

Week 1

God Created Everything



Tonight's Meeting

God created everything that exists.

Materials

Opening Ceremony

- National flag
- Spotlight or flashlight

Business/Patrol Corners

- Patrol Attendance from the Reproducibles section
- Quarterly Calendar

Program Feature

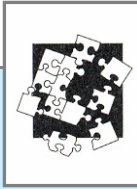
- Merit lesson plan from *Leaders Red Merits Reference* (Tool Craft Merit, Lesson 1 recommended)
- See lesson plan for additional materials.

Advancement

- Bible merit worksheet 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 to 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.)

Explain what the various colors and designs on the flag represent.

Have a boy lead in the pledge. 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. Copy an attendance sheet. (see Reproducibles section.)

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 *Discovery 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: Genesis Merit, Lesson 1

Bible Lesson: God Created Everything

Bible Reference: Genesis 1:1 to 2:4

Story: David, Andy, Eli, and I (Rocky) are on a great adventure. We were traveling through time, when all of a sudden the time screen viewer got very dark. When the doors slid open, the molecular differentiator (Mo-D) clicked to the shadow bubble setting. Eli remembered that the professor's log said that this setting would keep us safe.

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"What is going to happen?" Andy asked.

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The whole sky lit up around us. It was so beautiful.



Genesis

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. Rocky tells their story.

Go to the Commander

Have the boys read the story, or read the story to them. Ask the boys what Andy said about the first and fourth days. Then remind them that Eli said there was a pattern. Ask them to finish what Andy started by filling in the blank.

4. Bible Study *continued*

Eli opened the Bible to Genesis 1 and read that light was the first thing God created. On the second day, God created the seas and the sky. Just then the clouds formed, and the waters below us began to splash about.

"Is this the third day now?" David asked. Eli nodded. The waters began to separate, and we could see bare ground. It was so great to see these things.

"Hey, guys, what do you think was created on the fourth day?" Eli asked. David thought the animals were created next. Eli said the sun and moon. We looked up into the sky as God created the sun, moon, and stars.

On the fifth day, we saw fish jumping out of the water and birds flying over our heads.

On the sixth day, we saw the ground spring forth with all kinds of animals, and then we saw people created. That was the most amazing thing of all. (To learn more about creation, read chapters 1 and 2 of Genesis.)

David remembered something about the seventh day from his family devotions, so he asked Eli what happened on the seventh day. Eli answered, "God rested on the seventh day because all the work was done. Everything ever created was created on the first six days. Hey, guys, do you see the pattern in the way God created things? On the first three days God created something that needed to be filled. The last three days God filled what He created the first three days."

"I get it," said Andy. "On the first day God created light, and on the fourth day God created the sun, moon, and stars. Then on the second day God created the sky and the seas, and then filled them with. . . ."

I heard the time whistle go off. I barked and headed back to the time machine as the boys followed. The questions were blinking on the viewing screen when we stepped inside.

Andy looked at the manual and began entering the information. The doors slid shut and the time machine began humming once again.

Bible Facts

When studying the first six days of creation a pattern emerges concerning the step-by-step process for each day. Every day contains the same pattern except one, which omits one step. The most interesting fact concerns day six. On day six, man is the only thing God created which was very good.

Ranger Facts

The 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.



5. Program Feature

20 minutes



Tool Craft

Tool Craft Merit (Red), Lesson 1. Remove the pages for the suggested merit lesson from *Leaders Red 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. Genesis Merit: Have the boys complete their worksheets.

1. Fill in the days of creation (see chart).
2. Why did God rest on the seventh day? (*Because all the work was done; everything in creation was created in six days.*)
3. Why do you believe the beginning of Genesis is so important? (*Possible answers include: Because it shows that God created everything; evolution is wrong; and because it is the first story in the Bible.*)

DAY ONE:
(Light)

DAY FOUR:
(Sun, moon, and stars)

DAY TWO:
(Seas and sky)

DAY FIVE:
(Fish and birds)

DAY THREE:
(Land)

DAY SIX:
(Land animals, and man)

B. Tool Craft Merit: Refer to the Advancement section of the merit lesson plan used as the Program Feature.

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.

Teaching Tips

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



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.

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

Carol, Fred, and Tom had planned an evening packed with fun. They were going to go fishing at their favorite pond. They had their fishing poles and bait. They liked to fish at the pond across the field.

They started off across the field whistling and singing. Then they got into a tag match. All of a sudden they heard what sounded like a gunshot.

"Duck!" yelled Fred.

"Where is that coming from?" asked Carol.

"Over there," pointed Tom.

"Stay low and follow me," said Fred. They crawled on farther through the field trying to get to the pond so they could fish. As they were getting closer to the pond, they were getting closer to the person who was shooting at something.

"Look, he's shooting at those birds over there," said Tom. "He's not even a hunter! Why would someone do that?"

"Some people think it is fun to hurt those things that God created," said Fred.

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.

Nature Facts

The male silkworm moth has the keenest sense of smell in nature.

8. Devotion *continued*

They continued to watch the man shoot at the birds. It seemed like they had been sitting there forever when he finally quit shooting and left. They carefully crept over to where he had been and looked around. All the birds he had hit were lying on the ground. They found one that just had an injured wing.

"Look, that one is still alive!" yelled Carol.

"Let's take it home and try to mend its wing," said Fred.

"Yeah, let's take care of this bird, just like Jesus takes care of us," said Carol.

God created the world and all that is in it; God cares for even the tiny sparrows. Earlier we read and learned about Genesis 1:1-31. Everything God created is good and needs special care. What are some things that help remind you of the goodness God has given you?

What has happened to you that reminded you of the goodness God has given you?



9. Closing Ceremony

Less than 5 minutes

Close in prayer, thanking God for His creation. Before dismissing the boys, ask them to tell their parents how special they are and how much they appreciate their parents.



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! Have plenty of tools on hand for boys to practice with next week. Order Tool Craft Safety cards if you don't have them. You will need them when the boys finish the Tool Craft Merit, in a few weeks. Find some extra help for week 5, maybe a few parents. Read the lesson and organize your helpers' jobs in advance.

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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Year 1, Quarter 1, Week 1

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Bible Merit Worksheet:

Genesis (cont.)



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