

Week **1**

# All Are Sinners



## Tonight's Meeting

*We are all sinners in need of a Savior.*

### Materials

#### Opening Ceremony

- National flag
- Spotlight or flashlight

#### Business/Patrol Corners

- Patrol Attendance from the Reproducibles section
- Quarterly Calendar
- Royal Rangers Leaders Manual*
- Adventure Rangers Ranger of the Year Articles*

#### Program Feature

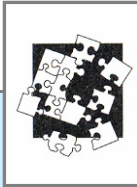
- Merit lesson plan from *Yellow Merits Reference* (Christian Service Merit recommended)
- See lesson plan for additional materials.

#### Advancement

- Bible merit workbook sheet at the end of the lesson
- See skill merit lesson plans for materials needed.

#### Recreation

- Long rope



## Leadership Training

**While the Boys Arrive:** Good leaders arrive early. When a boy arrives, greet him and give him something to do. If the boys are left unsupervised, they will, in most cases, engage in activities such as wrestling or running. By the time the meeting begins, you will need to spend valuable time bringing them to order. Activities for this time are suggested in each lesson. Use the patrol system during this time, training boys to become leaders. Direct patrol guides and assistant patrol guides to show the boys in their patrols what they can do.



### 1. While the Boys Arrive

*20 minutes prior to the meeting*

Have the boys who arrive early help set up the room. Show the boys how each table and chair should be set up. Assign other boys to clean up around the room and assist the commander.



### 2. Opening Ceremony

*5 minutes*

Have two boys hold open the national flag so all can see it. Dim the lights and have one of the boys shine a flashlight or spotlight on the flag.

Describe what the colors and the designs of the national flag represent. Then say the pledge to the national flag.

Ask any of the boys to state the blue point Loyal. State the blue point Loyal with the boys: "Loyal-a Ranger is faithful to his church, family, outpost, and friends."

(Open in prayer.)



### 3. Business/Patrol Corners

10 minutes

This is the first meeting of the quarter, so distribute the Quarterly Calendar. The Patrol Attendance sheets are in the Reproducibles section of this *Leaders Guide*.

**Tell:** Have the senior guide tell the patrol guides to (1) take attendance, (2) collect dues, and (3) make announcements for any upcoming activities or events.

**Instruct:** Refer to the patrol chapter in the *Royal Rangers Leaders Manual* and have the boys consult the patrol chapter in the *Adventures Rangers Ranger of the Year Articles*. Have the patrols brainstorm ideas for patrol flags and have the guides write down the ideas.

**Do:** Monitor the patrols' progress, then have the boys begin planning the first activity of the quarter.



### 4. Bible Study

10 minutes

**Bible Study:** Romans Merit, Lesson 1

**Bible Lesson:** All Are Sinners

**Bible Reference:** Romans 3

**Note:** Read the detailed story background in the Reproducibles section. Make copies for each boy.

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Romans

### Story Background

While on a Ranger outing at an amusement park, three boys-David (a Discovery Ranger), Andy (an Adventure Ranger), and Eli (an Expedition Ranger)-find a friendly stray dog and name him "Rocky." But when they follow him into a mysterious, unmarked ride (which is really a time machine) the boys and Rocky are thrown into an amazing adventure through Bible times. As the boys and Rocky travel, they record their travels by journal and video.

A more detailed story background is in the Reproducibles section of this *Leaders Guide*.

### To the Commander

Have the boys read Romans 3:10, 22, 23. Ask the boys why they know these passages are true. Allow them to reflect upon their own lives and what they see around the world concerning war, theft, poverty, and pain.

If time permits, begin working on the questions for the Advancement time. Make sure the boys answer in full and complete sentences.

#### **4. Bible Study** *continued*

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"Paul has written us. He says that just as these melons are both melons, there is no difference to God between the Jew or the Gentile." Annas stepped behind the stall over the garbage pile. He picked up two bad melons. "If I wash the dirt off these melons, will they be fit to eat?"

"Of course not! What are you trying to say, Annas?" The other asked.

"Paul said that only faith-believing in our Messiah, Jesus, will make us righteous. God gave us the Law so we could see our sin, just like we can see the dirt on the melons. The Law gives us the rules to show us how we have broken them-to show us that we can never be perfect like Jehovah. If we obey the Law, it is as if we wash the dirt off the bad melons. The Law and the Prophets agree. Without faith in Jesus, both the Jew and the Gentile are rotten. Whether the dirt has been washed off or not or whether we follow the Law or not, on our own, we fail to become righteous. Only through Jesus and Jehovah's grace can we, as rotten as we are, be made new." Annas tossed the rotten melons back onto the garbage pile, cleaned his hands, and paid for one green and one yellow melon. He held them out to his friend. "So which do you want, the Jew or the Gentile?"

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#### **Bible Facts**

All the quotations made in Romans 4:10-18 came from Psalms, except for one part of verse 12 which came from Ecclesiastes. This indicates that music can and should bring important theological teaching into the life of the believer.

#### **Ranger Facts**

Royal Rangers shares much with its parent organization, the Assemblies of God. Both organizations were formed to meet a critical need for evangelism, ministry, missions, preaching, and holiness. Both have grown beyond expectations.

#### **Facts About Boys**

The development of the brain of boys is very important. Stimulation through a variety of activities, stories, and interpersonal relationships is greatly emphasized in Royal Rangers, which helps with this development.



## 5. Program Feature

20 minutes



### Christian Service

**Christian Service Merit, Lesson 1.** Remove the pages for the suggested merit lesson from *Yellow Merits Reference* and insert them here. Materials are listed on the first page of the merit lesson plan.

**Note:** If you are not using the suggested merit, you can choose another merit with the same color border.



## 6. Advancement

20 minutes

**A. Romans Merit:** Have the boys turn to their worksheets to the Romans Merit, Lesson 1 worksheet at the end of the lesson and answer the following questions:

1. How many of the people in the world have sinned? (*Everyone has sinned. Verse 23.*)
2. How can you become right with God? (*I can become right with God by putting my faith in Jesus Christ. Verse 22.*)
3. Explain the difference between obeying the Law and believing in Jesus. (*The law of the church will not save someone but one's faith in Jesus Christ will. Verses 27, 28.*)

**B. Christian Service Merit:** Refer to the Advancement section of the merit lesson plan used as the Program Feature.



## 7. Recreation

15 minutes

**In the Pond:** Use rope to form a circle on the ground large enough to hold all of the boys. Arrange the players in a circle around the outside of the rope circle. Now give the orders “in the pond” or “on the bank.” If you order “in the pond,” all are to jump in the circle. If you order “on the bank,” all should jump back. If the order “in the pond” is given when all are in the pond, no one should move. Anyone making a mistake is out of the game. The last remaining player wins.

## Teaching Tips

To communicate effectively, be familiar with your subject. Become proficient in an area or skill before you teach it to the boys.

## Classroom Management

Classroom design is very important. Keep in mind the size of the boys. Put certain items and tools within their reach, but out of the reach of younger children. Set up shelves at their level with items they use during the meetings.

## 7. Recreation *continued*

**The Name Game:** The commander will need to record all the answers so the boys don't duplicate answers. Have the boys form a circle and begin with the first boy on your right. He will need to say the name of something God created with the letter A. Each boy will need to give another name until one boy is stumped. Give them a 15-second time limit. The boy who is stumped will be out. The next boy will start with the next letter in the alphabet. This continues until one boy is left. He is the winner.



## 8. Devotion

*5-10 minutes*

Have any of you ever taken something you weren't supposed to—even something that seemed really small? Well, one day a boy named Brandon stopped at a convenience store to get something to drink. On his way to the counter, he saw a really cool pair of sunglasses on a display stand. Brandon saw that the clerk was taking care of a customer. So—he just took the sunglasses! *The clerk will never know the difference!* he thought.

That night when Brandon went to bed, he couldn't stop thinking about the sunglasses he had stolen. *It's really stealing!* he kept telling himself, and he couldn't put it out of his mind.

Finally, after a lot of tossing and turning, Brandon asked God to forgive him. Then he felt much better. Still, a voice inside Brandon urged him to pay for the sunglasses. But Brandon knew the clerk—and the clerk knew Brandon was a Royal Ranger! Brandon was afraid of what the clerk might think of him.

Finally, Brandon decided to obey the voice inside him. The next day, he rode his bike back to the convenience store. The clerk was inside. Brandon walked in slowly and handed the clerk enough money to pay for the stolen sunglasses.

“What's this for, Brandon?” the clerk asked. Then an embarrassed Brandon confessed what he'd done. The clerk said, “I wouldn't have missed those sunglasses, Brandon. Why did you come back?”

“Well,” Brandon said slowly. “I asked God to forgive me and He did. Will you forgive me too?” The clerk smiled and nodded his head.

Boys, Jesus is always ready to forgive us when we confess our wrongs to Him. And He also expects us to make things right with others when we've wronged them, too. (*Read Proverbs 28:13 in conclusion.*)

## Nature Facts

The old adage that moss grows only on the north side of a tree should not be used as a guarantee for direction. Moss usually grows away from direct exposure to sunlight, which is why it prefers the north side of a tree. If a tree is largely shaded during the day, the moss will grow all around the tree.



## 9. Closing Ceremony

*Less than 5 minutes*

Ask the boys to bow their heads and raise their hands if they would like to accept Christ into their heart and be forgiven of their sins. Close in prayer.



## 10. After the Meeting

**REVIEW:** After the boys leave, meet with the other commanders and talk about how the meeting went and what needs to be done to improve it. Preview next week's meeting plan.

**!ALERT!** There are no special items needed for next week. Take this time to prepare your heart through prayer. This Bible Study, Romans, is the most intensive for touching boys' lives and encouraging them to give their hearts to Christ.

**REMINDER:** Clean the room before leaving.

### **Encouragement**

“He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe”  
(Proverbs 28:26).

# Bible Merit Worksheet:

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Romans

Year 1, Quarter 1, Week 1

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# Bible Merit Worksheet:

## All Are Sinners (cont.)



Romans

Year 1, Quarter 1, Week 1

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Romans 3

### Answer these questions:

1. How many of the people in the world have sinned? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How can you become right with God? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Explain the difference between obeying the Law and believing in Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_

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