pray and ask Him to help you to be the kind of boy He wants you to be. Then, ask Him to supply all your needs. Also, don't forget to pray for others who need your prayers.

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SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON 23: A ROYAL RANGER IS SPIRITUAL. HE READS THE BIBLE.

In the last lesson we studied about prayer. We learned we should pray everyday. In this lesson we will study another subject which is just as important—Bible reading. In prayer, we talk to God thanking and praising Him for what He has done. We also tell Him of our needs and the needs of others. When we read the Bible, we give God a chance to talk to us and tell us what we need to know.

Bible reading gives us light for Christian living.

At night we turn the headlights of our cars on so we can see and avoid the many dangers of the road. With this light we are able to arrive safely at our destination. This is what the Word of God does for us as we travel the road to heaven. It gives us light so we can avoid the dangers of sin and make heaven our home.

Complete the following verses and see what the book of Psalms tells us:

1. Psalms 119:105, "Thy (God's) _____ is a _____ unto my _____, and a _____ unto my _____."
2. Psalms 119:130, "The entrance of thy _____ giveth _____; it giveth understanding unto the simple."
3. Psalms 119:11, "Thy _____ have I hid in my heart, that I might not _____ against thee."

Bible reading provides food for spiritual growth.

Just as you need food everyday for physical strength and growth, you need food for spiritual strength and growth.

Complete the following verses and see what kind of food is needed for spiritual growth:

4. 1 Peter 2:2, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the _____, that ye may _____ thereby."
5. Matthew 4:4, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by _____ that proceedeth out of the mouth of _____."

Bible reading increases our faith in God.

6. Romans 10:17, "_____ cometh by _____ and _____ by the _____."

We can see from these verses that Bible reading is important. Bible reading will build your faith and make you a stronger Christian. A Royal Ranger should make a practice of reading the Bible everyday.

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SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON 24: A ROYAL RANGER IS SPIRITUAL. HE WITNESSES.

This lesson concludes our study of the eighth point of the Ranger Code. In the last two lessons we learned that a Ranger should pray and read his Bible everyday. In this lesson we will study the subject of witnessing.

Witnessing is telling others about the Lord Jesus Christ. Because He lives in our heart, we should tell others how wonderful it is to be a Christian. There are many boys who you come in contact with each day. Many of them need a friend like Jesus to live in their hearts. Jesus showed how much He loves us when He died on the cross. We can show our love to Jesus by encouraging others to accept Him as their personal savior.

We should witness because the Word of God tells us to witness.

Complete the following verses and match them to the correct scripture reference:

1. Mark 16:15 "Let your _____ so _____ before men, that they may _____ your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."
2. Acts 1:8 "Go _____ into all the world and _____ the gospel to every creature."
3. Matthew 5:16 "And ye shall be _____ unto me."

Our friends and loved ones who have not accepted Christ are lost and will spend eternity in hell.

4. Ezekiel 18:20 "The wages of sin is _____."
5. Romans 6:23 "And whosoever was not found written in the _____ of _____ was cast into the _____."
6. Revelation 20:15 "The soul that _____, it shall _____."

The only way our families and friends can know of the love of God and His salvation is through someone telling them.

7. Romans 10:14, "and how shall they _____ in him of whom they have _____? and how shall they _____ without a preacher?"

Why don't you be the person who tells them of this wonderful Friend?

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE FOUR GOLD POINTS OF THE RANGER EMBLEM

LESSON 1: PHYSICAL GROWTH

This series of lessons covers the four gold points of the Ranger emblem. As you know, these points represent the four ways in which a boy grows. They are physically, spiritually, mentally, and socially. Luke 2:52 records these four points concerning the growth of Jesus. Luke states; "Jesus increased in wisdom (mentally) and stature (physically), and in favor with God (spiritually) and man (socially)."

The first lesson covers the physical growth of a boy. The Bible does not give detailed information on the need of keeping physically fit because the main purpose of the Bible is to tell sinful man that God loves him and has provided a means whereby he can be saved. However, we know that the men of the Bible had strong, healthy bodies because of the feats of physical strength which they performed.

What feats of physical strength did these men perform?

1. David (1 Sam. 17:34, 35) _____ and _____.
2. Adino (2 Sam. 23:8) _____.
3. Benaiah (2 Sam. 23:20) _____.
4. Peter (John 21:11) _____.

In order to grow physically and have a strong healthy body, we need proper rest, food, and exercise. (Underline the right word or words).

REST

5. God set the example by (playing, working, resting) on the seventh day. Gen. 2:2.
6. In Exodus 23:12, God said we should take (1, 2, 3) days a (week, month, year) for rest.
7. Jesus called his disciples aside to (work, play, rest). Mark 6:31.

FOOD

8. Daniel, Manianiah, Mishael, and Azariah asked for a change in their (food, room, work). Dan. 1:8.
9. They were to try this change for a period of (1, 5, 10) (days, months, years). Dan. 1:12.
10. This change from the rich foods and wine of the king caused their countenance to be (better than, the same as, worse than) the others.

EXERCISE

11. Paul says that bodily exercise helps a (a little, none at all). 1 Tim. 4:8.

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SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE FOUR GOLD POINTS OF THE RANGER EMBLEM

LESSON 2: SPIRITUAL GROWTH, PART A - AIDS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Last week we studied about physical growth. We learned that it was necessary to have proper food, rest, and exercise for good healthy growth. This week and next week we will be studying spiritual growth. Just as there are certain things needed for physical growth, there are things needed for spiritual growth. They are Bible study, prayer, church attendance, giving, and witnessing. If we provide ourselves with these, then we will grow strong spiritually. If we do not, then we will never become strong spiritually.

Look up the scripture following each question and then mark the statement true or false by circling either T or F.

BIBLE STUDY

1. God's Word will help us not to sin. Psalms 119:11. T F
2. We need to study the Bible in order to use it right. 2 Tim. 2:15. T F
3. We should delight in the Word of God. Psalms 1:2. T F
4. We should never think about God's Word at night. Psalms 1:2. T F
5. The righteous has God's Word in their heart. Psalms 37:31. T F
6. We only need to read part of the Bible as only part of it is inspired. 2 Tim. 3:16. T F

PRAYER

7. There are times when we should not pray. Luke 18:1. T F
8. We can pray about anything. Phil. 4:6. T F
9. There are some places where we should not pray. 1 Tim. 2:8. T F

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

10. Regular attendance at church services is not needed. Heb. 10:25. T F
11. The early church met regularly to teach and preach. Acts 5:42. T F
12. Paul regularly taught and preached on the Sabbath. Acts 17:2. T F

GIVING

13. All the tithes belong to God. Mal. 3:10. T F
14. We should give an offering above our tithes. T F
15. We should only give because we have to. 2 Cor. 9:7. T F
16. God does not want us to give cheerfully. 2 Cor. 9:7. T F

WITNESSING

17. We are to be witnesses for God. Acts 1:8. T F
18. Wherever the early Christians went, they told others about God. Acts 8:4. T F

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LESSON 3: SPIRITUAL GROWTH, PART B - EVIDENCE OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

In the preceding lesson we studied what helps a person spiritually. We found that Bible study, prayer, church attendance, giving, and witnessing are the things which aid spiritual growth. In this lesson, we will study some of the things that are evidences of spiritual growth.

When a tree has its limbs loaded with apples, you know that it is a full grown apple tree. You know this because only a full grown apple tree bears apples. Just as you can tell trees by the fruit they bear, you can tell Christians by the fruit they bear.

What are some of these fruits? In Galatians 5:22-23, there is a list of nine different fruits which should appear in the life of a Christian. They are:

(1) _____, (4) _____, (7) _____,
(2) _____, (5) _____, (8) _____,
(3) _____, (6) _____, (9) _____

In Col. 3:12-14, there is another list of things which a Christian should have in his life. Three of these are the same as those in Galatians and five are different. Write the five different ones below.

(1) _____, (2) _____, (3) _____,
(4) _____, (5) _____. The three which are the same are: (1) _____, (2) _____, and (3) _____.

Not only should a Christian have these fruits in his life, but there are some things that should not be there. These we might call weeds which need to be pulled out of a Christian's life. 1 Peter 2:1 gives us five of these. They are: (1) _____, (2) _____, (3) _____, (4) _____, and (5) _____.

Colossians 3:8-9 lists six. (1) _____, (2) _____, (3) _____, (4) _____, (5) _____, (6) _____.

TRUE or FALSE (Circle T or F)

1. A Christian should never show love to anyone. T F
2. Every Christian should have joy. T F
3. Serving God does not bring peace. T F
4. A Christian should be proud because he is better than others. T F
5. We should forgive others as Christ forgave us. T F
6. We do not need to be longsuffering. T F
7. If we are to do our best for God, we need all of the fruits of the Spirit in our lives. T F

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LESSON 4: MENTAL GROWTH

Mental growth includes wisdom, knowledge, and skills. Each of these are important for proper mental growth.

WISDOM

Wisdom comes from God. It is the ability to use what you know and have wisely. James says if any one needs wisdom, all he has to do is ask God for it and God will freely give it to him.

1. What is the beginning of wisdom? Psalms 111:10 _____.
2. What is the beginning of knowledge? Prov. 1:7 _____.
3. Who is a wise son according to Prov. 28:7? _____.
4. Who is likened unto a wise man in Matt. 7:24? _____.
5. How much is wisdom worth? Prov. 8:11 _____.
6. Where does wisdom come from? Prov. 2:6 _____.
7. How are we to get wisdom? James 1:5 _____.
8. Where did Solomon get his wisdom? 1 Kings 4:29 _____.
9. Why did God give Solomon wisdom? 2 Chron. 1:10 _____.
10. Where did Daniel get his wisdom? Dan 1:17 _____.

KNOWLEDGE

Many of the leaders in the Bible were well educated. They were wise in that they used the opportunities of education that they had. Jesus must have taken time to study the scriptures at home. His knowledge of them so amazed the educated leaders of His days, they asked themselves, "How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?" (John 7:15). We would have asked, "how does He know so much? He never went to college!"

11. Daniel was taught the learning and language of whom? Dan. 1:4 _____.
12. What was Moses taught? Acts 7:22 _____.
13. Gamaliel, who was a doctor of the law and one of the most learned and distinguished Rabbi of his day, taught whom? Acts 22:3 _____.
14. Solomon even studied as he gave his "heart to _____ and _____ out by wisdom concerning _____ that are done under heaven." Ecclesiastes 1:13.

SKILLS

15. Who gave Bezaleel the wisdom to devise cunning works? Ex. 31:3 _____.
16. This wisdom included the skill to work with three metals. They are _____, _____, and _____. He was also given the skill to work with two other items which are _____ and _____. Ex. 31:4-5.

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LESSON 5: SOCIAL GROWTH

Social growth takes place as we learn how to get along with other people. We often like to divide those whom we meet into two groups. In one group we place those we like and in the other group those we do not like. We will do almost anything to help our friends, while at the same time, we not only refuse to help those we do not like but often we will pull some mean tricks on them. In some cases, we deliberately hurt them. This is the way the people of the world act but is not the way a Royal Ranger should behave.

WHAT SHOULD BE OUR ATTITUDES TOWARD OTHERS?

1. Matt. 5:44 says; "_____ your enemies, _____ them that curse you, _____ to them that hate you, and _____ for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."
2. 1 Peter 3:9 adds to this; "Not rendering _____ for evil, or _____ for railing; but contrariwise blessing."
3. 1 Thess. 5:15; "see that none _____ evil for evil unto any man."
4. Romans 12:20; "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, _____ him; if he thirst, give him _____."
5. Romans 12:15; "_____ with them that do rejoice, and _____ with them that weep."
6. Matt. 7:12 sums it all up by saying; "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men _____, do ye even so _____."

Thus, we see from the scriptures that we should love, pray for, and help others all we can. This includes those we do not like as well as those we like.

WHAT SHOULD BE OUR ATTITUDES TOWARD THEIR ACTIVITIES?

Although we should love the person, we do not have to approve of their actions or deeds. In fact, we should not engage in the activities of the world.

7. Colossians 3:8, 9; "But now ye also put off all these; _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ out of your mouth. _____ one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds."
8. 1 Cor. 6:10 tells us 5 types of persons who will not make it to heaven. List them: (1) _____, (2) _____, (3) _____, (4) _____, and (5) _____.

