



ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS

# DISPATCH



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## Commander's Corner . . . .

Dear Commander:

Summer is perhaps the favorite time of year for most boys. School is out and there are more opportunities for outdoor activities and fun. These warm, sunny, carefree days will pass quickly. As a leader, you should use this time to place emphasis on the outdoor phase of the Royal Rangers program. Plan to conduct a variety of outdoor activities, such as hikes and camp-outs.

June 19 - 26 is Royal Rangers Week. I'm sure you will plan something special to call attention to the Royal Rangers program in your church. May we encourage you to use the suggestion on the back page of this "Dispatch". Plan as many exciting activities as possible to help the Rangers celebrate their week.

Our cover on this issue is a photo of Bob Reid, District Commander of Southern California, receiving the Silver Eagle Trophy. This is an achievement award given to the top District Commander.

Bob began his service to Royal Rangers as the Outpost Commander of the first outpost to be organized in the nation. In 1963 he joined our National Staff as National Training Coordinator. In 1964 he was appointed to the staff of Southern California College as athletic director. Later he was asked to serve as District Commander. The great job he has done in his district is reflected in the achievement of this award.

Encourage and assist your District Commander. Perhaps he will be the one to receive this award next year.

"READY" in His service,

ROYAL RANGERS DIVISION

*Johnnie Barnes*

Johnnie Barnes  
National Commander



# PLANNING GUIDE

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"Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned."  
—Peter Marshall

# DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



## EAGER BEAVER

(Submitted by Dewayne Thiessen  
Dallas, Oregon)

Scripture: Isaiah 59:10

Out in Arizona, two dams are being built. One will stand and the other will fall. One is being constructed by government engineers harnessing the mighty Colorado River.

It is the huge Canyon dam and when it is finished, it will have cost 421 million dollars.

Just 100 feet below this tremendous project, another dam is being built.

An Associated Press story tells how a single beaver is hard at work building a dam across the now almost dry stream bed. He works hard all day long carrying driftwood, mud and twigs, but all of his efforts are doomed as the mighty Colorado river will be rediverted and the little beaver dam will be swept away.

Isn't this like the efforts of man in this world? They work hard to build up a dam of securities, stocks, bonds, and money and often at the sacrifice of time that should be spent with families and in unselfish service. After they lay up enough security, they are considered a success.

But all their lives, looming above them like a mighty dam, are the great laws of God. These laws say:

"He that would save his life shall lose it."

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

"For what shall it profit a man... if he lose his own soul?"

And one day, time will run out. One day in the middle of plenty, the floods of consequences will come rolling into his life and will sweep away security and success.

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?"

Are you an eager beaver?

## MAKING MY LIFE BRIGHTER

(Submitted by W. C. Sheffield  
Gadsden, Alabama)

Scripture reading: Matthew 6:19.

Preparation: The leader gives each boy a very rusty or corroded piece of metal. Just a small piece. Build a large campfire with the boys and leaders sitting in a circle around the fire.

Ceremony: The leader begins by rising and stepping slowly to the fire. He holds up his rusty piece of metal and says: This was my weak and tarnished life that I had lived until I gave myself to Jesus to be cleansed by His spirit. The leader drops the piece of metal in the fire.

Each boy in turn does likewise. When all have finished, the leader explains the likeness of sin to the rust corroded metal and tells how God can make us clean. Then with a pair of tongs, he takes a piece of metal from the fire and shows how it is burned clean and clear of rust and corrosion.

## MIDNIGHT WATCH

(Submitted by Warren Hamel  
Raytown, Missouri)

On a voyage an old and tired sea captain decided about ten o'clock that he would place his ship in the hands of his helmsman and retire for the night. The helmsman usually was a very capable man, but around midnight when there was no one else around, he became careless. The moon shining on the water and the soft wind blowing in his face caused him to begin to daydream.

Because he was not observing his instruments properly, the ship began to veer off course. A short time later the ship ran aground on a reef.

Fellows, sometimes we can get off course in our spiritual lives by becoming too absorbed in the things we enjoy and neglecting our responsibilities as Christians.



## THE WRONG WAY

(Submitted by R. D. Wheeler  
Pico Rivers, California)

*Scripture reading:* Proverbs 14:12. There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

I am a truck driver by profession. I drive for a local trucking company here in the Los Angeles area and travel the busy freeway systems hauling freight from Los Angeles to San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties.

The thing that I have feared over the years while traveling so many miles on our busy freeways has always been that some day I would meet someone coming the wrong way on a busy freeway. The other evening it happened. As I was "inbound" on the San Bernardino freeway, I took the off ramp to the San Gabriel Freeway. I was moving down the highway. I had "my foot in the carb" and was going home. This was Thursday night . . . church night . . . I needed to get home in time for church . . . when suddenly there she was . . . a little gray haired old lady in a small car coming round the same curve . . . **THE WRONG WAY** . . . I hit the "binders" (brakes) all the way. Traffic was heavy and cars were right behind me. "Lord, help me" I prayed as my big truck wheels started sliding. The old lady was frozen to her wheel.

My truck stopped just two feet from the front of her car. She said, "I'm trying to find the right road, mister, I must be going the wrong way."

Many people today are taking the road that seemeth right, it looks alright, in fact, as long as there are no cars on the road, they can travel a long way, but perhaps there will be sudden death just around the turn. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. . . ." It is up to us to choose the right way and follow Jesus.

## ETERNAL LIFE

(Submitted by Eugene Meador  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)

*Purpose:* To show that there is only one way to receive eternal life.

"The Winchester Mystery House at San Jose, California, has 160 rooms and sprawls over six acres. It had 17 rooms when it was purchased in the late 1800's by Mrs. Sarah Winchester, widow of the Winchester rifle manufacturer. She had turned to spiritualism after her husband and only child died. She moved from Connecticut to California on the advice of a medium.

The medium also told Mrs. Winchester she would live forever if she kept building onto her home, never letting the work stop. The architect who had built the house was employed at first to oversee the work, but he soon quit in disgust. Then for 36 years, the widow supervised a construction crew 7 days a week.

She admitted no visitors except spirits, and persons whose occupations put them beyond the vale. Her superstition shows in the gold and silver chandeliers with 13 lights, ceilings with 13 panels, and rooms with 13 windows. Most of the 40 staircases, which go nowhere, have 13 steps. She thought her spirit friends liked variety, so most of the pillars are upside down.

But the unceasing construction failed to bring Mrs. Winchester eternal life. She died half a century ago. Her house was sold and became a tourist attraction. Today guides show visitors through acres of ghostly rooms. There are 2,000 doors, 12,000 windows, 6 kitchens."

Fellows, we all know that we must face death and that no man lives forever. How much better it would have been had Mrs. Winchester spent her life preparing her soul and not her house for eternity.

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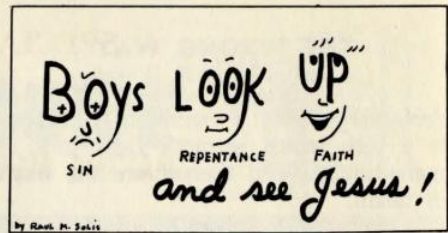
## GOD WAS IN MY FOXHOLE

(Submitted by Dewayne Thiessen  
Dallas, Oregon)

A young boy was brought up in church, but was always told that he couldn't do this or do that. He soon developed the attitude that God was a mean old man who was just waiting to punish someone. Soon he no longer went to church at all, and felt that he could get along without God.

One day, however, he was drafted into the army and sent to Korea as an infantryman. After some time his name was in the paper and stated that he had been decorated with a medal for heroism in action, and was credited for holding off the enemy practically single-handed. He wrote home and said: "You probably read about the little episode that we had over here, but I want to tell you what really happened. First, I found out that fellows over here don't laugh at you when you read your Bible, there are no atheists over here. I have also been reading my Bible quite a bit because you never know when your time may be over. As for what happened, we were in an outpost, (about 6 to 8 men) for the purpose of holding off the enemy in case of attack until the main company could deploy and get ready. There must have been at least a company of the enemy who attacked. Somehow we drove them back but there were only half of us left, and as the enemy massed again for another charge we all knew that this was the last for us, that there was no hope. I knelt down in my foxhole and I prayed as I had never prayed before in my life. And as we prepared for what we knew was to come, we watched the enemy massing for the final assault, when suddenly they turned and fled without any apparent reason. I have found out that God is one who cares for us and is concerned about us and that He does hear and answer our prayers." (This is a true story. In fact the letter is in my possession now.)

*Ceremony:* Fellows, this same God is concerned about you, and if you give your heart to Him he will watch over you, take care of you, and answer your prayers as He did for this young man.



**THE AWFULNESS OF SIN:** Sin is not only disobedience to God, but also it is doing violence to the soul itself in loss of power, decay of love, enfeebling of the will, general atrophy of the nature, and condemnation of the soul.

**REPENTANCE:** Repentance is not conviction of sin or the breaking off of some sins. Fear is not repentance. Remorse, fasting, afflicting the body, or even reading the Bible is not repenting.

What then is repentance? Repentance is to feel pain or sorrow on account of something done or left undone; especially for sins committed.

The Bible says: "Turn ye, turn ye." Repentance is a right about face. We humans are born with our faces turned away from God. When we truly repent, we turn right around toward God: "... And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7. **FAITH:** Faith is common, natural, reasonable, sublime. You put it to its highest power, its loftiest use, when it is turned to trust Jesus in the word that He has spoken and in the love that He has displayed on Calvary.

**LET US SEE JESUS:** If you have done nothing but seen Jesus in your life, you have done well. If you have presented to your companions truths that were sweet to you, it will give you unspeakable joy; that you have attracted them to Christ simply by seeing Jesus.

Boys, look up and see Jesus today!



# A SPECIAL FEATURE

## MAKING MEN OUT OF BOYS

By Raymond T. Brock

### I. Quest for normalcy

- A. Boys desire to live a normal life that brings them the acceptance of adults as well as their peers.
- B. Royal Rangers is designed to give boys guidance in the adjustments of life that help them develop into normal, happy adults.
- C. The most normal life for a boy is the life that is Christ-centered and Holy Spirit-motivated.
- D. Christ set the example of normalcy in each problem a boy must face.
  1. He was tempted in all ages of boyhood and manhood (Hebrews 4:15)
  2. He will extend mercy to boys in need (Hebrews 4:16).
  3. He will run to assist boys in crisis (Hebrews 2:18). (Succour means "run to the assistance of.")

### II. Areas of normal development

(Luke 2:52)

- A. *Wisdom*—mental development
  1. Boys need opportunities for learning knowledge and how to handle it. This is a major Royal Ranger function.
  2. Boys need encouragement to excel. The Royal Rangers award program gives such encouragement.
- B. *Stature*—physical development
  1. Royal Rangers activities inspire physical fitness which is necessary for the body that is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19).
  2. Boys should be taught the facts of life to give them a spiritual interpretation of the physical changes in their bodies.

3. Boys should be given guidance in anticipating the frustrations that accompany their emerging manhood.

#### C. *Favor with God*—spiritual development.

1. Each boy needs to be led to a personal commitment to Christ.
2. Through Royal Rangers boys are given opportunities for Christian service.
3. Examples in devotion and consistency are given boys through the Royal Ranger leaders and men who cooperate in the program.

#### D. *Favor with man*—emotional development.

1. Boys desire to be accepted by others their own age and by adults.
2. Boys need the security of controls and regulations. As they learn to live by the rules of Royal Rangers they have experience in decision making that will prepare them for wise choices in later years.
3. Along with the arts and crafts of the Royal Ranger program, boys are given the opportunity of developing a Christ-centered personality.

### III. What boys need most

- A. Adult male patterns as models for Christian maturity.
- B. Adult male understanding and guidance in resolving frustrations.
- C. Adult male guidance in planning for the future.
- D. Adult male encouragement in committing their lives to Christ.



# IDEAS

## For Leaders



### GAME IDEAS

#### POTATO RACE

(Submitted by W. C. Sheffield  
Gadsden, Alabama)

This is a relay race. Arrange two sides with even numbers. Set up a starting line and finish line.

The potato is placed on top of the first boy's foot on each team. They must go to the finish line, walking with the potato on their foot. If they drop the potato, they must start over. They race to the finish line, then turn around and return to the starting line. The side finishing first is the winner.

#### DEER STALKING

(Submitted by Dewayne Thiessen  
Dallas, Oregon)

One boy is the "deer" and takes a position in a field or forest. The other boys walk away from him at least two hundred feet in different directions, where all fall down. On a signal, they all move toward the deer, using whatever cover is available. When the deer sees a boy, he yells for him to stand. The boy who comes the closest to the deer wins and becomes the next deer.

#### TEST OF GRIP

(Submitted by Eugene Meador  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)

Let one boy and his opponent face each other standing about twenty-four inches apart, with arms extended upward. They grip a broom handle and pull downward trying to force the handle to turn in their opponents hands.

### FIND YOUR SHOE

(Submitted by Commander  
Warren Hamel, Raytown, Missouri)

Divide the boys into two equal groups. Line them up for a relay game. Have all the boys take off their shoes. The leader places all the shoes in a pile. At a given signal, the first boy from each team rushes to the pile, finds his shoes, puts them on, and hurries back to tag the next man in line for his team. The group that finds all their shoes first is the winner.

### BOOKNOOK

#### ADVANCED CAMPING

*Complete Book of Outdoor Lore* by  
Clyde Ormond.

An ideal book for survival or advanced camping. It covers such subjects as: the art of hiking with reference to various kinds of terrain, expert advice on backpacking, rafts and boats for wilderness use, how to find your way through strange country using nature's signs, what to do about getting lost, how to forecast the weather, how to find water, how to rig a primitive shelter for the night, emergency fishing and hunting ideas, a catalog of edible plants, and instructions for improvising many kinds of outdoor equipment, plus a section on how to identify trees and animal signs.

Available from *Outdoor Life*, New York.  
Price: \$4.95.

#### COUNCIL FIRES

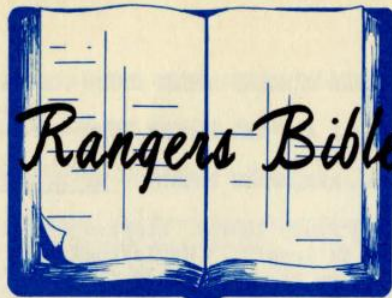
*Treasury of Memory-Making Campfires*, by Allan A. MacFarlan.

An excellent book containing how-to-do information on conducting a successful Council Fire. The leader is told how to: choose a site, lay and light the fire, open, conduct, and close a Council Ring program. Subjects include: creative campfires, Indian fires, Campfire Funfare, Magic Council Fires, campfire games, campfire story telling, Council Fire ceremonies, and Council Fire Indian plays.

Available from *Association Press*, New York, Price: \$9.95.



# Royal Rangers Bible Study



## ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 13 A ROYAL RANGER IS LOYAL. HE IS FAITHFUL TO HIS CHURCH, FAMILY, OUTPOST, AND FRIENDS.

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

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

### Faithful Attendance

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

### Faithful Support

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

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

### Faithful Living For God

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

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

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GET IN SHAPE

Free copies of a physical fitness booklet, entitled "Sport Tips for Teen-Agers", may be obtained by writing to: Public Information Division, Sun Life Assurance Co., 1 North La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.



ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

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

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

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

2 Samuel 9:7

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

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

Proverbs 17:17, "A friend \_\_\_\_\_ at all \_\_\_\_\_."

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEED MORE "DISPATCHES"?

You may secure additional copies of "Dispatch" for other men in your outpost by sending their names and \$1.00, per year, per person, to the National Royal Rangers Office.

## ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 16 A ROYAL RANGER IS COURTEOUS. HE IS POLITE, KIND, AND THOUGHTFUL.

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

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

### Being Courteous in our Speech

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

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

### Being Courteous in our Actions

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

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

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

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

## THE SETTING SUN

We often praise the evening clouds  
And their tints so gay and bold,  
But seldom think upon our God  
Who tinged these clouds with gold.

—Sir Walter Scott



ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

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

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

Read Luke 10:30-37

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

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

There are other scriptures which tell us to be kind.

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

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

SOMETHING NEW

We are launching a new camping fraternity for older and more advanced Rangers called "Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity". Contact your District Commander for details.

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

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

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

Read Exodus 17: 8-13

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

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

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

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

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

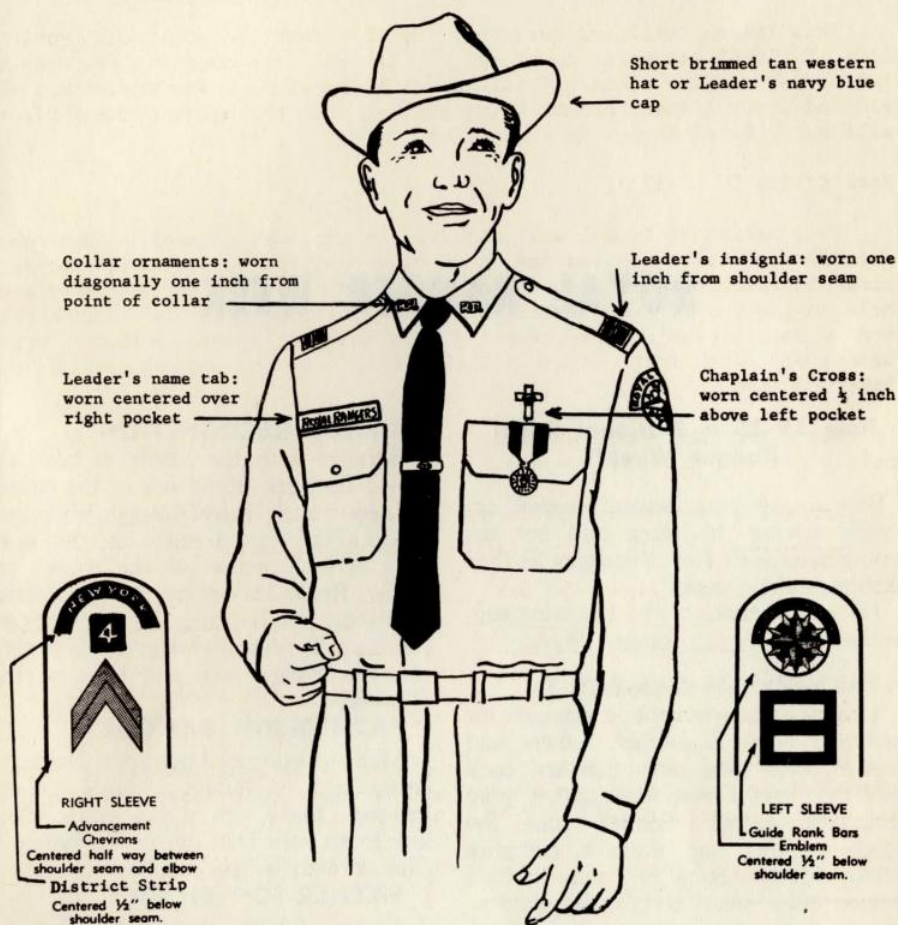
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STEER THEM RIGHT

An excellent booklet on driver's training for your older boys, entitled "Tommy Gets the Keys", may be obtained free from: Public Relations Dept., B. F. Goodrich Co., 500 South Main, Akron, Ohio 44318.



## INSIGNIA PLACEMENT AND MEASUREMENT SHEET



When uniform coat is worn, the placement of the insignia is the same as above, except the RR's remain on the shirt collar. They are not worn on lapel of the coat. RR's are eliminated when wearing white shirt with uniform coat.

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## ROYAL RANGER WEEK

### June 19-26 is National Royal Ranger Week!

Be sure to plan several special activities during this week and put the spotlight on your Royal Rangers as they celebrate "their week."

Try one or more of the following suggestions for Royal Ranger Week.

#### FATHER-SON CAMP-OUT

Arrange an overnight camp-out for men and boys. Encourage fathers and sons to pitch their tents together, cook their food over a campfire together, play camp-type games together, hike the woods together and share a campfire service together. Some men may hesitate because they dread certain discomforts. Proper camping can be a pleasant experience and the benefits of a father-son camp-out far outweigh any possible discomforts. Sharing camping activities together can build a bond of fellowship between a father and son that could last for years.

Urge all of the men to participate. If a man does not have a son encourage him to adopt a son for the event.

#### GROUP RECOGNITION

Arrange with the pastor to have the Royal Rangers attend one of the church services during Royal Ranger week as a group in uniform. Arrange for them to sit in a special section of the church together. Recognize or have the pastor recognize the group during the service. Some pastors will probably want to slant their message toward men and boys on this occasion.

#### FATHER-SON BANQUETS

Men who do not have sons should be encouraged to "adopt a boy" for the banquet. Make this a big affair. Boys love to sit with Dad during the banquet. Climax with a special speaker.

#### FATHER-SON PICNICS

Arrange for appropriate activities for the occasions such as father-son ball game, father-son sack race, father-son tug-of-war, etc. A wonderful atmosphere can be created when men and boys play together. It is a big day in a boy's life when he and Dad have pulled together as a team to win some event. Climax the event with a big picnic lunch, wiener roast or watermelon feed. It will be a day both men and boys will long remember.