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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.

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SECTION ONE  
**The Bible and Nature**  
**GEOGRAPHY**

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ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON: 1 GEOGRAPHY: THE LAND OF PALESTINE

With this lesson we start a new series of lessons in which we will search the Bible to see what we can learn concerning the world in which we live. We will title this series of lessons "The Bible and Nature Study." Some of the areas in which we will study are astronomy, plant life, animal life, birds, weather, and geography.

Since most of the events in the Bible take place in the land of Palestine and the surrounding areas, let us see what kind of land Palestine is.

1. Deut. 11:11, "But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and drinketh water of the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven."
2. Deut. 8:7, "a land of \_\_\_\_\_ of water, of \_\_\_\_\_ and depths that spring out of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."
3. Deut. 8:8, "A land of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_; a land of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_."
4. Deut. 8:9, "A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are \_\_\_\_\_, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig \_\_\_\_\_."
5. Hebrews 11:38, "They wandered in \_\_\_\_\_, and in \_\_\_\_\_, and in dens and \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth."
6. Luke 5:16, "And he withdrew himself in the \_\_\_\_\_, and prayed."

The words which we have just filled in tell us quite a bit about the geographical features of the land of Israel. There are mountains, hills, valleys, rivers, springs, wildernesses, deserts, and caves in Palestine. Palestine was a land which would grow plenty of food.

The following Scriptures speak of four seas connected with Palestine. Two of these seas are within the land and two form borders for the land. The two seas within the land are the Salt Sea (now known as the Dead Sea) and the Sea of Galilee. The two seas that form borders are the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea. Locate these seas on a map.

7. Joshua 15:2, "And their south border was from the shore of the \_\_\_\_\_, from the bay that looketh southward."
8. Mark 1:16, "Now as he walked by the sea of \_\_\_\_\_, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea."
9. Exodus 23:31, "And I will set thy bounds from the \_\_\_\_\_ even unto the \_\_\_\_\_ (another name for the Mediterranean Sea), and from the desert unto the river."



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LESSON: 2 GEOGRAPHY: MOUNTAINS (Part A)

When mountains are mentioned, we think of towering peaks reaching high above the clouds, sheer cliffs thousands of feet high, and streams of water rushing over precipices with a roar to fall in thundering tones on rocks hundreds of feet below. Who formed these towering giants of rock with their beauty and might? Amos gives us the answer in his book, Amos 4:13, "For, lo, he that formeth the \_\_\_\_\_ and createth the wind, . . ., The Lord, The \_\_\_\_\_ of hosts, is his \_\_\_\_\_."

In last week's lesson, we learned there are mountains in the lands of the Bible. Some of these mountains are tall and rugged while others are smaller, like hills. Several of these mountains have become famous because of the events which took place on them. In this lesson, we want to learn the names of these mountains and the events for which they are known.

MOUNTAINS OF ARARAT (Locate these mountains on a map)

In obedience to God, Noah built an ark and, thereby, saved his life and the lives of his family. The ark has made the mountains of Ararat known today. Read Genesis, chapters 6, 7, and 8.

1. Why did God send the Flood? Genesis 6:5,11,13 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why was Noah saved? Genesis 6:9 and 7:1 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why are the mountains of Ararat known today? Genesis 8:4 \_\_\_\_\_

MOUNT SINAI (Locate Mount Sinai on a map)

Mount Sinai is known today because God spoke to a man and gave this man something. Read Exodus 19:9 to 20:20 and 24:9-18.

4. What was the name of the man? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What did God give to this man? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What was the law written upon? \_\_\_\_\_

When God came down upon Mount Sinai, several phenomena happened. What were they?

7. Exodus 19:16, "And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ upon the mount, and the voice of the \_\_\_\_\_ exceeding \_\_\_\_\_."
8. Exodus 19:18, "And mount \_\_\_\_\_ was altogether on a \_\_\_\_\_, because the Lord descended upon it in \_\_\_\_\_: and the \_\_\_\_\_ thereof ascended as the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_, and the whole mount \_\_\_\_\_."



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LESSON: 3 GEOGRAPHY: MOUNTAINS (Part B)

In last week's lesson we studied two mountains that have become famous. We found that the mountains of Ararat are known because the ark, built by Noah, landed on one of them at the end of the Flood. Mount Sinai is known because the Ten Commandments were given to Moses on that mount. In this lesson, we want to look at two more mountains. They are Mount Carmel and Mount Olivet.

MOUNT CARMEL (Locate Mount Carmel on a map)

Mount Carmel came into the picture at a time when many of God's people had quit worshiping Him and started to worship Baal. One prophet of God met with 450 prophets of Baal for a contest. Turn to 1 Kings 18:17-40 and read the account of this contest. Now answer the following questions.

1. What was the purpose of this contest? verse 21 \_\_\_\_\_
2. How were the people to know who was the real God? verse 24 \_\_\_\_\_
3. How long did the prophets of Baal pray? verses 26, 29 \_\_\_\_\_
4. How long did Elijah pray? verses 36-38 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who answered by fire? verses 29, 38 \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did the fire consume? verse 38 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Who proved to be the real God? verse 39 \_\_\_\_\_

MOUNT OLIVET (Locate Mount Olivet on a map)

The Mount of Olives is known for three reasons. First, it is known because Jesus prayed there the night of His betrayal. Read about His prayer in Luke 22:39-46.

8. Jesus prayed so intensely that His sweat was not normal. What did Jesus sweat as He prayed? \_\_\_\_\_

Second, it is the mountain from which Jesus ascended into heaven.

9. Acts 1:9, "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_; and a cloud received \_\_\_\_\_ of their sight."

Third, it is the mount on which Jesus will stand when He returns to earth to reign. Read Zechariah 14:4.

10. What will happen to the mount at this time? \_\_\_\_\_



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LESSON: 4 GEOGRAPHY: CAVES

In the first lesson of this series we learned that Palestine is a land of mountains, hills, and valleys. Since Palestine is a mountainous country, a person would expect to find some caves. Searching the Bible, we find there are caves in Palestine. Let us see if we can obtain some idea of the sizes of these caves and the purposes for which they were used.

SIZES OF THE CAVES

1. 1 Kings 18:4, "For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets, and hid them by \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_."
2. 1 Samuel 22:1, "David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the \_\_\_\_\_."
3. How many men joined David at this cave? 1 Samuel 22:2 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 1 Samuel 24:3, "And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a \_\_\_\_\_; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ remained \_\_\_\_\_ the sides of the \_\_\_\_\_."
5. How many men did David have at this time? 1 Samuel 23:13 \_\_\_\_\_

The first cave was large enough for approximately fifty men to live in. The second cave was large enough for 400 or more men to live in. While the third cave was large enough for at least 600 men to hide in so they could not be seen or heard by anyone near the entrance of the cave.

USES OF THE CAVES

In the left column below are listed several ways in which caves were used. Several Scripture verses are listed in the right column. Each verse tells a way in which caves were used. Read a Scripture, decide how the Scripture says the cave was used, then place the number of that Scripture in the space provided at the end of the statement which describes that use.

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| Caves were used as a place to hide. _____          | 1. Genesis 23:19 |
|  | 2. 1 Samuel 13:6 |
|  | 3. Joshua 10:16  |
| Caves were used as a place to live. _____          | 4. 1 Kings 19:9  |
|  | 5. John 11:38    |
|  | 6. 1 Kings 18:4  |
|  | 7. Genesis 50:13 |
| Caves were used as a place to bury the dead. _____ | 8. Job 30:6      |
| _____  | 9. Genesis 19:30 |



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LESSON: 5 GEOGRAPHY: VALLEYS

We have learned that the land of Israel is a land of mountains, hills, and valleys. In our lessons thus far, we have studied the mountains, hills, and caves of Palestine. In this lesson, we want to turn our attention to the valleys.

The valleys of Palestine were very fertile and produced good crops. The following verses will tell us what some of these crops were.

1. 1 Samuel 6:13, "And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their \_\_\_\_\_ harvest in the valley."
2. Song of Solomon 6:11, "I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, and to see whether the \_\_\_\_\_ flourished, and the \_\_\_\_\_ budded."
3. Numbers 13:23, "And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of \_\_\_\_\_, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the \_\_\_\_\_, and of the \_\_\_\_\_."
4. Isaiah 17:5, "And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the \_\_\_\_\_, and reapeth the ears with his arm."
5. Deuteronomy 8:8, "A land of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_; a land of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_."

Due to the hilly and mountainous terrain of the land, most of the battles were fought in the valleys. The armies would set up their camps on the hills on each side of a valley and fight in the valley, where it would be level enough to use horses and chariots. One of the best known battles is recorded in 1 Samuel 17. Read this chapter.

6. Where did Saul and his army camp? verse 2 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Where did the Philistines camp? verse 3 \_\_\_\_\_
8. What valley was between them? verse 2 \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who challenged the army of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Who accepted the challenge for Israel? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What was the outcome of this battle? \_\_\_\_\_

2 Kings records another strange battle. Read 2 Kings, chapter 3.

12. What did the kings of Israel, Judah, and Edom need for their armies? verse 9 \_\_\_\_\_
13. What did the Lord tell them to do? verse 16 \_\_\_\_\_
14. What did the Moabites think the ditches of water were? verses 22, 23 \_\_\_\_\_
15. What was the outcome of the battle? verse 24 \_\_\_\_\_



SECTION TWO  
**The Bible and Nature**

**BIRDS**

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LESSON: 1 BIRDS: EAGLES (Part A)

In the past five lessons we have studied the geographical aspect of the land of Palestine. Starting with this lesson, we want to turn our attention to the wildlife mentioned in the Bible. We will begin with a study of birds. In our study of birds, we will not only learn about some of their habits and characteristics, but we will also learn spiritual lessons. The first bird we will study is the eagle.

Members of the eagle family are found in many countries. Three members of the eagle family--the golden eagle, the bald eagle, and the sea eagle--are found in the United States. The bald eagle (our national bird) is found only in North America, while only a few sea eagles are seen in North America. The golden eagle is found not only in North America, but it is also found in many other countries, including Palestine.

### THE EAGLE'S NESTING PLACE

Job 39:28, "She (the eagle) dwelleth and abideth on the \_\_\_\_\_, upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the strong place."

The eagle, as this verse states, picks a high, inaccessible place to build its nest and raise its young. In mountainous regions, the nest is located on a high cliff which cannot be reached either from above or below. In regions without mountains, the eagle builds its nest near the top of a tall tree, usually the tallest tree available. The eagle seems to know it is much easier and safer to build its nest away from danger and enemies.

We can learn a lesson from the eagle. It is much easier to live a Christian life if we keep away from sin and temptation. If you choose boys who smoke, drink, and are troublemakers to be your best friends, it will be much harder to live a Christian life than if you choose Christian boys as your best friends. The Bible warns us against evil companions. Let us see what it says.

1. Proverbs 4:14, "Enter not into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and go \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Proverbs 1:10, "My son, if \_\_\_\_\_ thee, consent thou not."
3. Proverbs 1:15, "My son, walk \_\_\_\_\_ thou in the \_\_\_\_\_ with them; (sinners) refrain thy foot \_\_\_\_\_."
4. 1 Thessalonians 5:22, "Abstain from \_\_\_\_\_ appearance of \_\_\_\_\_."
5. Psalm 1:1, "Blessed is the man that \_\_\_\_\_ in the counsel of the \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_ in the way of \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_ in the seat of the \_\_\_\_\_."



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LESSON: 2 BIRDS: EAGLES (Part B)

The eagle's habit of building her nest high above her enemies and danger was the subject of last week's lesson. We learned it is better to avoid sin and evil rather than trying to overcome the temptation to sin, which comes from associating with it. In this lesson, we want to study the eagle's eyesight and see what it teaches us.

THE EAGLE'S EYESIGHT

Job 39:29, "Her eyes behold \_\_\_\_\_."

The writer of Job speaks of the eagle's marvelous eyesight. The eagle has such keen sight that while flying hundreds of feet in the air, the eagle can see a rabbit. Not only can the eagle see at great distances but it can also see the fleas and insects which sometimes get on the eaglets (young eagles). The sharp eyesight makes it possible for the eagle to pick off these insects without harming the eaglets.

Although the eagle has tremendous eyesight, there is one who has a better eyesight. To learn about this, complete the following verses.

1. Jeremiah 16:17, "For mine (God's) \_\_\_\_\_ are upon \_\_\_\_\_: they \_\_\_\_\_ from my face, \_\_\_\_\_ is their iniquity \_\_\_\_\_ from mine \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Proverbs 15:3, "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ are in every place, beholding the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_."

A boy was taking a test at school. Since he had not studied, he could not answer the questions. A glance showed the teacher's back was turned. Quickly he looked around the room. Seeing no one was watching, he pulled out the piece of paper on which he had written the information he needed. Finding the answers on the paper, he completed the test. He felt pretty good. He was certain no one had seen him.

Read the Scriptures and answer the following questions.

1. Did anyone see him? Jeremiah 23:24 \_\_\_\_\_
2. If someone saw him, who was it? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Does God see all the sins we commit? Jeremiah 16:17 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Will it help if we cover our sins? Proverbs 28:13 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is it possible to hide from God? Jeremiah 23:24 \_\_\_\_\_
6. What should the boy in our story do about his sin? Proverbs 28:13 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
7. What should we do about our sins? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
8. If the boy confesses and forsakes his sin, what will Jesus do? 1 John 1:9 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
9. Will Jesus do the same for us? \_\_\_\_\_



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LESSON: 3 BIRDS: EAGLES (Part C)

Thus far in our study of the eagle we have learned two characteristics of the eagle. In the first lesson, we discovered the eagle always builds its nest high above dangers and enemies. From this characteristic of the eagle, we learned we should avoid temptation and sin. In the second lesson, we learned the eagle has tremendous eyesight. This reminded us that God's eyesight is even better and He can see all we do. We are continuing our study of the eagle by studying the eagle's speed while flying.

THE EAGLE'S SWIFTNESS OF FLIGHT

The eagle is one of the fastest birds. Many times in the Bible when the writers want to show the speed with which an event will take place, they will compare the speed of the event with the speed of the eagle. This is what Moses does in Deuteronomy 28:49, "The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_."

The speed with which the eagle power-dives on its prey is amazing. As we watch the eagle mount up in the sky, we think of a time when we also will rise in the air, only much faster. This event is called the Rapture. Let us see how fast the Rapture will take place, who will be taken in the Rapture, and when it will take place.

HOW FAST WILL THE RAPTURE TAKE PLACE?

1. 1 Corinthians 15:51,52, "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a \_\_\_\_\_, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of an \_\_\_\_\_, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

WHO WILL BE TAKEN IN THE RAPTURE?

2. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews 9:28
3. Those who are \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 24:44

WHEN WILL THE RAPTURE TAKE PLACE?

4. Do we know the day and the hour? \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 24:36
5. Could the Rapture take place soon? \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 22:20, James 5:8

Bible scholars tell us Jesus could return at any time. Since no one knows exactly what day or hour Jesus is coming, the only way we can be certain we will be ready is to be ready at all times. The important question is "ARE YOU READY?" If not, why don't you ask your commander or pastor to help you get ready.



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LESSON: 4 BIRDS: VULTURES (Part A)

In the last six lessons we have learned some valuable lessons as we studied the eagle. With this lesson, we will turn our attention to the vulture and see what lessons this bird can teach us.

One of the first things that are noticeable about the vulture is its ability to soar. The vulture is able to find updrafts of air and mount thousands of feet up in the air without flapping its wings. By making use of the air currents, the vulture can soar and glide for hours as it looks for food.

Although the vulture has keen eyesight and a great ability in flight, there are some paths which it cannot see or use. Turn to Job 28:7. "There is a \_\_\_\_\_ which no fowl knoweth, and which the \_\_\_\_\_ hath not \_\_\_\_\_." The path Job is speaking about in this verse is probably the paths and tunnels which miners make as they mine gold, silver, and other metals and precious stones. The Bible also speaks of the road to heaven which only Christians know and walk upon. Let us see what the Bible tells us about this road which vultures cannot see.

Unscramble the word at the end of each sentence and place it in the blank left for it. If you need help, look up the verse that is given.

WHAT KIND OF ROAD IS IT?

1. The road to heaven is \_\_\_\_\_. (raorwn) Matthew 7:14
2. The road is called the way of \_\_\_\_\_. (nloieshs) Isa. 35:9
3. The road is a way of \_\_\_\_\_. (trnigphesus) Isa. 26:7
4. It is the path of God's \_\_\_\_\_. (mmmmndtsecao)  
Psalm 119:35
5. The road will lead us unto \_\_\_\_\_. (iefl) Matthew 7:14

WHO CAN TRAVEL ON THIS ROAD?

6. The road to heaven is for the \_\_\_\_\_. (meeeerdd) Isa. 35:8
7. It is a highway of the \_\_\_\_\_. (gpirhut) Proverbs 16:17
8. You must \_\_\_\_\_ to walk this road. (preatd)  
(ofmr) (vlei) Proverbs 16:17

HOW WILL WE KNOW THE WAY?

9. God will \_\_\_\_\_ us the way. (ohsw) Psalm 16:11
10. God will \_\_\_\_\_ us in the right way. (dlae) Psalm 23:3
11. The Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ us the way. (letl) Isaiah 30:21
12. We will be \_\_\_\_\_ in the right path. (eeddctir) Prov. 3:6
13. God will \_\_\_\_\_ us His ways. (ceaht) Isaiah 2:3



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LESSON: 5 BIRDS: VULTURES (Part B)

THE VULTURE'S NESTING PLACE

The vulture builds its nest in the wilderness. Isaiah 34:13, 15 gives a description of the vulture's nesting and roosting place. v.13, "And \_\_\_\_\_ shall come up in her palaces, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, and a court for owls." v. 15, "There shall the \_\_\_\_\_ also be gathered, every one with her mate."

THE VULTURE'S EYESIGHT

Each morning the search for food begins. The vulture locates food by using its keen eyesight. Although the vulture may be flying hundreds of feet in the air, it is able to see even the smallest animal. When a dead animal has been found, the vulture soars in circles slowly descending toward the ground. When the vulture determines it is safe it lands and starts to eat. Although not another vulture has been visible to the human eye in any direction, other vultures are soon winging their way to the meal. They had seen the descent of the first vulture and knew a meal had been found.

THE VULTURE'S WILLINGNESS TO SHARE

As each new vulture arrives, it joins the others in the meal. There is no fighting. The vulture which located the food willingly shares it with all newcomers. They eat together peacefully.

We can learn a lesson from the vulture's willingness to share. Let us see what the Bible says about sharing.

WITH WHOM SHOULD WE SHARE?

1. Proverbs 25:21, "If thine \_\_\_\_\_ be hungry, give him \_\_\_\_\_ to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him \_\_\_\_\_ to drink."
2. Proverbs 28:27, "He that giveth unto the \_\_\_\_\_ shall not lack."
3. Matthew 5:42, "Give to \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_, and from \_\_\_\_\_ that would \_\_\_\_\_ of thee turn not thou away."
4. Acts 20:35, "I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to \_\_\_\_\_."

WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF SHARING?

5. Luke 6:38, " \_\_\_\_\_, and it shall be \_\_\_\_\_ unto you: good measure, \_\_\_\_\_ down, and \_\_\_\_\_ together, and \_\_\_\_\_ over."
6. Acts 20:35, "It is more \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ than to \_\_\_\_\_."



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LESSON: 6 BIRDS: OWLS

Owls usually live and nest in wooded areas. However, an owl will sometimes nest in a barn. Isaiah describes the owl's usual choice of a place to live. Isaiah 34:13, "And \_\_\_\_\_ shall come up in her palaces, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the fortresses thereof." For a nest, most owls use a hollow tree or an old crow or hawk nest. However, the burrowing owls of the plains nest in burrows in the ground.

The owl, a bird of prey, does most of its hunting at night. The owl can see in the daytime, however, and sometimes hunts in the daylight hours. The wings and feathers of this bird are made in such a way that the owl does not make any noise while flying. The noiseless flight of the owl leaves its prey completely unaware of the owl's presence until it is too late.

Down through the years, the owl has generally become known as a symbol of wisdom. We can learn a lesson from this feathered friend. Let us see what the Bible tells us about being wise.

THE BIBLE TELLS US TO BE WISE

1. Proverbs 8:33, "Hear instruction, and be \_\_\_\_\_, and refuse it not."
2. Matthew 10:16, "be ye therefore \_\_\_\_\_ as serpents, and harmless as doves."

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3. Job 28:28, "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, that is \_\_\_\_\_; and to depart from evil is understanding."
4. Proverbs 11:30, "and he that \_\_\_\_\_ souls is \_\_\_\_\_."

THE BIBLE TELLS US HOW TO BECOME WISE

5. James 1:5, "If any of you \_\_\_\_\_, let him \_\_\_\_\_ of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it \_\_\_\_\_."
6. Matthew 7:24, "Therefore whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ these sayings of mine, and \_\_\_\_\_ them, I will liken him unto a \_\_\_\_\_ man."
7. 2 Timothy 3:15, "And that from a child thou hast known the \_\_\_\_\_, which are able to make thee \_\_\_\_\_ unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."
8. Psalm 19:7, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, \_\_\_\_\_ the simple."



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LESSON: 7 BIRDS: PEACOCKS

The peacock is the largest bird of the pheasant family. It is found in India and Ceylon although it has been imported into many different countries. Solomon, like many other kings, brought peacocks to his palace for display. 1 Kings 10:22, "once in three years came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and

Peacocks roost in trees but build their nests on the ground. If you try to approach a peacock you will soon find they have an unfriendly disposition and a harsh, disagreeable voice.

The most outstanding thing about the peacock is its beautiful feathers. These feathers are known around the world. The peacock's coverts (tail feathers) are the most striking. On each covert are colorful markings which look like eyes. These tail feathers can be raised and spread out like a fan thus displaying the eye-like markings. When they display their tail feathers, peacocks also strut around giving the impression of great pride. Due to these actions the peacock has become a symbol of pride and vanity.

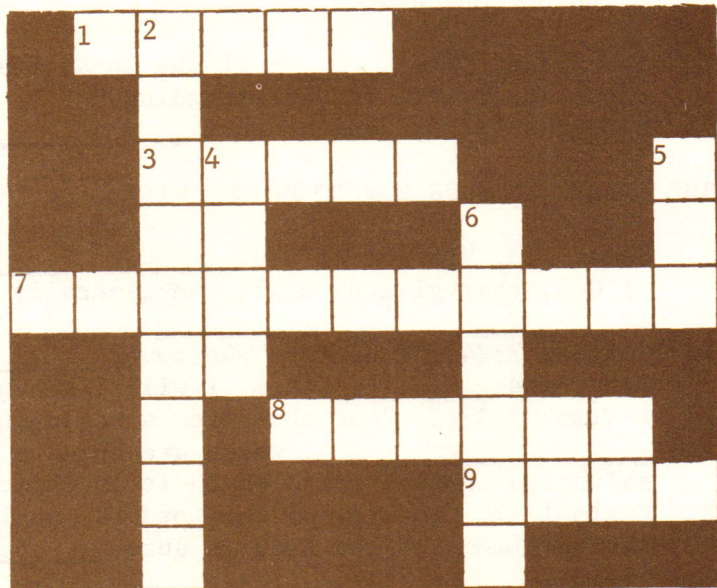
Let us see what the Bible teaches us about pride. Complete the following crossword puzzle.

ACROSS

1. What does God hate?  
Prov. 8:13
3. What comes with pride?  
Prov. 11:2
7. What does pride go before?  
Prov. 16:18
9. What does a haughty spirit go before?  
Prov. 16:18

DOWN

2. What does God do to the proud?  
James 4:6
4. How does God feel toward pride?  
Prov. 21:4
5. What is a proud heart?  
Prov. 21:4
6. What does a proud heart stir up?  
Prov. 28:25





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LESSON: 8 BIRDS: RAVENS

The raven is completely black in color, measures two feet long, and has a wing span of approximately four feet. They are most abundant in rocky districts near the banks of lakes and rivers. The raven's senses are very keen, making the bird so wary and cunning that it is rarely caught in traps or shot by hunters. When they are caught, they can be tamed by kindness. The raven can be taught to imitate the human voice. They can pronounce a few words with great distinctness; however, their natural note is a deep, hoarse croak.

The raven is first mentioned in the Bible in connection with its flying ability. Genesis 8:7, "and he sent forth a raven which went to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth." The raven can do flying stunts as well as make long flights. They have been observed flying upside down briefly under favorable conditions.

A second incident in the Bible tells of the raven's obedience to God. 1 Kings 17:4,6, "and I have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to feed thee . . . and the \_\_\_\_\_ brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening." We should also obey God. Let us see what the Bible tells us about obedience.

1. Joshua 1:8, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest \_\_\_\_\_ according to \_\_\_\_\_ that is written therein."
2. Matthew 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that \_\_\_\_\_ the will of my Father which is in heaven."
3. Rev. 22:14, "Blessed are they that \_\_\_\_\_ that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the \_\_\_\_\_."

GREAT MEN OF THE BIBLE OBEYED GOD

4. Genesis 6:22, "Thus did \_\_\_\_\_; according to all that God \_\_\_\_\_ him, \_\_\_\_\_."
5. Joshua 11:15, "As the \_\_\_\_\_ commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and \_\_\_\_\_ Joshua."
6. Acts 26:19, "Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was \_\_\_\_\_ unto the heavenly vision."

Will you commit your life to God and do what He asks you to do?



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LESSON: 9 BIRDS: SPARROWS

There are many different kinds of sparrows. Each kind of sparrow has its own favorite place in which to build its nest. The nesting place may be in a tree, in a birdhouse, a waterspout on the ground, in bushes, under the eaves of a house, or any number of other places. Two unusual places are mentioned in the Bible. Psalm 84:3, "Yea, the \_\_\_\_\_ hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine \_\_\_\_\_, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God." Psalm 102:7, "I watch, and am as a \_\_\_\_\_ alone upon the \_\_\_\_\_."

Sparrows must be on constant guard so that their natural enemies do not destroy their young. Therefore, it is important for them to choose their nesting place wisely. Some English sparrows make a very wise choice of a nesting place. They build their nest in the side of an eagle's nest. Here they are quite safe from their enemies. Whenever an enemy comes too close to the nest, the eagle will fly to the attack and soon drives the offender away. Thus, as long as the sparrows stay in their nest, they are quite safe.

Do you know that is the way it is for Christians. Satan, our enemy, is waiting to attack us. But, as long as we stay close to God and serve Him, God protects us. Isaiah tells us this in the 59th chapter and 19th verse of his book, "When the \_\_\_\_\_ shall come in like a flood, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ shall lift up a \_\_\_\_\_ against him." Throughout the Scriptures, there are promises which tell of God's protection and watch over us. The following are a few of them.

1. 2 Chronicles 16:9, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the \_\_\_\_\_ of them whose \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ toward him."
2. Psalm 34:7, "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ round about them that fear him, and \_\_\_\_\_ them."
3. Psalm 91:4, "He shall \_\_\_\_\_ with his feathers, and under his wings \_\_\_\_\_."
4. Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not, for \_\_\_\_\_: 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."
5. Psalm 91:5, "Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ by night; nor for the \_\_\_\_\_ that flieth by day."
6. Proverbs 3:24, "When thou liest down, thou shalt not be \_\_\_\_\_; yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_."



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LESSON: 10 BIRDS: PELICANS

Three of the ten different species of pelicans are native to the United States. These three species are the white, the brown, and the California pelicans. The pelican is a large bird, weighing up to 16 pounds and measuring from four to six feet in length, with a wing span of eight to nine feet. They are easily distinguished by the great membranous pouch attached to the throat and lower jaw. They use this pouch as a fishing net.

The white pelican flies low over the water, scooping up fish that are swimming near the surface. After draining off the water, they swallow the fish. Another method the white pelican uses to secure fish is to drive the fish to shallow water. They do this by forming a long line and beating the water with their wings as they advance toward the shore. The fish are easily scooped up from the shallow water. The brown pelican flies about 20 feet above the water, power-diving into the water to catch any fish it sees.

Although the pelican is large, it is not equipped to protect its young. Therefore, they choose uninhabited coastal areas and islands as a place to live. Here they build their nests, a rude heap of earth and trash. Due to the lonely places in which they live, the pelican has become a symbol of loneliness and solitude.

Complete the following verses and see why Christians will never be lonely.

1. Isaiah 41:10, "\_\_\_\_\_ thou not; for I 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 \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Matthew 28:20, "lo, I am \_\_\_\_\_, even unto the end of the world."
3. Hebrews 13:5, "I will never \_\_\_\_\_ thee, nor \_\_\_\_\_ thee."
4. Psalm 27:10, "When my father and my mother \_\_\_\_\_ me, then the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_."
5. Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go \_\_\_\_\_: he will not \_\_\_\_\_ thee, nor \_\_\_\_\_ thee."

Christians will never be completely alone because God has promised to never leave them. The Lord will be with them in school, at work, and even on the battlefield.



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LESSON: 11 BIRDS: Doves (Part A)

Doves are members of the pigeon family. There are many varieties of them, several of which are mentioned in the Bible. They have many different nesting places. Some of these nesting places are the lower branches of trees, bushes, cacti, dense brier thickets, on the ground, and on cliffs. The nest is usually quite flat and not too well built. A person wonders why the eggs do not roll out of the nest.

Doves are known for their "cooing" sound. This call may suggest hopeless sorrow to one who is sad or it may suggest tenderest love and devotion to one who is in love. What the call suggests depends upon the mood of the listener. Some of the other characteristics of the dove are its swift flight, the sharp whistling sound made by its wings while flying, and its gentleness. Doves have been observed for years. Throughout this time, men have noticed the unusual gentleness of this bird. Thus, the dove has become a symbol of gentleness and peace.

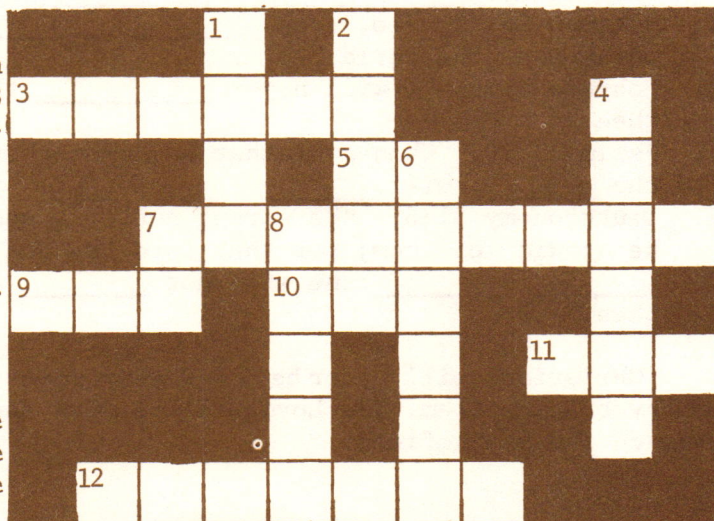
The Scriptures used in the crossword puzzle below tells us of the qualities of gentleness and peacefulness. Complete the puzzle and see what the Scriptures tell us.

ACROSS

- 3. What must not the servant of the Lord do? 2 Timothy 2:24
- 5. Letters used in the Assemblies of God emblem
- 7. How should we live? Romans 12:18
- 9.& 10. Whom should we live peacefully with? Romans 12:18
- 11. What will the counsellors of peace have? Proverbs 12:20
- 12. Peacemakers are what? Matthew 5:9

DOWN

- 1. "\_\_\_\_\_ peacefully with all men." Rom. 12:18
- 2. What should we follow? Heb. 12:14
- 4. What should we do about peace? Hebrews 12:14
- 6. What should we be unto all men? 2 Timothy 2:24
- 8. If you are gentle, you will not have gone \_\_\_\_\_. (Clew: the word is found in Luke 23:41.)





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LESSON: 12 BIRDS: DOVE (PART B)

In our last lesson we learned that the dove is a symbol of peace and gentleness. When an artist wants to represent peace, all he needs to do is draw a picture of a dove with an olive branch in its mouth. A picture like this reminds us of Noah and the Flood. At the end of the Flood, Noah let a dove out of the window of the ark. The last time the dove returned, it carried an \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 8:11) in its mouth. Thus Noah knew the Flood was almost over and peace had returned to the earth.

To the Christian the dove has also become a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The reason for this is found in Matthew 3:16, "...and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the \_\_\_\_\_ descending \_\_\_\_\_, and lighting upon him." When early Christians saw a dove they were reminded of their helper, the Holy Spirit. Let us see how the Holy Spirit can help us.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH US

1. John 14:26, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall \_\_\_\_\_ you all things, and \_\_\_\_\_ all things to your \_\_\_\_\_ ..."
2. John 16:13, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will \_\_\_\_\_ you into all \_\_\_\_\_ ..."
3. Luke 12:12, "For the Holy Ghost shall \_\_\_\_\_ you in the same hour what ye ought to say."

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL HELP US PRAY

4. Romans 8:26, "Likewise the \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the \_\_\_\_\_ itself \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ with groanings which cannot be uttered."

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GIVE US POWER TO WITNESS

5. Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive \_\_\_\_\_, after that the \_\_\_\_\_ Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be \_\_\_\_\_ unto me..."
6. Luke 24:49, "...but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with \_\_\_\_\_ from on high."

Have you received the power and help the Holy Spirit can give you? If you have not, why don't you ask the Lord to fill you right now?



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LESSON:13 BIRDS: CUCKOOS

The cuckoo is only mentioned twice in the Bible. Once in Leviticus 11:16, and once in Deuteronomy 14:15. In each of these places the old spelling, cuckow, is used.

The cuckoo is a parasite. They have a lazy way about them when it comes to raising their young. In fact, they do not raise their young, but let some other bird do this for them. The cuckoo will slip into another bird's nest and lay its eggs while the other bird is away. The cuckoo will then fly away, leaving the job of raising the young to the other bird.

Do you know there are some people like this? They never want to work for themselves. They are living off other people. If people will not give them things, they steal them. A Royal Ranger should never be a parasite, but should always do his part. Let us see what the Bible says about working and helping others.

WORKING

1. Ephesians 4:28, "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to \_\_\_\_\_ to him that \_\_\_\_\_."
2. 1 Thessalonians 4:11, "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and \_\_\_\_\_ with your \_\_\_\_\_, as we commanded you."
3. 2 Thessalonians 3:10, "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any \_\_\_\_\_, neither \_\_\_\_\_."
4. Ecclesiastes 9:10, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, \_\_\_\_\_"

HELPING OTHERS

In the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus tells us we should help others who are in need. Read the story in Luke 10:30-37, and answer the following true or false questions.

5. All the men who passed by helped the wounded man. T F
6. The Samaritan bound up the wounds. T F
7. The Samaritan took the man to an inn and left right away. T F
8. The Samaritan paid the bill because he knew he would get his money back. T F



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LESSON: 14 BIRDS

With this lesson we will bring our study of birds to an end. In the last 13 studies we have considered nine of the many different kinds of birds. In each study we have learned a valuable lesson. In this one we will learn of God's care of the birds and His care of us.

Have you ever noticed the large flocks of birds which fly south each fall and return again each spring? Some of these birds fly only a few hundred miles. Other birds fly thousands of miles. One species of birds travel approximately 18,000 miles each year. These birds can leave their nests in the fall, fly thousands of miles, and return to the same nest in the spring without the aid of compass or map. This is a God-given ability.

God did not stop with giving the birds these abilities but he still cares for them. Complete the following and learn of God's care.

1. Matthew 6:26, "Behold the fowls of the air: for they \_\_\_\_\_, neither do they \_\_\_\_\_, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ them."
2. Luke 12:6, "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and \_\_\_\_\_ of them is \_\_\_\_\_ before God?"
3. Matthew 10:29, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground without your \_\_\_\_\_:"

God not only cares for the birds, even knowing when a sparrow dies, but he also cares about us.

4. Matthew 10:31, "Fear ye not therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ are of \_\_\_\_\_ than many \_\_\_\_\_."
5. Matthew 10:30, "But the very \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_ are all numbered."

Below are more verses which tell us of God's care for us. Complete the verses by unscrambling the words and placing them in the blanks.

6. 1 Peter 5:7, "\_\_\_\_\_ all your care upon him; for he \_\_\_\_\_ for you." (tancsig) (atherc)
7. Philippians 4:6, "Be \_\_\_\_\_ for nothing; but in every thing by \_\_\_\_\_ and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made \_\_\_\_\_ unto God." (fruaelc) (yrreap) (nnwok)
8. Psalm 37:5, "\_\_\_\_\_ thy way unto the \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." (tmimoc) (rldo) (surtt)
9. Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and his \_\_\_\_\_; and all these things be added unto you." (sirtf) (kgiomnd) (ioueesstnhgr) (hlsal)



**SECTION THREE**  
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**ANIMALS**

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LESSON: 1 ANIMALS - CHAMELEON (Part A)

The chameleon is mentioned only once in the Bible. This one place is Leviticus 11:30, where it is listed as an unclean animal. However, the chameleon is an interesting animal and can teach us several lessons.

The chameleon is an "Old World" animal belonging to one of the families of lizards. There are no true chameleons in the United States. However, some of the North American lizards have many of the same characteristics as the chameleon.

The first thing you would probably notice while watching a chameleon is its ability to change colors. Wherever the chameleon goes it changes color to match the colors around it. After watching the chameleon as it moves from place to place you may wonder what its true color is.

The chameleon's ability to change color reminds us of some Christians. When they are in church they act like Christians, but when they go to school they go along with the crowd and do not show their true Christian colors. You never really know what they are because they are always changing.

Complete the following to see what the Bible says about this.

1. Luke 16:13, "No servant can serve \_\_\_\_\_ for either he will \_\_\_\_\_ the one, and \_\_\_\_\_ the other; or else he will hold to the one, and \_\_\_\_\_ the other. Ye cannot serve \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."
2. 1 Corinthians 10:21, "Ye cannot drink of the cup of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the cup of \_\_\_\_\_, ye cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ table and the table of \_\_\_\_\_."

Answer the following true and false questions.

3. The Bible says we can serve God and Satan at the same time. T F
4. We can serve God on Sunday and serve Satan during the week. T F
5. Christians serve God every day of their lives. T F

These Scriptures teach us that it is impossible to serve God and Satan at the same time, nor can we change back and forth. Joshua knew that everyone had to decide whom they would serve, so he gave a challenge and made his decision. Fill in the blanks to see what they were.

6. Joshua 24:15, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ you this day whom you will \_\_\_\_\_;...but as for me and my house, we will \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_."

Have you decided to serve God? If you have not, why not decide now?



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LESSON: 2 ANIMALS - CHAMELEON (Part B)

Normally the sides of a chameleon have rows of pale brown patches; the rest of his body is gray-green with dark flecks. However, because of his color-changing ability, you may have to watch a long time before seeing one this color.

The chameleon hides by changing colors and blending with the surroundings. Some Christians hide their testimony this way. Instead of letting the people around them know they are Christians, they try to blend in with their surroundings.

Read the following Scriptures and fill in the blanks to find out what God wants us to do.

1. Matthew 5:14, "Ye are the \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Matthew 5:15, "Neither do men \_\_\_\_\_ a candle, and put it under a \_\_\_\_\_, but on a \_\_\_\_\_; and it giveth \_\_\_\_\_ unto all that are in the house."
3. Matthew 5:16, "Let your \_\_\_\_\_ before men, that they may \_\_\_\_\_ your good works, and \_\_\_\_\_ your Father which is in heaven."

These verses tell us to let our light shine before others. In other words, tell others about the love of God. We can do this in several ways. Two of these ways are mentioned below.

You can let your light shine by witnessing.

4. Psalm 66:16, "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will \_\_\_\_\_ what he \_\_\_\_\_ for my soul."
5. Psalm 71:15, "My \_\_\_\_\_ shall show forth thy \_\_\_\_\_ and thy \_\_\_\_\_ all the day."
6. Psalm 119:46, "I will \_\_\_\_\_ of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be \_\_\_\_\_."
7. Mark 16:15, "Go \_\_\_\_\_ into all the world and \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel to every creature."

You can let your light shine by doing good.

8. 1 Timothy 6:18, "That they \_\_\_\_\_, that they be rich in \_\_\_\_\_."
9. Matthew 25:35, "For I was ahungered, and ye \_\_\_\_\_; I was thirsty, and ye \_\_\_\_\_: I was a stranger and ye \_\_\_\_\_."
10. Hebrews 13:16, "But to do \_\_\_\_\_ and to communicate forget \_\_\_\_\_: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."



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LESSON: 3 ANIMALS - CHAMELEON (Part C)

In the last two lessons we discussed the color-changing ability of the chameleon. In this lesson we want to turn our attention to another interesting characteristic of the chameleon, his tongue.

One of the interesting aspects of the chameleon's tongue is its ability to stretch. It can extend its tongue a distance exceeding the length of its body and withdraw it at an amazing speed. Another feature of the chameleon's tongue is the sticky spot on the tip.

The chameleon uses its tongue to secure food. It either stalks a fly or insect or waits for one to fly into range, shooting out its tongue with lightening speed to catch its prey.

The quick, deadly tongue of the chameleon reminds us of another tongue which is every bit as dangerous. That tongue is the human tongue. James gives us a vivid description of the tongue. Let us see how he describes it. James 3:6 and 8, "And the tongue is a \_\_\_\_\_, a world of \_\_\_\_\_."

The picture that James paints is pretty black. Although man in himself is not able to control the tongue, the Holy Spirit will help each Christian to control his tongue. The Bible tells us some ways the tongue should not be used and some ways the tongue should be used.

Ways the tongue should not be used.

1. Psalm 34:13, "Keep thy tongue from \_\_\_\_\_, and thy lips from \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Psalm 39:1, "I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I \_\_\_\_\_ with my \_\_\_\_\_."
3. Psalm 52:4, "Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou \_\_\_\_\_."

Ways the tongue should be used.

4. Isaiah 63:7, "I will \_\_\_\_\_ the loving-kindness of the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."
5. Malachi 3:16, "Then they that feared the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it."
6. Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_, as the Spirit gave them utterance."



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LESSON: 4 ANIMALS - CONEY

The coney which is mentioned in the Bible is known by several different names. The name most often used today is hyrax. They are also called "rock rabbits," although they are not rabbits. The Encyclopedia Britannica describes the hyrax as plump, having a "...pointed head, short neck, relatively short slender legs, and squat tailless body..."

There are three interesting characteristics of the conies which we want to mention. The first is their climbing ability. The pads on their feet make climbing easy for them, allowing them to scale surfaces which are almost vertical. The second characteristic is their choice of living quarters. Their choice is described in the Bible, Proverbs 30:26, "The conies are but a \_\_\_\_\_, yet \_\_\_\_\_ they their \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_." And, Psalm 104:18, "The high hills are a \_\_\_\_\_ for the wild goats; and the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_." The third characteristic is their natural helplessness to defend themselves when attacked. In the Book of Proverbs the conies are called "but a feeble folk."

The conies make up in wisdom what they lack in strength. Knowing their natural helplessness the conies have made their homes in rocky places. In this retreat they are stronger than all the powers that come against them. We also have a "Rock" to which we can flee. In this "Rock" we are stronger than all the powers that can come against us. Let us see what the Bible says about this "Rock."

God is our "Rock."

1. 2 Samuel 22:2, "The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_, and my \_\_\_\_\_, and my \_\_\_\_\_."

God is our salvation.

2. Psalm 62:2, "He only is my rock and my \_\_\_\_\_; he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved."

God is our refuge.

3. Deuteronomy 33:27, "The eternal God is thy \_\_\_\_\_, and underneath are the \_\_\_\_\_."

God is our help and shield.

4. Psalm 115:11, "Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their \_\_\_\_\_ and their \_\_\_\_\_."



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LESSON: 5 ANIMALS - HART (Part A)

The hart mentioned in the Bible is the male member of the red deer family. The hart normally lives in a wooded area where it can secure plenty of grass, moss, and tender twigs to eat. The woods also provide a place to hide in time of danger. In addition to an adequate supply of food the deer requires a good source of water to meet its unusual need for water.

When the hart successfully escapes from his enemy, he must run long and hard. Then every fiber in his body calls for water. The Psalmist uses this illustration to demonstrate how we should search after the living water. You can read it in Psalm 42:1, "As the hart \_\_\_\_\_ (longs eagerly) after the water brooks, so \_\_\_\_\_ my heart after \_\_\_\_\_."

There is only one person who can satisfy this thirst for living water. That person is Jesus. Turn to John 7:37 and after reading this verse answer the following questions.

1. Who said "come unto me and drink"? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who may come and drink? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus is not the only one who invites us to come and drink of the water of life. There are others who extend this invitation to us. Read Revelation 22:17 and then answer the following questions.

3. The Spirit tells us to come. T F
4. The bride tells us to come. T F
5. Only a select few may come. T F
6. All persons who are athirst should come. T F
7. Whosoever will may come. T F
8. It will cost a lot of money if you drink the water of life. T F
9. The water of life is free. T F

The Lord has made special promises to everyone who comes to Him. Complete the following verses and find out what these promises are.

10. Psalm 107:9, "For he \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ soul and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ soul with goodness."
11. Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are they which \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ after righteousness: for they \_\_\_\_\_."
12. John 4:14, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; But the water that I shall give him shall be in him a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ up into \_\_\_\_\_."



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LESSON: 6 ANIMALS - HART (Part B)

The hart, like most deer, runs very swiftly. It is able to reach speeds of 45 to 50 miles per hour. In addition to its ability to run, the hart is also good at jumping and can jump over a fence from eight to 10 feet high. Isaiah pictures this act of the hart as a means to express great joy and refers to the hart when describing some of the wonders and glories of the millennial reign of Christ.

Read the 35th chapter of Isaiah for a description of this age. Reread the sixth verse and answer the following questions.

1. The lame man will be healed. T F
2. The lame man will have to be carried everywhere he goes. T F
3. The lame man will be able to run and jump as other men. T F

What other miracles will take place? Reread Isaiah 35:5,6, and answer the following questions with a short sentence.

4. What will happen to the blind? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What will the dumb (people who cannot speak) be able to do? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Will anything special happen to the deaf? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Isaiah 25:1 tells of a change which will take place in the desert. What is this change? \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 35:10 gives more information concerning this wonderful age. Read the verse and then answer the following questions.

8. Who shall return? "the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord."
9. The ransomed shall return with what? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
10. What will the ransomed obtain? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the two things that will flee away? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Each one of us who faithfully serves Jesus Christ will have an important task to perform. We read about this task in Revelation 20:6. Complete this verse by filling in the words which tell us what this task is.

12. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be \_\_\_\_\_ of God and of Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_ with him a thousand years."



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LESSON: 7 ANIMALS - FOXES

The fox is a very sly and cunning animal. Its ability to escape from hunters and avoid traps is known around the world. When chased by dogs the fox will double back on its trail, wade through creeks, and use many other tricks to make the dogs lose the trail.

Solomon refers to the fox in the Song of Solomon 2:15 and gives this warning, "Take us the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes." These little foxes are able to slip into the vineyard unnoticed. Once in the vineyard the fox eats some of the grapes and spoils many more. They injure the roots of the vine in their digging. They damage the vine further by gnawing on the stems and young shoots, thus destroying both the grapes and vines. It takes constant watchfulness on the part of the husbandman to keep the foxes out and to destroy any which slip into the vineyard.

Like the husbandman, every boy has a field he must guard. This field is his heart. Many "little foxes" would like to slip into the heart, and it is up to each boy to keep them out.

Below are listed eight of the "foxes" which try to get into boys' hearts. Match the list in the left hand column with the verse in the right hand column which tells about it.

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| 1. Anger       | _____ | Proverbs 12:22, "_____ are abomination to the Lord:"   |
| 2. Envy        | _____ | Proverbs 10:12, "_____ stirreth up _____, but love covereth all sins."                                 |
| 3. Hatred      | _____ | Proverbs 11:2, "When _____ cometh, then cometh _____:"   |
| 4. Lying       | _____ | James 3:16, "For where _____ and strife is, there is confusion and every _____."                       |
| 5. Pride       | _____ | Leviticus 19:11, "Ye shall not _____, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another."               |
| 6. Selfishness | _____ | Psalms 37:8, "Cease from _____, and forsake wrath:"  |
| 7. Unbelief    | _____ | Philippians 2:4, "Look not every man on his _____ things, but every man also on the things of others." |
| 8. Stealing    | _____ | Hebrews 3:12, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of _____."               |



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LESSON: 8 ANIMALS - CAMEL

The camel is probably best known for its ability to go for several days without drinking water. Another distinguishing feature of the camel is its hump or humps. There are two kinds of camels, the Arabian camel with one hump and the Bactrian camel which has two humps. A special kind of Arabian camel called a dromedary is raised for riding and racing.

Jesus makes use of the camel and a needle to teach us a very valuable lesson. This lesson is found in Mark 10:24-25, "And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that \_\_\_\_\_ to enter into the kingdom of God! It is \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ to go through the \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

In these verses Jesus points out the difficulty a person has entering heaven when trusting in riches, righteousness, or ability. Let us see what some of these things are in which men trust and the results.

Some men trust in themselves. These men feel that their own righteousness and knowledge will take them to heaven. What does the Bible say about this trust?

1. Proverbs 3:5, "...lean not unto thine own \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Proverbs 28:26, "He that \_\_\_\_\_ in his own \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_."
3. Isaiah 64:6, "But we are all as an \_\_\_\_\_ thing, and all our \_\_\_\_\_, are as \_\_\_\_\_."

Other men trust in a great leader or a good friend. What does the Bible say about this trust?

4. Micah 7:5, "Trust not in a \_\_\_\_\_, put ye not confidence in a \_\_\_\_\_."
5. Jeremiah 17:5, "Thus saith the Lord; \_\_\_\_\_ be the man that \_\_\_\_\_ in man, and maketh \_\_\_\_\_ his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord."

Many men have placed their trust in the Lord. What does the Bible say about this trust?

6. Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the \_\_\_\_\_ with all \_\_\_\_\_."
7. Jeremiah 17:7, "Blessed is the man that \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, and whose hope the \_\_\_\_\_ is."



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LESSON: 9 ANIMALS - SHEEP (Part A)

Sheep have an inborn instinct to follow the leader and will follow even though it involves a long leap or plunge into the water. This instinct helps the shepherd. The sheep soon get to know their shepherd's voice and will follow him wherever he goes. Thus the shepherd is able to move his flock by leading the way and calling the sheep to follow.

Jesus refers to this characteristic of the sheep in John 10:4, "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he \_\_\_\_\_ them, and the sheep \_\_\_\_\_ him: for they \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_." The lesson Jesus wants each Royal Ranger to learn is that He, the Shepherd, will lead the way and we, the sheep, should follow Him. The Bible tells some of the paths in which Jesus will lead us. Let us see what some of these paths are.

Match the path listed in the left-hand column with the proper verse listed in the right.

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|-----------------------------|-------|---|
| 1. Path of life             | _____ | Psalm 23:3, "He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in _____ for his name's sake."                                 |
| 2. Paths of mercy and truth | _____ | Proverbs 4:11, "I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in _____."                             |
| 3. Good paths               | _____ | Psalm 16:11, "Thou wilt shew me the _____:"   |
| 4. Straight path            | _____ | Hebrews 12:13, "And make _____ for your feet...."   |
| 5. Right paths              | _____ | Psalm 25:10 "All the paths of the Lord are _____ and _____ unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies." |
| 6. Paths of righteousness   | _____ | Proverbs 2:9, "Then shall thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every _____."           |

There is another interesting characteristic of sheep. John 10:5, "And a \_\_\_\_\_ will they not \_\_\_\_\_, but will \_\_\_\_\_ from him: for they know not the \_\_\_\_\_ of strangers." The Bible tells us of some things from which we should flee.

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| 7. | 1 Corinthians 10:14, "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, _____ from _____."  |
| 8. | 2 Timothy 2:22, "_____ also _____: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." |



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LESSON: 10 ANIMALS - SHEEP (Part B)

Sheep can live without water for long periods of time. The Encyclopedia Britanica tells us that by feeding on lush forage which is occasionally wetted by dew or rain, sheep can go days and even weeks without drinking water. Sheep are also surefooted, bold climbers. These characteristics make them an ideal animal for the mountainous and wilderness areas of Palestine.

Sheep live and move in flocks or herds. They want to be with other sheep. When a sheep becomes separated from the flock it is because he is either lost, ill, or injured.

Just as healthy sheep will stay with the flock, there are some things a Royal Ranger will do if he is healthy spiritually. Let us look into God's Word for some of the qualities of a healthy Christian.

A DESIRE TO STUDY GOD'S WORD

1. 1 Peter 2:2, "As newborn babes, \_\_\_\_\_ the sincere milk of the \_\_\_\_\_, that ye may grow thereby:"
2. Acts 17:11, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the \_\_\_\_\_ with all readiness of mind, and searched the \_\_\_\_\_ daily, whether those things were so."

A DESIRE TO ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES

3. Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_."
4. Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the \_\_\_\_\_ of ourselves together, as the manner of some is."

A LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

5. John 15:12, "This is my commandment, That ye \_\_\_\_\_ one another, as I have loved you."
6. John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have \_\_\_\_\_ one to another."

If a sheep does become lost, ill, or injured, is it forgotten? Read Matthew 18:12-14, and then answer the following questions.

7. If a sheep is lost, a shepherd will not bother to look for it. T F
8. A good shepherd searches for his lost sheep. T F
9. Finding a lost sheep causes the shepherd to rejoice. T F



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LESSON: 11 ANIMALS - LIONS (Part A)

The lion's size and majestic bearing have won for it the title "king of the beasts." The most outstanding feature of this "king" is probably the mane of the male lion. It is usually yellowish brown in color, although some lions have reddish manes and occasionally one will have a black mane.

Lions are different from the other members of the wild cat family in that they live together in groups, having from four to 35 members. The ancient Persians made use of the lion's ability to live together peacefully and kept them in dens for execution purposes. Daniel was thrown into one of these dens when he disobeyed the law and prayed to God. Daniel 6:16, "Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and \_\_\_\_\_ him into the \_\_\_\_\_." (Read all of the sixth chapter for the full story.)

Not only do lions live together, but at times they also work together to capture prey. When an animal is spotted, one or two lions silently circle the victim, driving it toward the other lions who remain hidden. When the victim comes within reach, one of the hidden lions will bring the prey down with its paws. By working together, the lions are able to secure food they would not be able to capture alone.

Often in the Christian life Royal Rangers need to work together to accomplish things that one Ranger cannot do alone. There are several examples of this type of cooperation in the Bible. One example is found in Exodus 17:8-13. Read this passage and answer the following questions.

1. Amalek went to war against Israel. T F
2. Joshua lead the army of Israel while Moses held the rod of God. T F
3. As long as Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed. T F
4. Moses' arm became tired, so he let down his hands and Israel lost the battle. T F
5. Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands. T F
6. Because Aaron and Hur helped Moses, Joshua won the fight. T F

Another example of cooperation is found in Mark 2:3, "And \_\_\_\_\_ come unto him, bringing \_\_\_\_\_ sick of the palsy, borne of \_\_\_\_\_." One man could not have done this. Two or three might have been able to, but four could do it easily.

Jesus tells us of the added power when praying together. Turn to Matthew 18:19, and see what He said. "Again I say unto you, That if \_\_\_\_\_ of you shall \_\_\_\_\_ on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it \_\_\_\_\_ be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."



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LESSON: 12 ANIMALS - LIONS (Part B)

In this lesson we are continuing our study of the lion. Last week we learned that lions sometimes work together as a team when hunting. In this lesson we will learn what other methods lions use when hunting.

Lions usually hunt at night. One method the lion uses is to creep silently under cover of darkness toward his victim. The lion makes a sudden charge covering the last few feet before his startled victim can get away. A second method used by lions is referred to in Psalm 17:12. "And as it were a young lion \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ places." Using this method, the lion waits quietly hidden until his prey comes within reach. Then, with a sudden lunge the hunt is over.

The tactics of the lion remind us of the tactics of Satan as he tries to capture Christians. Peter compares Satan to a lion. Let us see what he said in 1 Peter 5:8. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the \_\_\_\_\_, as a roaring \_\_\_\_\_, walketh about, seeking whom he may \_\_\_\_\_."

In spite of his strength, the lion fails to capture over 50 percent of the animals he attacks. He fails because the prey follows three rules. They avoid all lions, they run if attacked, and if cornered, they fight. These are three methods we can use in our war against Satan.

### AVOID EVIL

1. Psalm 34:14, " \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, and do good."
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:22, " \_\_\_\_\_ from all appearance of \_\_\_\_\_."
3. Proverbs 14:16, "A wise man \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from evil."

### FLEE FROM EVIL

4. 2 Timothy 2:22, " \_\_\_\_\_ also youthful \_\_\_\_\_."
5. 1 Corinthians 10:14, "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_."

### RESIST EVIL

Ephesians 6:10-17 tells us about the armor we should use when resisting evil. Read these verses and then underline the right answer

7. We should put on (all, part, none) of the armor of God.
8. When we put on the armor of God we should (run, stand).
9. The shield of faith will quench (all, none) of the fiery darts.



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LESSON:13 ANIMALS - LEOPARD

In the past two lessons we have studied the lion. Now we want to turn our attention to the leopard, another member of the cat family. Leopards are smaller and lighter than lions. However, they make up in agility, speed, and wit for what they lack in weight and power. In a fight, a leopard would probably defeat a lion. The leopard is such a fierce fighter that the natives of Africa would rather face a lion than a leopard.

The leopard hunts much the same way as the lion. It either stealthily stalks its victims or springs upon them from ambush. The leopard is ferocious, bloodthirsty, and cunning.

One of the most outstanding features is the markings of black spots and rings on the leopard's coat. These spots are such an unchanging part of the leopard, when people talk about something that does not change, they use the leopard's spots as a comparison. Jeremiah does this in Jeremiah 13:23; "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_? then may ye also do good that are accustomed to do evil." Jeremiah is saying it is just as impossible for a person to remove the spots of sin from his life as it is for a leopard to change its spots. God is the only one who can change man's evil nature. In order for God to do this, we must do three things.

WE MUST BELIEVE IN GOD

1. John 3:15, "That whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ in him should not perish, but have everlasting \_\_\_\_\_."

WE MUST CONFESS OUR SINS

2. 1 John 1:9, "If we \_\_\_\_\_ our sins, he is faithful and just to \_\_\_\_\_ us our sins, and to \_\_\_\_\_ us from all unrighteousness."

WE MUST ACCEPT CHRIST

3. John 1:12, "But as many as \_\_\_\_\_ him, to them gave he \_\_\_\_\_ to become the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, even to them that believe on his \_\_\_\_\_."

When we have done these things, God takes away the spots of sin and makes us a new person. 2 Cor. 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."



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LESSON: 14 ANIMALS: BATS

Although the bat can fly, it is an animal not a bird. Most of the bats in Palestine live in caves or some other dark place. Their living quarters are just the type of places people throw things they no longer want. This may have been the reason Isaiah said the people would throw their gods of silver and gold to the bats and moles. (Isaiah 2:20)

Bats usually sleep during the day and do their feeding at night. Thus most of their waking hours are spent in darkness. Bats are equipped with an unusual guidance system for their dark life. As they fly, they emit a high-frequency sound. When the sound waves hit an obstacle, they are reflected back to the bat. The bat is able to detect these reflected waves and from them tell the location of all obstacles. This allows the bat to fly safely in complete darkness. Did you know that Christians also have an unusual guidance system which helps them avoid the snares and pitfalls of Satan?

The first part of this system is the Bible. We receive guidance as we read and study God's word.

1. Psalm 119:105, "Thy \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ unto my \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ unto my \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Psalm 119:9, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto \_\_\_\_\_ to thy \_\_\_\_\_."

The second part of our guidance system is the Holy Spirit. Read John 14:26 and 16:13, then answer the following questions:

3. The Holy Spirit will teach us things we need to know. T F
4. The Holy Spirit will bring things to our remembrance that will help us know the right way. T F
5. The Holy Spirit will guide us into the true way. T F

The third part to the guidance system is God speaking to us and telling us what to do. The guidance system may come as it is recorded in Isaiah 30:21, "And thine ears shall \_\_\_\_\_ a word behind thee, saying, This is the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ ye in it." You may have an experience similar to Jeremiah's when he just had to speak for God. Jeremiah 20:9, "But his word was in mine heart as a \_\_\_\_\_ shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." Or it may be as you are praying, God suddenly lets you know what to do. You do not hear a voice or see a vision but you know in your heart the way to go. Every Royal Ranger needs to tune into God's guidance system and let God guide him throughout his life.



SECTION FOUR  
**The Bible and Nature**  
**INSECTS, FISH, AND PLANTS**

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LESSON: 1 INSECTS: LOCUSTS

We now leave the subject of animals and move in our studies to the subject of insects. In this lesson we will study the locust. The locust of Palestine is similar to the North American grasshopper and is approximately two inches long. They feed upon grass and leaves, although locusts will eat any green plant life. In Leviticus 11:22 the locust is listed as "clean" and could be eaten. Matthew 3:4 tells us that they formed a part of John the Baptist's diet, "...and his meat was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_." The people of the East still eat them.

As long as the locusts stay within normal bounds, they fill a need in the life of the poor. There are times when conditions are just right that the locusts multiply too fast. Soon there are millions of locusts moving across the land eating every green thing in their path. Exodus 10:15 gives a description of the damage they can cause. At times like these the locust becomes a curse to mankind.

Like the locust, our emotions are beneficial as long as they are kept within God-given bounds. However once they get out of bounds, they become harmful to us. Let us look at some of these emotions.

ANGER

Anger is an emotion Royal Rangers need to keep under control. Anger which is not controlled often causes people to do things for which they are sorry later. The Bible gives us some good guidelines concerning anger.

1. Ephesians 4:26, "Be ye \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ not; let not the sun go down upon your \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Proverbs 16:32, "He that is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ is better than the mighty; and he that \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ than he that taketh a city."

LOVE

Love is a powerful emotion and needs to be kept under control. God's Word gives us guidelines for this emotion.

Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:39; and John 15:12 tell us whom we should love. Who are these persons?

3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

In 1 John 2:15 two things are listed which we should not love. What are those two things?

6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_



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LESSON: 2 INSECTS: FLIES

A feature which distinguishes flies from other insects is flies have only one pair of wings. Just behind and a little below these wings are a pair of "balancers". Without these "balancers," flies would not be able to fly. Flies vary in size from the "no-see-ums" which are one-twentieth of an inch long to a wood-boring fly of South America which is three inches long with a wing span of nearly three inches. The common housefly carries bacteria from their breeding grounds of manure, garbage, and other filth to human food stuffs. Other members of the fly family transmit germs in other ways; thus, placing the fly among the most dangerous pests known to man.

An example of how flies sometimes contaminate things is found in Ecclesiastes 10:1, "Dead \_\_\_\_\_ cause the \_\_\_\_\_ of the apothecary to send forth a \_\_\_\_\_." Flies had gotten into the perfumed oil and died. Soon the fragrance of the ointment changed to a stench making the ointment worthless and unwanted.

Just as flies spoiled the ointment, there are "flies" which will spoil a Royal Ranger's Christian testimony. Below are listed seven "flies" which will spoil your testimony. Match the list in the left-hand column with the verse in the right-hand column which tells about it.

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| 1. Meddlesomeness  | _____ | "The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way; but the folly of fools is _____." Proverbs 14:8                  |
| 2. Contentiousness | _____ | "The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge; but the mouth of fools feedeth on _____." Proverbs 15:14 |
| 3. Boastings       | _____ | "A fool's lips enter into _____, and his mouth calleth for strokes." Proverbs 18:6                                    |
| 4. Foolishness     | _____ | "He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a _____, is a fool." Proverbs 10:18                      |
| 5. Conceit         | _____ | "It is an honor for a man to cease from strife; but every fool will be _____." Proverbs 20:3                          |
| 6. Deceit          | _____ | "But now ye rejoice in your _____: all such rejoicing is evil." James 4:16  |
| 7. Slander         | _____ | "Woe unto them that are wise _____ their own _____, and prudent in their _____!" Isaiah 5:21                          |

Be on the lookout for these flies. Do not let them enter your heart and spoil your Christian testimony.



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LESSON: 3 INSECTS: ANTS

We now turn to an insect which the Bible uses as an object lesson. Proverbs 6:6, "\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, thou sluggard; \_\_\_\_\_ her ways, and be \_\_\_\_\_." Although we are not sluggards, there are several things we can learn from the ant.

FIRST, THE ANT PREPARES FOR THE FUTURE.

The ant referred to in Proverbs is the harvester ant. This ant is long-legged, black or brown, and often one-third of an inch long. The harvester ants use their jaws to pick up seeds and grain which have fallen to the ground and to cut seed from weeds and grass. The kernels thus gathered are stored inside their nest and the husks are thrown outside the entrance. All summer they are busy adding to their store preparing for the future.

Each Royal Ranger has a future for which he should prepare. This future includes life on earth and eternal life. We can best prepare for our earthly life by first preparing for eternal life. John 5:24 tells us how to prepare for eternal life.

1. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that \_\_\_\_\_ my word, and \_\_\_\_\_ on him that sent me, hath \_\_\_\_\_ life."

SECOND, THE ANTS PREPARE WHEN THEY HAVE OPPORTUNITY.

The ant does not wait until fall and then hurriedly try to gather her food. She uses the opportunities of summer. The ant "\_\_\_\_\_ her meat in the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ her food in the \_\_\_\_\_." (Proverbs 6:8) If the ant waited until fall, it would be too late and she would perish.

Every Royal Ranger should also use their opportunity to prepare for the future. Here are the instructions from God's word.

2. Isaiah 55:6, "Seek ye the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ he may be \_\_\_\_\_, call ye upon him \_\_\_\_\_ he is \_\_\_\_\_."
3. Ecclesiastes 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator in the \_\_\_\_\_ of thy \_\_\_\_\_, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."
4. 2 Corinthians 6:2, "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time \_\_\_\_\_, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_; behold, \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.)"

Have you used your opportunity to prepare for eternal life? If you have not, why not bow your head and accept Jesus now.



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LESSON: 4 INSECTS: ANTS (Part B)

In our last lesson we learned that the ants used their opportunities to prepare for the future. We were made to realize we needed to use our opportunities to prepare for eternal life. In this lesson we will continue our study of the ants.

Ants are sociable creatures, living together in colonies. Each colony may contain anywhere from 10 to 250,000 ants. A close examination of a colony will show that every ant is busy working. Some of the ants gather food, others care for the young, while others serve as guards. "The ants are a people not \_\_\_\_\_..." (Proverbs 30:25), yet because each ant does his part they are able to build large colonies.

God has given the Church the task of reaching the world for Him. There is not one person who can do this by himself. However, if each Christian will do his part, like the ant, we can reach the world for Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:6 - 9 gives us an example of this kind of teamwork. Read these verses and then answer the following questions:

1. Three persons had a part in leading the Corinthian Christians to the Lord. Name these three persons: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Each of these persons did (the same thing) (different things). underline the right answer.
3. Through their combined efforts, the Corinthians were led to the Lord. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
4. Would this have happened without the planting? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
5. Would this have happened without the watering? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

There are many places of service in the Christian work. Each place is important. Ephesians 4:11 gives five and 1 Timothy 3:1 and 8 give two places. List these places in the following spaces:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

These are just a few of the many areas of service. If the item in the list below is an area where Christians can serve, write yes in the space following it. If it isn't, write no.

Church Songleader \_\_\_\_\_ Royal Ranger Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Witnessing \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Choir \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Visitation \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Orchestra \_\_\_\_\_ Royal Ranger Senior Guide \_\_\_\_\_

What other areas of Christian service can you name? Write them on the back of this sheet. The important thing is to ask God where He wants you to serve and then serve Him in that place with your best.



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LESSON: 5 INSECTS: GNATS

Gnat is a name applied to several tiny, delicate looking, winged insects. The gnat belongs to the fly family. Many gnats suck blood from animals, but others do not bite. The gnat has two wings and a proboscis that may be either long and sharp, or short and blunt. The proboscis is a sort of snout or trunk that the biting type gnat uses to pierce the skin and suck.

Jesus uses the gnat to teach a lesson in consistency. The Pharisees were very careful about small points of ceremony or duty, while at the same time they completely disobeyed major points of the moral law. By making a comparison between the gnat and the camel, Jesus showed them how their inconsistencies look to God. Turn to Matthew 23:24 and read what Jesus said. "Ye blind guides, which strain at a \_\_\_\_\_, and swallow a \_\_\_\_\_." Jesus called them hypocrites because they obeyed God in some things and disobeyed Him in others yet pretended they served God all the time.

God wants us to serve Him at all times. In the left-hand column are some verses which speak of being consistent. Complete these verses. In the right-hand column are some expressions we use to tell people to be consistent. Match these sayings with the verse which says the same thing.

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| 1. Romans 2:21: "Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that _____ a man should not steal, _____ thou steal?"        | _____ Clean up your own backyard first.                           |
| 2. James 3:10: "Out of the mouth proceedeth _____ and _____. My brethren, these things _____ not so to be."  | _____ Practice what you preach.                                   |
| 3. Matthew 7:5: "... first cast out the _____ out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the _____ out of thy brother's eye." | _____ What you do speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say. |
| 4. Titus 1:16: "They _____ that they know God; but in _____ they deny Him,..."   | _____ He talks out of both sides of his mouth at the same time.   |



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LESSON: 6 INSECTS: MOTHS

The moth is our next subject in our study of insects. Since moths and butterflies are sometimes mistaken for one another, here are three things to look for when identifying moths. Moths usually fly at dusk or during the night, while butterflies fly in the daytime. When resting the moth holds its wings flat over its body. Butterflies usually hold their wings up over their backs or spread out at an angle. The moth has thread-like antennae, whereas the butterfly's antennae are shaped like a club.

The people of Bible times placed high value on top quality clothing. Therefore, clothing was included along with valuable metals and jewels when determining a person's wealth. Moths were a constant danger. In spite of all precautions, moths would sometimes get into these treasured clothes and in a few days turn them into worthless rags. Jesus uses the damage caused by moths to teach us a spiritual lesson.

Complete the following verses and then answer the questions by unscrambling the words in parentheses.

Matthew 6:19,20: "Lay not up for yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ upon \_\_\_\_\_, where \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in \_\_\_\_\_, where \_\_\_\_\_ doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:"

1. What happens to treasures laid up on earth? They become \_\_\_\_\_ (trrcuop) or are \_\_\_\_\_ (nlseot).
2. What causes the corruption? \_\_\_\_\_ (hotsm) and \_\_\_\_\_ (sutr).
3. Where should we store treasures? \_\_\_\_\_ (eeavnh).
4. Our treasures will be safe because three things will not be there. These things are \_\_\_\_\_ (stmho), \_\_\_\_\_ (tsru), and \_\_\_\_\_ (seeihtv).

The question that now needs to be answered is "How does one lay up treasures in heaven?" Below are just a few ways.

5. Mark 9:41: "For whosoever \_\_\_\_\_ you a cup of water to drink in \_\_\_\_\_, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."
6. Luke 6:35: "But \_\_\_\_\_ ye your \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great,"
7. Daniel 12:3: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ as the stars for ever and ever."

We can lay up treasure in heaven by using our time, talents, influence, and money for the glory of God.



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LESSON: 7 INSECTS: MOTHS

Moths have four stages of development in their life cycle. These stages are the egg, the larva (known as caterpillar), the pupa, and the adult. The larva is the only stage of the moth which is harmful, but at this stage moths are very destructive. The best known moth is the clothes moth. The larva of the clothes moth will feed upon wool, hair, furs, skins, or feathers. Since many clothes contain these materials, clothes have become a chief target for this moth. The clothes moth is the moth referred to in Scriptures such as James 5:2, "Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are \_\_\_\_\_."

The adult moth lays eggs on clothes made from wool or other material suitable for food. The eggs are so small they are not noticeable. If the eggs are not destroyed, they hatch into larvae in about ten days. The small caterpillars start to eat right away. Soon the garment is full of holes and worthless. Did you know sin is much like moths? Satan will place an evil thought or suggestion in your mind. They may seem small and harmless, but if they are not removed they will grow. Soon the thought will become a deed and sin will be the results. Sin will ruin your life as moths ruin clothing. Proverbs 23:7 tells us why it is important to guard our thoughts. "For as he \_\_\_\_\_ in his \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ he..."

There are three things we can do to keep our minds free from evil thoughts. The first thing is to put out of our mind any evil thoughts that creep in.

1. James 4:7: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and he will \_\_\_\_\_ you."

The second thing we can do is to keep our minds busy with things of God. The following Scriptures list some things for us to think about.

2. Psalm 48:9: "We have thought of thy \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, in the midst of thy temple."
3. Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brethren, 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!"

The third thing is to include in your morning prayers this prayer:

4. Psalm 19:14: "Let the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_, be \_\_\_\_\_ in thy sight, O Lord my strength, and my redeemer."



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LESSON: 8 SPIDERS

Spiders are not insects although many people think of them as insects. Scientifically, spiders are classified as arachnids. We will study them at this time for convenience. Spiders are different from insects in that they have only two segments to their body rather than three; they have eight legs instead of 6; and they do not have antennae. Spiders vary in size from a little smaller than the head of a pin to as large as a man's hand. Spiders live wherever food is available. There is even one kind of spider which spends most of its life under water.

Spiders are probably best known for the silk web they spin. If you would examine the web closely, you would see that it is made of several strands of silk and looks like a small cable. This web is stronger than steel wire with the same diameter. By joining several webs together and coating them with a sticky substance, the spider makes a trap with which to catch its food. One spider, the bolas, spins only a single line of silk with a drop of sticky silk at the end. When an insect flies near, the spider swings the line and traps the insect in the sticky ball. As soon as an insect is caught the spider quickly wraps other webs around it until it is completely bound. Isaiah likens the deeds of some of the people of his day to these webs. Chapter 59 verse 5, "They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_:"

Sin is much like spider webs. Satan spins webs of temptation. If we yield to the temptation Satan is quick to entangle us in others. Soon we would be completely bound. One of these webs is worldly pleasures. The world says these pleasures are great. Let us see what the Bible says about them.

1. Ecclesiastes 2:1: "I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with \_\_\_\_\_, therefore enjoy \_\_\_\_\_: and behold, this also is \_\_\_\_\_ (emptiness or worthlessness)."
2. Proverbs 14:13: "Even in \_\_\_\_\_ the heart is \_\_\_\_\_; and the end of that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_."

Where can we find true pleasures?

3. Psalm 16:11: "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of \_\_\_\_\_; at thy right hand there are \_\_\_\_\_ for evermore."
4. Romans 14:17: "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy Ghost."
5. Isaiah 12:3: "Therefore with \_\_\_\_\_ shall ye draw water out of the wells of \_\_\_\_\_."



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LESSON: 9 SEA LIFE: FISH

Fish are mentioned several times in the Bible. Probably the two best known Scriptures mentioning fish are Jonah 1:17, "Now the Lord had prepared a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights," and John 6:11, "And Jesus took the \_\_\_\_\_; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down, and likewise of the \_\_\_\_\_ as much as they would."

There are over 30,000 different kinds of fish. They vary in size from the great fish that swallowed Jonah to the smallest of minnows. Fish are found in rivers, streams, lakes, and oceans. In fact, there are only a few waters that do not contain at least one kind of fish.

Fish has become an important part of many people's diet. To meet the demand for fish, men have developed several different ways to catch fish. The Bible mentions three of these ways. Let us see what these ways are.

1. John 21:6. In this verse a \_\_\_\_\_ was used to catch fish.
2. In Matthew 17:27 a \_\_\_\_\_ was used.
3. Job 41:7 tells of a fish \_\_\_\_\_.

At times fish are not too particular what they try to eat. One example of this is found in Matthew 17:27. Read this verse carefully and then complete the following:

4. Judging from what the fish had in its mouth when it was caught, the fish had tried to eat "a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."
5. When Peter casted in a \_\_\_\_\_, the fish tried to eat it and so was caught.

Every year thousands of fish are caught because they are attracted by a hook that has a little bait on it. Do you know there are many boys caught by Satan each year the same way? Satan places a little bait on the hook of sin in an attempt to get you to bite on it. Let us see what some of the bait is that Satan uses.

6. Satan tried to catch Moses by using the \_\_\_\_\_ of Egypt (riches) as bait. Hebrews 11:26.
7. Satan used the "love of this world" (pleasure) as bait to catch \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Timothy 4:10.
8. Satan used the "\_\_\_\_\_ of men" (popularity) as bait to keep many of the chief rulers from confessing Christ. John 12:42, 43.

Satan still baits the hook of sin. He not only tells you how much fun it will be, but he also tells you "Everyone is doing it"; "It's the in thing to do." Don't bite! Under the coating of fun and pleasure is the deadly hook of sin.



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LESSON: 10 SEA LIFE: OYSTERS

The oyster is not mentioned by name in the Bible. However, pearls, a product of the oyster, are mentioned ten times. One of the more familiar Scriptures is Matthew 13:46, "Who, when he had found one \_\_\_\_\_ of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it." Since pearls are made by oysters, we know that the people of Bible times knew about the oyster.

Oysters live on the ocean bottom, mostly in inlets near shore where the water is usually quiet and not too deep. They are found in many parts of the world that have a mild or warm climate. There are many different kinds of oysters and most of them can form pearls. However, the pearls used as gems only come from the pearl oyster. These oysters live in tropical waters. Sometimes foreign matter such as a grain of sand or a tiny parasite gets between the oyster and its shell. When this happens, the oyster coats this particle with a thin layer of a substance it makes called nacre. As soon as one layer is completed another layer is started; thus, making a pearl.

We can learn a lesson from the oyster. Instead of complaining about the sand or parasite, the oyster forms a beautiful and valuable pearl around it. There are times when things happen to us which hurt and are unfair. We can either allow these experiences to make us bitter or, like the oyster, we can turn them into valuable experiences.

Paul and Silas gave us a good example of this. Turn to Acts 16:16-40 and read the story, then answer the questions below.

1. What kind act did Paul do for the girl with a spirit of divination? Verse 18. \_\_\_\_\_
2. What were Paul and Silas accused of doing? Verses 20, 21. \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did the magistrates command to be done to Paul and Silas? Verse 22. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where did they put Paul and Silas? Verses 23 and 24. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Did Paul and Silas become angry? \_\_\_\_\_ What did they do? Verse 25. \_\_\_\_\_
6. What happened? Verse 26. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Paul's and Silas' singing and praying and the earthquake caused the keeper of the prison to ask a question. What was the question? Verse 30. \_\_\_\_\_

Paul and Silas had reasons to complain. The injustice they suffered was enough to make a person angry and discouraged. Yet they turned this experience into a joyous one by leading the jailer and his household to the Lord. With God's help you too can turn the hard things of life into a blessing. See Romans 8:28.







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LESSON: 12 TREES (Part B)

A fruit tree normally bears good fruit. However, if a tree has not been given proper care, the fruit it bears will not be usable. Some fruit trees do not bear fruit at all, even with best of care. Jesus told a parable concerning a tree like this. Read the story in Luke 13: 6-9 and then answer the questions below.

1. What did the owner look for on his fig tree? \_\_\_\_\_ (tuifr)
2. Did he find it? \_\_\_\_\_ (on)
3. How many years had he looked for it? \_\_\_\_\_ (heret)
4. What did the owner tell the dresser of the vineyard to do with the tree? \_\_\_\_\_ (utc) \_\_\_\_\_ (ti) \_\_\_\_\_ (onwd)
5. What did the dresser of the vineyard ask to do? Wait \_\_\_\_\_ (noe) \_\_\_\_\_ (raey) so that he could \_\_\_\_\_ (gid) about it, and \_\_\_\_\_ (nugd) it.
6. If the tree did not bear fruit after this extra care what would be done with it? It would be \_\_\_\_\_ (tcu) \_\_\_\_\_ (odwn).
7. What else will be done to a tree which does not bear fruit? Luke 3:9 \_\_\_\_\_ (stac) \_\_\_\_\_ (tnoi) \_\_\_\_\_ (het) \_\_\_\_\_ (rfei)
8. Luke 3:8 tells us the first type of fruits we should bear. They are \_\_\_\_\_ (sitruf) \_\_\_\_\_ (tohryw) \_\_\_\_\_ (fo) \_\_\_\_\_ (eeeacntpr).

Jesus tells us in Luke 13:5 what will happen to a person who does not bear fruits of repentance.

9. "Except ye \_\_\_\_\_ (peertn), ye shall all likewise \_\_\_\_\_ (hersip)."

The rich man in Luke 16:19-31 is an example of a person who did not repent. Turn to the story, read the account, and then answer the following questions.

10. Where did the rich man go when he died? \_\_\_\_\_ (lelh)
11. Why did he want some water? To \_\_\_\_\_ (olco) \_\_\_\_\_ (shi) \_\_\_\_\_ (ugoent)
12. At the White Throne judgement where will the people be who have refused to repent? Revelation 20:15 \_\_\_\_\_ (keal) \_\_\_\_\_ (fo) \_\_\_\_\_ (reif)

Have you repented of your sins and asked God to forgive you? If you haven't, why not bow your head and do so now?



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LESSON: 13 TREES (Part C)

Trees have a special clock which tells them when to prepare for winter and when to start growing again. This clock is governed by the number of daylight hours in a day. In the spring, when the time between sunrise and sunset reaches a precise number of hours and minutes, the clock signals the tree to start growing again. Sap starts to flow, buds burst forth, blossoms appear and new shoots and leaves grow. So dependable is the clock of a tree that when we see the buds and blossoms, we know that spring has arrived and summer is not far off.

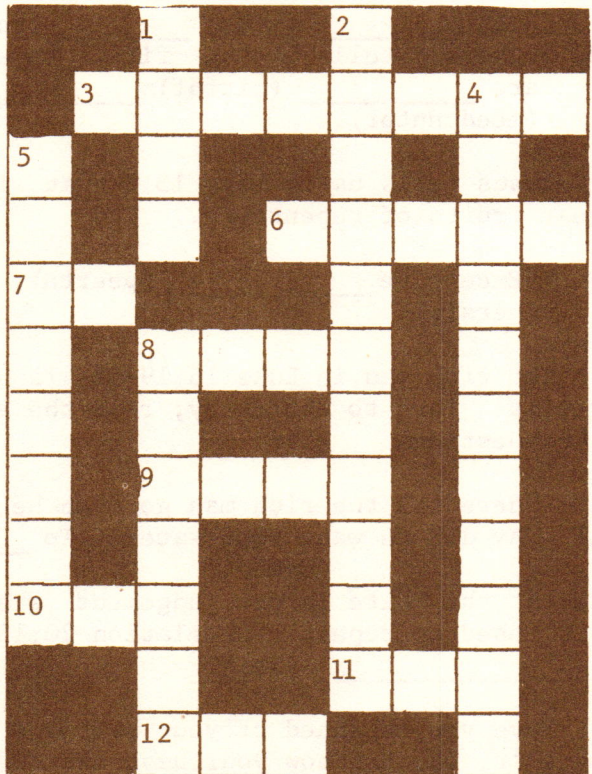
Jesus likens these signs of spring to signs which will appear just before He returns to earth in power and glory. Luke 21:29,31, "And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree and \_\_\_\_\_: When they now \_\_\_\_\_, ye see and know of your own selves that \_\_\_\_\_ is now nigh at hand. So \_\_\_\_\_ ye, when ye see \_\_\_\_\_ come to pass, know ye that the \_\_\_\_\_ is now at hand." Complete the cross word puzzle below and see what will happen just before Jesus returns in power.

ACROSS

- 3. What will happen to the sun?  
Matthew 24:29
- 6. "There will be signs in the \_\_\_\_\_."  
Luke 21:25
- 7. See verse below.
- 8. What will happen to the stars?  
Matthew 24:29
- 9. "There will be signs in the \_\_\_\_\_."  
Luke 21:25
- 10. "There will be signs in the \_\_\_\_\_."  
Luke 21:25
- 11. See the verse below.
- 12. See the verse below.

DOWN

- 1. "Ye shall hear of \_\_\_\_\_!" Matt. 24:6
- 2. "There shall be \_\_\_\_\_!" Matt. 24:7
- 4. "There shall be \_\_\_\_\_!" Matt. 24:7
- 5. "Shall be famines and \_\_\_\_\_."  
Mark 13:8
- 8. "There shall be \_\_\_\_\_!" Matt. 24:7



Luke 21:27, "And then shall they (11 across) the (12 across) (7 across) man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."



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LESSON: 14 TREES (Part D)

A tree needs an adequate supply of water. To gather this water, a tremendous root system is developed. In their search for water, roots grow into almost every crack and crevice. They make their way between small stones and into cracks of larger stones. They buckle sidewalks and pavements and clog sewers. The tips of the roots are guided by specks of moisture which attract them like magnets. When the root reaches a drop of moisture, root hairs reach out and absorb it. The roots are continually searching for and absorbing the water which the tree needs.

Water is so important to the tree that if there isn't a sufficient supply, the growth of the tree will be stunted and the tree will become fruitless. A lack of water will cause the tree to die. On the other hand, a plenteous supply of water will permit a tree to grow and become fruitful.

Did you know that God likens a person who studies His word to a tree with a good supply of water? Turn to Psalm 1:2,3 and read what He said. "But his \_\_\_\_\_ is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_; and in \_\_\_\_\_ law doth he \_\_\_\_\_ day and night. And he shall be like a \_\_\_\_\_ planted by the rivers of \_\_\_\_\_, that bringeth forth his \_\_\_\_\_ in his season..."

Just as it is important for a tree to have a continual supply of water, it is important for a Christian to read and study the Bible regularly. Let us see what some of the great men of the Bible said about Bible study.

MULTIPLE CHOICE (underline the correct answer)

1. Peter tells us to (avoid, forget, desire) the sincere milk of the word. (1 Peter 2:2)
2. Moses tells us in Deuteronomy 8:3 that (man lives by bread and part of the words of God, man only lives by bread, man lives by bread and every word of God).
3. Job said that he esteemed the words of God (less than, more than, equal to) his necessary food. (Job 23:12)
4. The Psalmist in Psalm 119:72 states that the law of God is better unto him than (tens, hundreds, thousands) of gold and silver.

We can see from these Scriptures that we should study God's Word. The next question is, when should we study the Word?

5. The Psalmist said he meditated in God's Word (most of, all, part of) the day. (Psalm 119:97)
6. The people of Berea searched the Scriptures (daily, once a week, every other day). Acts 17:10,11.



