



ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS

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Commander's Corner

Dear Commander:

Spring can put new life into your Royal Ranger program. Boys seem to be automatically drawn to the out-of-doors. They begin to mentally "warm up" for exciting outdoor activities which includes camping and hiking. This is an excellent time to prepare your boys for the camping season ahead.

Could we share one of our problems with you? All Royal Ranger items for sale (including uniforms) are processed and handled by the merchandising division of Gospel Publishing House. When your group sends in an order for supplies, this is sent directly to merchandising and not to our office. Because many of our leaders are not aware of this fact, we sometimes receive scolding letters because orders have not been properly processed. Now, don't misunderstand us. We are always glad to hear from our leaders and we are happy to follow through with the merchandising division and do all we can to see that these orders are properly adjusted. However, we did want you to know that these problems are not caused by our office.

One of the needs here in the National Office is action photos of Royal Ranger activities. Most of the photos we receive are posed group shots. These are not satisfactory for most publications. The photo should be sharp and clear, 8x10" in size, and should feature Royal Rangers and their Leaders engaging in some activity. The group should be in uniform, or be wearing Royal Ranger "T" shirts or Royal Ranger sweat shirts. Perhaps you would like to make this a project during your spring activities. We can always use good photos of the right type.

May God richly bless you and your staff.

"READY" in His Service.

ROYAL RANGERS DIVISION

Johnnie Barnes
National Commander

PLANNING GUIDE

SPRING 1966

	MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
M A R C H	FUN WITH SPORTS AND GAMES (Pages 62-66, Leader's Manual)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. VALUE OF SPORTS AND GAMES 2. IMPORTANCE OF RULES IN SPORTS 3. SPORTSMANSHIP 4. HOW TO BE YOUR BEST (Tips on good physical conditioning). 	<p>SPRING HIKE</p> <p>ATHLETIC TEAM PRACTICE</p>	DEVELOPE AN ATHLETIC TEAM AND COMPETE WITH NEIGHBORING ROYAL RANGER GROUPS
A P R I L	CHRISTIAN SERVICE (Pages 79-84 Trailblazer handbook; page 111-116 Air-Sea Ranger handbook)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SERVICE TO GOD 2. SERVICE TO OUR CHURCH 3. TO OTHERS (My fellow man) 4. OPPORTUNITIES FOR FULL TIME SERVICE 	<p>ATTEND EASTER SUN-RISE SERVICE AS A GROUP</p> <p>SPRING CAMP-OUT</p>	PLAN A CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROJECT FOR YOUR GROUP, SUCH AS TRACT DISTRIBUTION, CHURCH LANDSCAPING, VISITATION, HELPING SOMEONE IN NEED, ETC.
M A Y	OUTDOOR COOKING (Chap. 3 and 4 Adventures in Camping and pages 54 - 56 Leader's Manual)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PLANNING THE MENU 2. PREPARATION (Type of fire, equipment for cooking and serving) 3. CARE OF FOOD DURING CAMP 4. CLEAN UP (Techniques for dish washing, garbage disposal etc.) 	<p>COOK-OUT WITH EACH BOY COOKING HIS OWN MEAL</p> <p>ALL DAY HIKE (With boys carrying food and aluminum foil in packs to prepare lunch)</p>	BUILD A CHUCK BOX TO STORE FOOD AND COOKING EQUIPMENT DURING CAMP-OUTS

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



"MAKE THE BEST OF IT"

(Submitted by Commander
Elton Bell, Ottumwa, Iowa)

Story: John Masefield, an English poet, tells a little story about an English nobleman who was forced to move out of his castle because the taxes were so high he could no longer pay them. All the associations and memories of his family for generations were bound up in the old house. He did not want to move, but did. He took a humble little house somewhere and threw the estate open to the public. People were permitted to see what a castle looked like, by paying a few cents. So many people came that after a while their fees paid the taxes and the man was able to move into his home again.

The story reminds us that mishaps come into the lives of all of us, but good can come from the most embarrassing circumstances if we will be brave and take the right attitude.

Ceremony: In offering our benediction, let us take our Bible and read Psalm 121:5-8. Let us read together with bowed heads. "The Lord is thy Keeper . . . The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

KEEPING WARM

(Submitted by Commander
Edward Miles, Jr.
Buffalo, New York)

Equipment needed: Branding Iron

Purpose: To show boys the need for keeping close to the Lord.

Story: I don't suppose that any of you have ever had the opportunity to use the object for today, but all of you know that this is a branding iron, and some of you may have seen one used. We're going to let it represent everyone

here that is a Christian. That is, everyone that has accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour.

In order to use this iron, it has to be hot, and I will have to put it near the fire so it will get warm. Just so, the Christian boy who wants to be used by the Lord has to be warm. How does a Christian get warm? Not by being put in a fire, but rather, by being close to the Lord Jesus Christ. You boys should talk to the Lord Jesus every day in prayer, and you must read the Bible so that you will be close to Him.

Notice that this iron is no good to me cold and that is just as true of you if you are a cold Christian. Are you reading your Bible? Are you praying to the Lord regularly? The Lord wants to use each of you, but He can't if you are a cold Christian. So let's remember to be regular in doing things so that we won't be cold, useless Christians, but warm, useful Christians for our Saviour.

"THE SHEEP KNOW HIS VOICE"

(Submitted by Commander
Emmett Lee, Roland, Arkansas)

Purpose: To show fellows that as "sheep" of the Lord, we shall follow Him.

Story: A minister once told of vacationing in the mountains of one of our western states. During the course of the trip, the minister saw an elderly sheepherder watching over his flock. As the minister talked with the herder for a few minutes, the herder wanted the minister to notice something rather strange. The herder asked the minister to "call" for the sheep to come toward him. When shown the proper way to "call" the sheep, the minister "called" for all he was worth . . . but no sheep came. The herder then gave a couple

of his own "calls" and the sheep came running toward him.

Ceremony: Fellows, those sheep knew that the "first" call was not from their shepherd. They were not about to come to some stranger. So, we as sheep of the Lord ought to listen to God's call to us, and His alone. The voice of evil sometimes calls for us. But if we're smart, we'll not obey that cruel voice... only the voice of our Master Shepherd.

STARS

*(Submitted by Commander
Hollis E. Archer
Independence, Missouri)*

Let's look up tonight at the stars. See the big dipper... the north star. God put each of these in it's place. For centuries, men have charted paths across the ocean, the air, and the land by using the north star, because it has stayed in its place for many thousands of years.

As the Wise Men were guided to Christ through a star, we too can be guided to Christ through the light of the Word of God. Boys, if we use the Bible and read its words, then it will shine out as a bright and morning star in our spiritual lives. As men use the north star to check their position on earth, then we should, by all means, check the Bible often, so we know that we are on the right path. Let the light that God shines forth in our hearts light up our everyday life so that others may see Christ in us.

DON'T GET HOOKED

*(Submitted by Commander
Fred Willard, Santa Ana, California)*

Give each boy in the group a fish hook and a piece of canvas about four inches square.

Have each boy put the hook through the piece of canvas. Have the boys attempt to take the hook out of the canvas. Explain to the boys how the hooks resemble bad habits—smoking, drinking,

stealing, lying. It's easier to get hooked than it is to get free. Relate to them different instances of how people we work with and associate with are trying to break these bad habits without the help of God and how impossible it is. Warn them of the danger of getting hooked by these habits themselves. Some men think it manly to smoke and drink, but it only reveals their weakness. Real men, such as good Christians, good athletes, good leaders don't have these habits. (Dismiss in prayer.)

KEY'S

*(Submitted by Commander
Harold Wheatley
Cucamonga, California)*

A Commander one day needed a safe place to keep his valuable papers. He went to his bank and rented a safety deposit box. The bank official gave him a key and said "you have a key and I have a key." One day the Commander was downtown. As he passed by the bank, he remembered he needed something from the safe deposit box, so he stopped by and asked the bank official to open the box. The official opened the outer door and asked for the Commander's key. The Commander had left his key at home so the box couldn't be opened. "You see," said the official, "I cannot open the box without your key." It takes both keys to get the box open.

Fellows, did you know we all have a key and our Master Ranger has one. When we pray it requires two keys. Jesus promised us many things. But before we can receive these things, we must use our key which is the key called Faith.

Do you want Jesus to pour out his blessings on you? He may be waiting on you to do your part by using your key. Jesus cannot open the door alone. He needs the willingness and faith of each of us.

Fellows, I want each of you that want to be blessed by Jesus to form a circle and hold hands around me. As we pray together, I want you to ask Jesus to give you more faith to use your key.

"SAIL ON"

(Submitted by Commander
Raymond Lambert, Jr.
Middleburg Heights, Ohio)

Purpose: To encourage boys to become strong enough to stand for their convictions.

Story: Christopher Columbus had a "crazy idea" that the earth was round. But everybody knew the earth was flat, and believed that if you sailed so far, you would come to the end of the earth and go "Kersplash" into a pit filled with dragons and sea monsters. Columbus was so convinced about the earth being round, that he became determined to collect money from the Queen of Spain and to sail on across the ocean to prove it. He had faith that he was right regardless of the doubters that said, "it isn't so." Now, lets watch "Old Chris." He finally got himself a crew and started out across the ocean. I can picture him and his crew. The first few days everything was alright, but as they sailed for many weeks with no land in sight, some of the sailors became fearful, some suggested turning back, and some of them started getting visions of the sea monsters with mouths greater than the "Ole Ship"! They remembered the stories they had heard and started having hallucinations, no doubt. Then came the day that the crew gathered around Columbus crying, "Mutiny, Mutiny"! They said, "we want to go back. If you don't go back, we will put you in irons and will command the ship ourselves." He squared his jaw and straightened his shoulders and shouted, "sail on." He said it with enough determination till every man decided he meant it. This went on week after week, but Columbus took control each time declaring firmly each time, sail on, and on, and on, and on! You know what happened? One day after about two long hard months, the sailor

up in the Crow's Nest, began to laugh and shout, "Land-a-aho." He had seen land. With one voice the sailors gathered about "Old Chris" and said, "Chris, you knew what you were talking about after all. You knew what you were saying when you cried, 'sail on.'"

Ceremony: Fellows, it is a sign of strength when we stand for what we believe is right, and it is a sign of weakness when we fail to do what we believe is right because we are afraid of what someone will think or say. The Royal Ranger Code states that a Ranger is courageous. Let's stand and conclude our devotion by praying to God for courage and strength to stand for what we believe is right.

LEGACY FOR A BOY

By Merry Browne

I would not leave you riches
For that you can amass;
But I shall point you beauty
In a slender blade of grass.

I would not leave you power
For power walks alone;
But I shall teach you brotherhood
and kindnesses I've known.

I would not leave you sweet content
For I would have you climb;
So I shall lift your face to stars
Where heaven's blessings shine.

I would not leave you much of worth
According to men on earth;
For I . . . with Hope and Faith as themes
Endow you with my wealth of dreams.

A SPECIAL FEATURE

IMPORTANCE OF GIVING PROPER RECOGNITION

Everyone desires recognition. Boys are no exception. If anything, boys, from the time they are old enough to talk and run around, seem to thrive and flourish on the recognition and acknowledgment given out by "dad" and the "older boys." This is a normal desire as you will discover while working with your Royal Rangers. To be deprived of legitimate recognition can be disastrous to a boy.

First, proper recognition must be given immediately at the conclusion of personal achievement. Delay of recognition creates disappointment and a disinterest in future advancement. Boys work hard to climb the advancement trail and they expect to be recognized upon completion of requirements. Your schedule should be arranged to meet this need and convert the enthusiasm into motives and desires for additional gain.

Second, proper recognition will automatically provide the spark a boy needs to assure a continued interest in his personal advancement. The Advancement Trail is only a yardstick by which measurement of spiritual, social, physical, and intellectual growth can be charted. In order to identify this progress, it is important to keep a continuous record of advancements, achievements, and accomplishments of each boy. Periodic measurements should result in proper recognition.

Third, proper recognition given to a particular boy can harvest many indirect results. Other boys within the outpost may be challenged by the recognition given to another. Nothing could be more welcome or healthy than to see boys eager to move ahead after watching a fellow member receiving recognition for advancement. A boy's family could be indirectly affected. The deserving recognition of one boy in a family might be the very thing that is needed to lead the family to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Experience has taught us that when one person receives recognition, many are directly or indirectly affected for the good.

Fourth, proper recognition will produce a high level of morale. Morale is the backbone of any successful organization, which usually indicates a smooth-running and harmonious fellowship. Recognition of the individual in a successful group reflects pride and accomplishment upon the group as well. This produces high morale when each of the team members are aware of the advancements of others within the organization. This, in turn, motivates a greater desire for continued advancement and progress. Thus, we see a cycle within which proper recognition plays a major part in its completion and chain reaction, i.e. (1) requirements, (2) advancement, (3) recognition, (4) perpetuation, (5) high morale, (6) progress, and back to requirements.

THE WORTH OF A BOY

By Orvil W. Reid

What would you say is the worth of a boy;
In sin and sorrow, in service and joy?
So much good or bad wrapped up in each life—
To build up and serve or tear down in strife.
A mine of diamonds, a bomb to destroy?
Depends entirely on who gets the boy!
The devil, the world, and flesh make their bid;
But what will your church do to win this "kid"?
Some men have hobbies in which they invest
much time and money with real zeal and zest.
But those who fathom life's great thrills and joys
Major on making real men out of boys.



GAME IDEAS

OBSERVANT GAME

(Submitted by Commander
Raymond Lambert, Jr.
Middleburg Heights, Ohio)

Have the boys seated in a friendship circle, have a person enter the room and parade in front of each boy, then have the person step outside.

Give each boy a piece of paper and pencil and ask questions about the person they had just seen; such as color of hair, type of clothing, color of different items of wearing apparel, his height, weight, size of shoes, etc.

Have the person to enter the room again and let the boys secure the right answer, then grade themselves. The boy with the most correct answers is the winner.

BIBLE BASEBALL

(Submitted by Commander
Hollis E. Archer
Independence, Missouri)

Equipment needed: (1) Questions on the Bible or on Royal Rangers. (2) 3 x 5-inch cards as follows: 5 marked "single," 3 marked "double," 2 marked "triple," and 1 marked "home run."

Instructions: Draw a miniature baseball diamond on the floor. Then line a patrol behind home plate. Leader asks a question from his list. If first Royal Ranger gives correct answer, he draws a 3 x 5-inch card to determine what kind of "hit" he made, and moves to the appropriate base.

If he doesn't answer correctly, he's "out." Three outs and the next patrol

comes to bat. Runners are advanced by their team mates.

Scoring: Patrol with most runs after a predetermined number of innings is the winner.

KANGAROO RACE

(Submitted by Commander
Harold Wheatley
Ontario, California)

Have patrols in relay formation. Lay out a turning line 30 feet in front of the patrols. First Ranger in each line places a small ball or similar item between his knees. He then hops to turning line and back without dropping object. If item is dropped, Ranger must pick it up, place it back between his knees, and continue to carry on. First patrol to finish is winner.

BEAN AND STRAW RELAY

(Submitted by Commander
Elton Bell, Ottumwa, Iowa)

Line up the patrols for a relay race. Have the first player in each line pick up a bean with a soda straw, carry it across the room and deposit it in a container. The first team to have all its players carry a bean wins.

BOOK NOOK

SEA LORE

Men—Ships and the Sea by Alan Villiers

We checked this book out of our local library and discovered a fascinating history of famous men and ships who sailed the oceans and seas. Pictorial illustrations and exciting stories make this book well worth reading. It also contains valuable information about the present status of boating and sailing plus a section on types of boats and boating safety. Available from the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C. Price: \$9.85.

NATURE STUDY

Stepping Stones to Nature by Robert O. Bale

A valuable aid to developing craft projects, using readily available natural materials. Its projects are helpful in arousing the interest of boys in weather, sun, stars, growing things, earth, air and water. Available from Burgess Publishing Co., 426 S. 6th St., Minneapolis, Minnesota. Price: \$2.50.

Royal Rangers Bible Study



ROYAL RANGER BIBLE STUDY COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

I. HOW TO CONDUCT THE ROYAL RANGER BIBLE STUDY COURSES IN YOUR OUTPOST.

- A. Have copies of the lessons run off by ditto or mimeo reproductions.
- B. Make extra copies to allow supply for new Rangers as they join.
- C. Each Commander must complete the courses in advance. There are no answer sheets.
- D. Explain the purpose of the Bible Study Course to your outpost. Be enthused yourself.
- E. Hand out first lesson to everyone in the outpost. Explain to them that they should take it home and work on it in a room by themselves. Be sure to impress upon them that it is to be completed in one sitting. (If a boy takes more than one night to complete Course I the Holy Spirit will have a very difficult time convicting his heart.) Young Pioneers may have to get help from Mom or Dad. Unsaved parents could be led to Jesus by helping their boys with this lesson.
- F. Have boys return lesson the very next meeting. Give recognition to those returning lessons each week. Keep interest high by making weekly reports to the outpost on those doing good work.
- G. Hand out the next lesson just before boys leave for home from the meeting. This keeps the lesson from getting lost, torn or wrinkled. Repeat each week.

II. HOW TO GRADE THE ROYAL RANGER BIBLE STUDY COURSES.

- A. (All courses, regardless of the number of questions, can be graded as follows:)

<u>NUMBER WRONG</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NUMBER WRONG</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
0	A plus	5	B minus
1	A	6	C plus
2	A minus	7	C
3	B plus	8	C minus
4	B	9 or more	PASSING

- B. Record boys grades in RANGER OUTPOST RECORD BOOK and return lessons to boys.

ROYAL RANGER BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 7 A Royal Ranger is honest. He does not lie.

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

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

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

(Complete the following)

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

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

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

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

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

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

LOST!

An excellent free leaflet entitled, "What to do when lost in the woods" may be obtained by writing to Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. If you will give your position and your purpose, they will send enough leaflets for each boy.

ROYAL RANGER BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 8 A Royal Ranger is honest. He does not cheat.

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

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

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

Read Deuteronomy 25:15.

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

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

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

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

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

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NEED A CAMP SITE?

Most states will provide free, on request, a pamphlet, containing names, location, and description of state parks. Most of these parks are open to camping. Also request information about fees (if any) and rules. Contact your State Park Board at your state capital.

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 9 A Royal Ranger is honest. He does not steal.

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

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

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

Read Leviticus 6:3.

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

Read Psalms 37:21.

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

Read Jeremiah 22:13.

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

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

Read Ephesians 4:28 and complete the following:

"Let him that stole _____ no more:"

MEDAL OF VALOR

This attractive medal is given by the National Office to boys who have saved a life at the risk of their own. If you have a Ranger who qualifies, please contact the National Office.

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 10 A Royal Ranger is Courageous. He is brave in spite of danger.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPREAD THE WORD

An excellent booklet on how to get the best publicity in newspapers and on T.V. for your group may be obtained free by writing to the Sperry and Hutchinson Co., Consumer Relations, 3003 East Kemper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45241. Ask for "Publicity Handbook."

ROYAL RANGER BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 11 A Royal Ranger is courageous. He is brave in spite of criticism.

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

The Work:

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

The Opposition:

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

Read Nehemiah 2:19:

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

Read Nehemiah 4:1-3.

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

Courage shown:

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

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

NEED A TOPOGRAPHIC MAP?

A folder describing Topographic Maps may be obtained free by writing to the following: for maps west of the Mississippi River, to Geological Survey, Distribution Section, Federal Center, Denver 25, Colorado. For maps east of the Mississippi, Geological Survey, Distribution Section, Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 12 A Royal Ranger is courageous. He is brave in spite of threats.

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

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

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

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

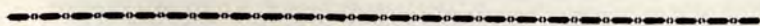
3. What was this threat? Daniel 3:6; Those who did not obey would be "_____ into the midst of a _____."
4. Did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego know about this threat? _____ (Daniel 3:15, 17).

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

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

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

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



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