



ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS

DISPATCH



SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER 1966



Commander's Corner

Dear Commander:

This past summer has been one of the most exciting summers yet in the Royal Ranger program. I have been particularly pleased by the number of boys saved and filled with the Spirit during summer camps and Pow-Wows. Royal Rangers is making a great impact on many of our churches and we appreciate the part you have played in this evangelistic harvest.

We suggest that you conduct an enlargement campaign during this fall quarter. This is an excellent time to enroll new boys and re-enlist summer "drop outs." Last year's theme, "Roundup Time," was so successful we are using it again this year. With good planning and the use of proper props and equipment, you can make this enlistment campaign very profitable for your outpost.

We have come to realize the value of action. Boys need ways of putting their dedication and beliefs into action. You will note one of our themes for this quarter is "Thanksgiving in Action." Do your best to give your boys the opportunity to express their thanks for God's blessings in some practical way. The old proverb is still true--"Actions speak louder than words."

If you have some good, sharp action-shots of your boys in uniform participating in some Royal Ranger activity, please share them with us. Also, we will be happy for you to share your comments and suggestions with us at any time.

May God richly bless you during the coming quarter.

"READY" in His service,

ROYAL RANGERS DIVISION

Johnnie Barnes

Johnnie Barnes
National Commander

PLANNING GUIDE

FALL 1966

MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
ROUNDUP TIME (Enlistment campaign to enroll new boys)	1. ROUNDING UP BOYS (Launch campaign to enroll new boys) 2. ROUNDING UP IDEAS (Plan fall and winter activities) 3. ROUNDING UP REQUIREMENTS (Encourage boys in advancement, etc.) 4. BRANDING TIME (Special ceremony for boys who joined during Roundup campaign)	OVERNIGHT CAMP-OUT SOCIAL FOR NEW MEMBERS	MAKE EQUIPMENT AND PROPS FOR ROUNDUP CAMPAIGN AND ACTIVITIES
MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
ROPECRAFT (Pages 58-70 "Adventures in Camping")	1. KNOT TYING (Teaching various knots) 2. KNOT USING (Practical use for various knots) 3. LASHING (Techniques for lashing) 4. LASHING IN USE (Camp furniture, bridges, etc.)	KNOT-TYING CONTEST WITH NEIGHBORING OUTPOSTS HALLOWEEN PARTY AUTUMN HIKE	MAKE PORTABLE FURNITURE FOR YOUR CAMPSITE OR MEETING ROOM USING LASHING TECHNIQUES
MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
THANKSGIVING IN ACTION (Practical ways of showing our thanks)	1. THANKSGIVING FOR SPIRITUAL THINGS 2. THANKSGIVING FOR LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS 3. THANKSGIVING FOR OUR COUNTRY 4. THANKSGIVING FOR MATERIAL THINGS	ATTEND THANKSGIVING SERVICE AS A GROUP IN UNIFORM TEACH BOYS HOW TO RESPECT AND DISPLAY AMERICAN AND CHRISTIAN FLAG, AND USE DURING OPENING CEREMONIES IN YOUR OUTPOST	SECURE AN AMERICAN FLAG AND A CHRISTIAN FLAG FOR YOUR OUTPOST MEETING ROOM

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

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



UNMASKING TIME

(Submitted by Elton Bell
Ottumwa, Iowa)

Equipment needed: (Several Halloween masks)

Scripture Reading: Matt. 10:26 "There is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known."

This is the time of witches and black cats, goblins and spooks, of Jack-o-lanterns and trick or treats. You boys have been busy, I know, planning what you are going to dress in for your Halloween fun. Maybe you have saved up for a cowboy suit, or you plan to be a tramp. Probably all of you have made a trip to the store for masks to wear when you go out to trick or treat in the neighborhood from door to door, knocking loudly, calling out "trick or treat." They will listen to your voice (but of course you will change your voice to fool them). They will judge you by your size, and try to peer around your mask. If you are really good you will fool them, and when you take off your mask they will gasp in surprise and say, "I never guessed it was you."

Did you know that some people wear masks and try to fool people throughout the whole year, for example:

A. Some people wear a mask called "respectability." They are good on the outside but on the inside there is a heart full of sin.

B. Others wear a mask called "good works." They try to win favor by doing things for people. Still underneath their heart is full of sin.

C. Some even wear the mask called "church membership." They think this will please God but underneath there still is sin.

Fellows, masks won't hide your sins or mine. We may fool some people some

or all of the time, but you cannot fool yourself and you can never, never fool God.

Closing: Stand in a circle holding hands with the lights out. Place the Bible in the center of the circle with a flashlight spot on it. Pray and ask God to keep the light of His Word in every heart.

TESTIFYING FOR OUR MASTER RANGER

(Submitted by Commander
Harold Wheatley
Cucamonga, California)

It was "Testimony Time" at our church. One person after another was telling what God had done for them. A young boy felt he ought to testify too, for he loved the Lord Jesus Christ with all his heart. But when he stood to speak, his sentences just seemed to get all muddled up. He was so nervous, he even began to cry. He sat down feeling his testimony had been a complete failure. A very brilliant man, who the church had been praying for a long time was converted that night. Later the man thanked the boy for testifying. "I was sitting in front of you," he explained, "and the big tears you were shedding were running right down my neck. I had just about decided there was no hope for me, for I could sit unmoved through the most eloquent sermons, but those hot tears of yours melted my hard heart."

Fellows, we see by this story that we should always testify for our Master Ranger. If we will be faithful to tell others what Christ has done for us, the results may be much greater than we expect.

Fellows, we should pray and ask God to give each of us the faith and courage to testify for our Master Ranger every time we have the chance.

A REVEALING PHOTO

(Submitted by James L. Lewis
Ft. Worth, Texas)

Roland, a boy who loved photography, took a hike in the woods to see if he could photograph some of the beautiful trees and mountain scenery. After taking a number of pictures, he decided that he had better get home, but on looking around, he noticed a cave not far from where he was standing. Roland noticed that darkness was coming, but decided that he had time enough to take another picture before leaving. Setting the camera on a rock near the mouth of the cave, Roland set his camera so that he could take a time exposure. While waiting for the camera shutter to close, Roland walked around whistling a tune. A few days later, Roland decided to develop the pictures that he had taken. After looking the negatives over, he was very pleased with them all except the one he had taken at the cave. The negative was too dark and he was about to discard it, when something prompted him to hold the negative up to a bright light to get a better view. What he saw caused the chills to go up his back. There, at the mouth of the cave, stood a large Canadian lynx, ready to spring out at him. It was then Roland, a young Christian convert, remembered the scripture, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me."

TAKE TIME

(Submitted by Eugene Meador
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)

Purpose: To find time for God, we must take it.

Have you ever visited the greenhouse of your favorite florist and watched him in the fall of the year as he plants the bulbs of spring-blooming flowers in little pots and puts them away in a dark

place for a few months? It is always best for them to be rooted in the dark and not in the glaring sunlight. In the shadows, their life giving roots will begin to sprout and grow. I have watched this process time and again with my own flowers. Why do the tulips and jonquils drop their foliage in summer? God in His infinite wisdom has instilled into these silent creatures of nature the value of rest. Down in the dark shadows of mother earth they gather strength, and next season's bloom is created. They are rooted in the shadows to bloom in the light.

If human life is to flower into beauty and loveliness, we must learn to "be still, and know that I am God." We are forgetting how to meditate. The rush of our modern life is drawing us away from the abundant life of patience, kindness, and consideration for others. Nerves are tense, tempers reach the breaking point, rash words are used, and friendships are broken. We love the bright lights and pull of the world. We seem unwilling to take time to relax and rest our tired minds and bodies. We cannot meet the day's temptations when we have not prepared ourselves for them.

*Take time to behold Him,
The world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret
With Jesus alone:
By looking to Jesus,
Like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct
His likeness shall see.*

FATHER, WE THANK THEE

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
For tender grass, so fresh and sweet,
For song of bird and hum of bee,
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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LESSON IN A PEANUT

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

Equipment needed: An unshelled peanut
Purpose: To illustrate Faith for Salvation.

You all know what this is. It's a peanut. But listen. Has anyone of you ever seen the nut that's inside? How do you know that it's there? Well, there are two ways that you can know. First of all, you can take my word for it that there is a nut inside this shell. You see, I've shaken it and I can hear a nut inside. Then, secondly, since all of you have seen other peanuts, you know that they have nuts in them and of course you assume, and quite rightly that there is a nut in this shell.

Now boys, this peanut illustrates Salvation. You've never seen salvation, so how do you know that there is such a thing? For the same two reasons that you know the peanut is inside this shell. First of all, you have God's Word. He says that if you simply believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins, He will give you Salvation. God is never wrong and He never goes back on His word.

All of you have seen that trusting Christ as your Saviour works in other peoples lives, and consequently it follows that believing on Him will work in your life too. So if you have never accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, do it right now. Other people have tried it and know that it works. But what's more important than that—God has said He will guarantee that Salvation will be yours the moment you accept the Lord Jesus as your Saviour. Why not accept Him now?

A TRAVEL GUIDE

*(Submitted by John Vazquez
Brooklyn, New York)*

There are over 3,000 miles of road in Brooklyn, New York. Can you imagine a person traveling to any destination in this great city without any directions? No doubt, that person would get lost. Even most persons living in this city all

their lives don't know the names of all the streets that exist in their neighborhood.

Boys, are you on the right road to heaven? There is only one road that can lead you there, and God has given us a travel guide that leads us to this greatest city of all. It is the Holy Bible. All you have to do is follow the instructions. The most wonderful thing about the Holy Bible is that it is never outdated. No matter how many roadblocks, new roads, etc., Satan may put in our road to heaven, the Holy Bible tells us how to confront these obstacles.

Ceremony: (Pray with the boys that they may learn to use the Bible for guidance so that it will lead them to eternal life.)

A TEST OF HONESTY

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

Purpose: To teach boys what real honesty is.

What would you do if you were going from door to door on Halloween night "Trick or Treating" and a person gave you a dollar, thinking you were collecting for a certain organization? As a Christian, would you give it back or would you pocket the money for yourself? If your teacher left the room during a test at school and the boy at the next desk offered to show you the answer to a hard question would you, as a Royal Ranger, refuse, or would you go ahead and read the answer? Someone has said, "a person's character is shown by what he does when nobody is looking." It isn't hard to be honest when you think you might be caught being dishonest. The real test is being honest whether anyone sees you or not. Remember, God sees you at all times.

Ceremony: Fellows, the Royal Rangers code tells us that a Royal Ranger is honest. This means he doesn't lie, cheat, or steal. Always pray that God will help you to be honest in all that you do throughout your life.

THE OUTPOST THAT PRAYS TOGETHER

By Ron Halvorson

The title for this article is by no means original. One word changes the approach and directs the message to a particular group of men known as Royal Ranger Leaders. A Royal Ranger leader is a very special kind of man. His life has been dedicated to lead boys to Christ, so we desire that he should have the key to a successful Outpost.

Not long ago, I spoke with a Senior Commander who had seen his Outpost grow to nearly fifty boys. However, he was sad. The enthusiasm died down, and so did the Outpost.

He related a story of wonderful times at every campout, and how all the boys would come for this phase of the program. The problem was keeping them in regular attendance in the weekly meetings.

For a while he contemplated having meetings only biweekly instead of weekly. His leaders became discouraged and began to be unfaithful.

Like most average American Christians he did everything he could think of doing, and finally after everything failed, he decided to pray.

He called for a meeting of all leaders. The pastor, being a member of the Outpost Council, was there and shared the burden of the Senior Commander. They decided that each Saturday night would be prayer night for all Royal Ranger leaders at the church.

They began. Only a few came the first night. The next week brought a few more, and finally all were attending. They prayed for a vision and a passion for souls.

Soon their weekly meetings began to become more interesting to them. More and more boys began to enter the Outpost and growth came automatically.

This is what they needed. This is what they longed for, and only through prayer and dependence on God did they find happiness and success.

Is your Outpost struggling? Is there something lacking? Have you tried praying together?

THE GAME OF LIFE

by Ray Brock

Opportunities for excellence and achievement are contained in the Royal Rangers awards system, Advancement Trail. In each division (Pioneers, 9-11; Trailblazers, 12-14; and Rangers, 15-17) they follow these steps:

Recruit
Second-Class Rating
First-Class Rating
Advanced Rating
Master Rating

Requirements for each rank are contained in the various Royal Rangers handbooks.

Chalkboard Diagram

Using Luke 2:52 as a basis, draw a baseball diamond on the chalkboard. At first base write "Mental Development"; at second base write "Physical Development"; at third base write "Spiritual Development"; and at home plate write "Emotional Development."

These bases represent the game of life. It is God's will for every Royal Ranger to knock a home run for Christian maturity. Point out that every base must be touched in order—none can be skipped. This is balanced maturity. There is no shortcut.

Point out that no boy need be content with a single, double, or even a triple. It is the home run that brings the score across the plate. And, it is the normal development as exemplified by Christ that gives boys the opportunity of finding the greatest fulfillment in life: Christian maturity through a commitment to Christ and living consistently for Him.

QUOTATIONS

"The Christian parents' problem is to keep the life of the boy normal—and yet steer him into Christian channels."

Sunday School Journal

"Train up a child in the way he should go and go that way yourself."
Eleanor Doan.

"Today's unchurched child is tomorrow's criminal." J. Edgar Hoover.

IDEAS

For Leaders



GAME IDEAS

SLIPPER SLAP

(Submitted by Dennis Davis
Coffeyville, Kansas)

Have a boy take his place in the center of a compact circle, formed by the other players, standing shoulder to shoulder with their hands behind them. Place a soft slipper or a rolled up newspaper in the hands of one of them. They then either slyly pass it on to another boy or swat the center man when his back is turned. When hit, the center man turns and tries to point out, not the player who hit him, but the player who is then holding the slipper. The player who did the striking should have immediately passed the slipper. When the center man points out a person who is either holding, touching, or passing the slipper, the two change places.

TRACKING

(Submitted by M. E. Ellis
Brookville, Missouri)

Cut from black craft paper the tracks of various animals. Then paste, tape, or lay these tracks on the floor throughout the downstairs of the church or meeting house. Prepare two sets of these tracks. Then divide the outpost into two groups and assign a beginning point and ending point. The first group who properly identifies all the tracks wins.

You could very easily use various tree leaves cut from the craft paper for variation.

BOOK NOOK

("Book Nook" is a service to our leaders who wish reference books on various subjects. It is not an endorsement by the editor of the authors, or total contents in the books.)

NATURE STUDY

The Living Wilderness by Rutherford G. Montgomery.

An interesting book on wildlife, by an outstanding wildlife author. The book contains many easy-to-read facts about wild animals in their native habitat, with detailed description of their habits and individual traits. The reader is told where to look for existing wild animals and how to better observe and learn their ways. Available from Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. Price: \$8.95.

CAMPING

The Golden Book of Camping, by Gordon Lynn.

An excellent book containing 55 subjects related to camping and camp-craft, including such subjects as: The History of Camping, Types of Camping, Building a Camp, Canoe Trips, Survival Camping, Making Your Own Gear. This book is illustrated in full color throughout and would make a valuable addition to your library. Available from Golden Press, New York. Price: \$2.95.

Editor's note:

The books listed may also be found in most bookstores and in your local library.

WHO WANTS THE BOY?

God wants the boys, the merry, merry boys,

The noisy boys, the funny boys,
The thoughtless boys;

God wants the boys with all their joys,
That He as gold may make them pure,
And teach them trials to endure;

His heroes brave, He'd have them be,
Fighting for truth and purity.

God wants the boys!

—Author Unknown

Royal Rangers Bible Study

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 19 A ROYAL RANGER IS OBEDIENT. HE OBEYS HIS PARENTS, LEADERS, AND THOSE IN AUTHORITY.

Our studies of the Royal Ranger Code and the Bible now bring us to the seventh point of the Code, "A Royal Ranger is obedient. He obeys his parents, leaders, and those in authority."

In this lesson we will see what the Bible teaches about being obedient to our parents. In the next lesson we will study the Bible and see what it teaches concerning obedience to leaders and those in authority. In the final lesson of this series we will study the important lesson of being obedient to God.

In studying the Bible we find several scriptures which tell us we should obey our parents. One of the first scriptures which comes to our mind concerns Jesus. Since Jesus is our example, let us turn to this scripture and see what Jesus did. Luke 2:51, "And he (Jesus) went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was _____ unto them." As we can see from this verse, Jesus obeyed His parents.

Draw a line connecting the parts of the following verses and see what else the Bible teaches us about obeying our parents. (Read Ex. 20:12, Eph. 6:1, and Col. 3:20.)

"Honour thy father and thy mother:

for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord:

that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

"Children, obey your parents in all things:

for this is right."

These verses tell us that obedience to parents is the right thing to do, it is well pleasing to God, and God will bless those who obey.

Review: (Mark true or false.)

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| 1. Children are to obey their father, but not their mother. | T F |
| 2. Children are to obey their mother, but not their father. | T F |
| 3. Children are to obey both their mother and father. | T F |
| 4. Children should only obey their parents when they want to. | T F |
| 5. When children obey their parents, it is pleasing to the Lord. | T F |
| 6. Obeying parents is the right thing to do. | T F |
| 7. God has promised to bless those who obey their parents. | T F |

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

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LESSON: 20 A ROYAL RANGER IS OBEDIENT. HE OBEYS HIS LEADERS AND THOSE IN AUTHORITY.

God has established different kinds of authority. In our last lesson we studied one kind of authority, the authority of parents. We learned in our study that we should obey our parents. This, we found, is pleasing to the Lord.

This week let us study a different kind of authority. God in His wisdom knew sinful men needed a government to keep them from destroying each other. Therefore, He established another authority. This authority is the government. We read this in Romans 13:1, "the _____ that be are _____ (established) of God."

Everyday we can read of people who disobey their parents, leaders, and even the government. Sometimes they may want us to join them in their lawlessness. The question arises: should we? Let us turn to the Bible and see what it tells us about obedience to the government.

Complete the following verses:

1. 1 Peter 2:13, 15, "_____ yourselves to every ordinance (law) of man for the Lord's sake." "For so is the will of God."
2. Romans 13:1, "Let every soul be _____ unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God."
3. Hebrews 13:17, "_____ them that have the rule over you, and _____ yourselves."
4. Titus 3:1, "Put them in mind to be _____ to principalities and powers, to _____ magistrates, to be ready to every good work."
5. Ecclesiastes 8:2, "I counsel thee to _____ the king's commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God."

Notice the words you have written in the scriptures above. Each one of these words speaks of obedience. Thus, the verses above make it clear that we should obey those in authority. This would include obedience to our teachers, leaders, policemen, governors, and all other law-enforcing agencies.

It was the practice of one ancient kingdom that when the king died, all laws would be suspended for five days. There were so many murders, robberies, and other crimes during this time that the people were ready to have a government again. We need to thank God for our government and do our best to keep it strong by obeying our leaders.

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

—Booker T. Washington

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

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LESSON: 21 A ROYAL RANGER IS OBEDIENT. HE OBEYS GOD.

In the last two lessons we learned from the Bible we should obey our parents, leaders, and those in authority. This lesson will complete the series of lessons on obedience. The subject we want to study in this lesson is the most important one of the three. It is obedience to God.

Complete the following verses:

1. Luke 11:28, "blessed are they that _____ the word of God, and _____ it."
2. James 1:22, "But be ye _____ of the word, and not _____ only."
3. Matthew 7:24, "Therefore whosoever _____ these sayings of mine, and _____ them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."

Notice the two words that appear in some form in each of these verses. They are "do" and "hear." What God is telling us in these verses is hearing the word of God is not enough. We need to obey His word also.

4. John 14:15, "If ye _____ me, _____ my commandments."
5. John 14:21, "He that hath my commandments, and _____ them, he it is that _____ me."
6. John 14:23, "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man _____ me, he will _____ my words."
7. John 14:24, "He that _____ me _____ _____ my sayings."

We can see by these verses, the way to show our love to God is by keeping His commandments. If we do not obey God, then we are telling everyone we do not love Him.

Once again, let us look to our great example, Jesus. Turn to Philippians 2:8, "he (Jesus) humbled himself, and became _____ unto death, even the death of the cross." Jesus was obedient and gave His life so we might have eternal life.

Have you ever thought about the suffering Jesus went through so we might be saved? There was a crown of thorns driven into His head. They mocked Him, they struck Him, and spit on Him. They whipped Him with a Roman cat-o'-nine-tails. Then they nailed Him to a cross by driving nails through his hands and feet. This is what Jesus was willing to do for us. Can we do less than obey Him?

To know what you know, and know what you don't know, is characteristic of one who knows.

—Confucious

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 22 A ROYAL RANGER IS SPIRITUAL. HE PRAYS.

With this lesson we start a series of three lessons on the eighth point of the Ranger Code, "A Royal Ranger is spiritual. He prays, reads his Bible, and witnesses." This is the most important point in the Code. Every Royal Ranger should do his best to be the kind of Christian Jesus wants him to be.

In this lesson our subject is "A Royal Ranger Prays." In the next lesson the subject will be "A Royal Ranger Reads His Bible." In the third and last lesson of this series the subject will be "A Royal Ranger Witnesses."

Prayer is talking to God. If you have a good friend, you always enjoy talking to him. Jesus is the best friend a boy ever had. Therefore, you should talk to Him in prayer sometime everyday.

1. David said he would pray _____, _____, and _____. (Psalms 55:17)
2. Jesus prayed at _____ (Luke 6:12), in the _____ (Mark 1:35), and in the _____. (Matthew 14:23)
3. Paul prayed _____ and _____. (1 Thessalonians 3:10)
4. Paul and Silas prayed at _____. (Acts 16:25)
5. Daniel prayed _____ times a _____. (Daniel 6:10)
6. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 tells us to "Pray without _____."
7. Luke 18:1 says "men ought _____ to _____."

There is no set time when it is best for everyone to pray. You may pray in the morning; someone else may pray during the day; while another prays at night. The important thing is to pray each day.

To see some things prayer has accomplished, complete the following:

8. Elijah prayed that it would not rain "and it _____ on the earth by the space of _____ and _____." And he prayed again, and the heaven _____. (James 5:17,18)
9. Elijah prayed and the "_____ of the Lord fell." (1 Kings 18:36-38)
10. Peter prayed for Tabitha and God _____ her from the dead. (Acts 9:36-41)
11. Paul prayed for the sick and they were _____. (Acts 28:8,9)

When you pray, always take time to thank the Lord Jesus for all His blessings. Pray and ask Him to help you to be the kind of boy He wants you to be. Then, ask Him to supply all your needs. Also, don't forget to pray for others who need your prayers.

You will find as you look back on your life that the moments that stand out above everything else are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.

—Henry Drummond

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND THE RANGER CODE

LESSON: 23 A ROYAL RANGER IS SPIRITUAL. HE READS THE BIBLE.

In the last lesson we studied about prayer. We learned we should pray everyday. In this lesson we will study another subject which is just as important—Bible reading. In prayer, we talk to God thanking and praising Him for what He has done. We also tell Him of our needs and the needs of others. When we read the Bible, we give God a chance to talk to us and tell us what we need to know.

Bible reading gives us light for Christian living.

At night we turn the headlights of our cars on so we can see and avoid the many dangers of the road. With this light we are able to arrive safely at our destination. This is what the Word of God does for us as we travel the road to heaven. It gives us light so we can avoid the dangers of sin and make heaven our home.

Complete the following verses and see what the book of Psalms tells us:

1. Psalms 119:105, "Thy (God's) _____ is a _____ unto my _____, and a _____ unto my _____."
2. Psalms 119:130, "The entrance of thy _____ giveth _____; it giveth understanding unto the simple."
3. Psalms 119:11, "Thy _____ have I hid in my heart, that I might not _____ against thee."

Bible reading provides food for spiritual growth.

Just as you need food everyday for physical strength and growth, you need food for spiritual strength and growth.

Complete the following verses and see what kind of food is needed for spiritual growth:

4. 1 Peter 2:2, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the _____, that ye may _____ thereby."
5. Matthew 4:4, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by _____ that proceedeth out of the mouth of _____."

Bible reading increases our faith in God.

6. Romans 10:17, "_____ cometh by _____ and _____ by the _____."

We can see from these verses that Bible reading is important. Bible reading will build your faith and make you a stronger Christian. A Royal Ranger should make a practice of reading the Bible everyday.

The moving finger writes; and, having writ, moves on:
Nor all your piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it.

—Omar Khayyam

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

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LESSON: 24 A ROYAL RANGER IS SPIRITUAL. HE WITNESSES.

This lesson concludes our study of the eighth point of the Ranger Code. In the last two lessons we learned that a Ranger should pray and read his Bible everyday. In this lesson we will study the subject of witnessing.

Witnessing is telling others about the Lord Jesus Christ. Because He lives in our heart, we should tell others how wonderful it is to be a Christian. There are many boys who you come in contact with each day. Many of them need a friend like Jesus to live in their hearts. Jesus showed how much He loves us when He died on the cross. We can show our love to Jesus by encouraging others to accept Him as their personal savior.

We should witness because the Word of God tells us to witness.

Complete the following verses and match them to the correct scripture reference:

1. Mark 16:15 "Let your _____ so _____ before men, that they may _____ your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."
2. Acts 1:8 "Go _____ into all the world and _____ the gospel to every creature."
3. Matthew 5:16 "And ye shall be _____ unto me."
4. Ezekiel 18:20 "The wages of sin is _____."
5. Romans 6:23 "And whosoever was not found written in the _____ of _____ was cast into the _____."
6. Revelation 20:15 "The soul that _____, it shall _____."

Our friends and loved ones who have not accepted Christ are lost and will spend eternity in hell.

7. Romans 10:14, "and how shall they _____ in him of whom they have _____? and how shall they _____ without a preacher?"

Why don't you be the person who tells them of this wonderful Friend?

He that forever dreams of a brighter tomorrow
And finds no happiness today,
Has overlooked the beauty in this world
Somewhere along his way.

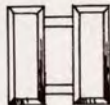
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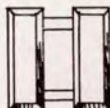
The local Outpost Commander wears two blue bars, his Lt. Commander wears only one blue bar.



Churches who have several outposts and wish one man to coordinate the activities of all the groups, may appoint a Senior Outpost Commander. He will wear two white bars.



The Local Outpost Council wears two gold bars. We recommend that pastors become members of the Outpost Council.



The Sectional Commander wears a gold cluster (major rank). Sectional presbyters who wish to serve as sectional chaplain will also wear a gold cluster.



The Deputy District Commanders and members of the District Committee wear a silver cluster (Lt. Colonel rank).



The District Commander wears a gold eagle (Colonel rank).



Members of the National Advisory Council wear one gold star (Brig. General rank). District superintendents who wish to serve as district chaplain will also wear one gold star. (All district chaplains will become nonresident members of the National Advisory Council).



The National Commander wears two gold stars (Major General). The Executive Director of MF also wears two gold stars.



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