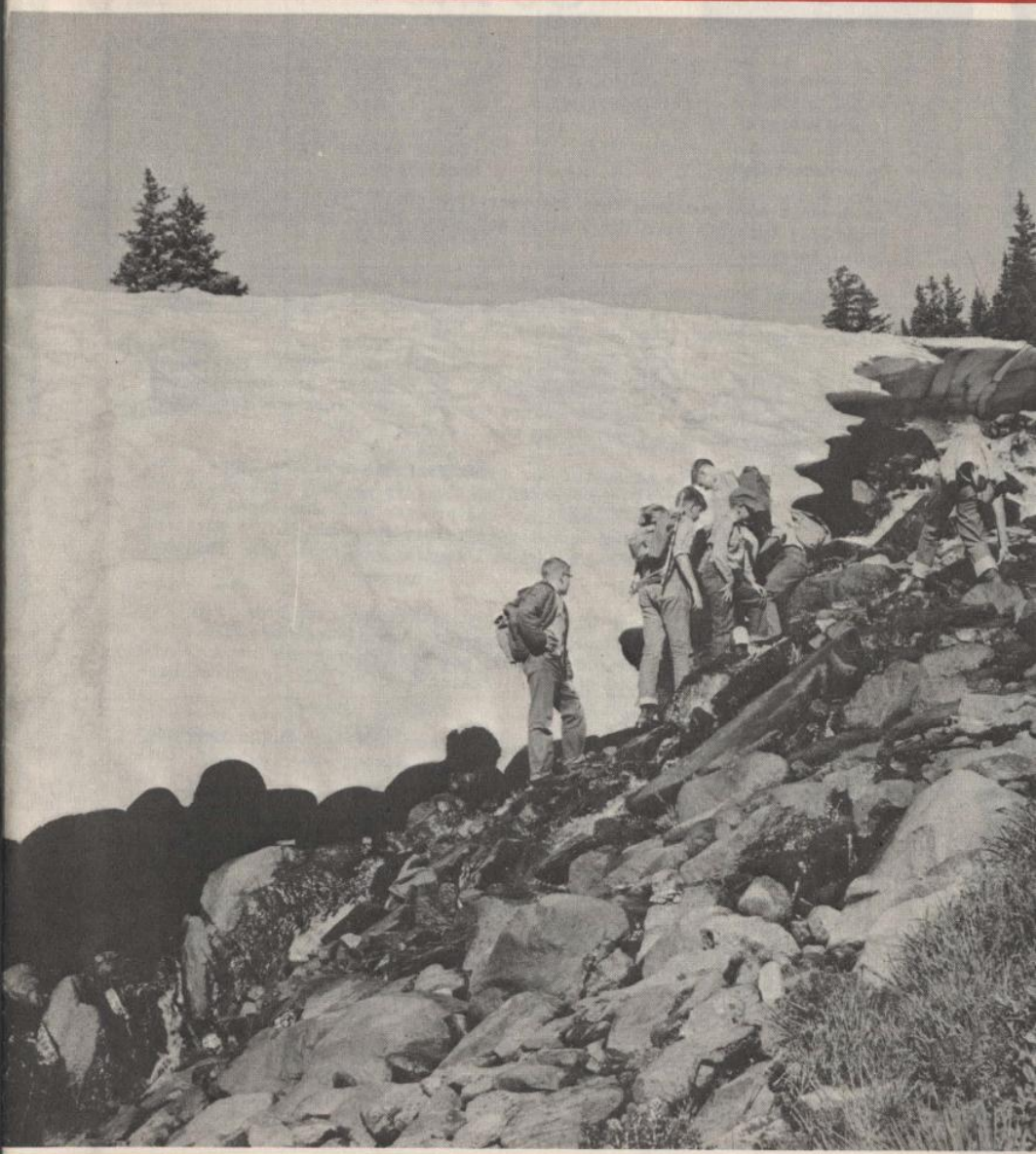




ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS

DISPATCH



DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY 1968-'69



Commander's Corner

Dear Commander:

It doesn't seem possible that the year 1968 could fly by so fast. Undoubtedly this has been the busiest and most exciting year yet for Royal Rangers.

The program continues to grow in the number of new outposts and in enrollment. One of the most exciting developments has been the growth of the Royal Ranger program outside the U.S.A.

The Leadership Training Course has reached an outstanding enrollment of 8,344 leaders. The "Leaders Medal of Achievement" has been awarded to 186 men for completing the entire course. We trust you are among those leaders who are involved in the training course.

This was the year we conducted our first National Training Camps. The response was wonderful. To observe our leaders as they received a new vision, saw a greater potential for the program and developed a new personal confidence, was gratifying. Trainees for next year's National Training Camps will receive a personal invitation from the National Office.

The most thrilling report of the year was the number of boys won to Christ through the Royal Rangers program. Annual Reports from chartered outposts reveal over 8,000 boys accepted Christ and over 4,000 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Praise God for this spiritual harvest!

I would like to challenge you to do even more for boys in the year 1969. May God give you strength and wisdom as you direct your outpost this coming year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you, your family and your outpost.

ROYAL RANGERS DIVISION

Johnnie Barnes

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National Commander



PLANNING GUIDE

WINTER 1968-69

	MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
D E C E M B E R	"READY" FOR WINTER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TECHNIQUES OF WINTER CAMPING 2. WINTERTIME FIRST AID AND SAFETY 3. NATURE STUDY IN WINTERTIME 4. WINTER SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES 	<p>CHRISTMAS PARTY</p> <p>CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON CHRISTMAS EVE</p>	<p>MAKE OR PURCHASE GIFTS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN</p> <p>MAKE BIRD FEEDERS FOR WINTERTIME BIRDS</p>
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J A N U A R Y	ROPECRAFT (SEE CHAPTER 5, ADVENTURES IN CAMPING)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. KNOT TYING: (TEACHING VARIOUS KNOTS) 2. KNOT USAGE: (PRACTICAL USE FOR VARIOUS KNOTS) 3. LASHING: (TECHNIQUES FOR LASHING) 4. USING LASHING: (CAMP GADGETS BRIDGES, ETC.) 	<p>KNOT TYING CONTEST WITH NEIGHBORING OUTPOSTS</p> <p>WINTER CAMPOUT</p> <p>GROUP WINTER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SLEDDING, SKIING, SKATING, ETC.</p>	<p>MAKE PORTABLE FURNITURE FOR MEETING ROOM OR CAMP-SITE USING LASHING TECHNIQUES</p>
	MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
F E B R U A R Y	CAMPING GEAR (SEE CHAPTER 6, ADVENTURES IN CAMPING)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TENTS: (TYPE OF TENTS, ADVANTAGES OF EACH) 2. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT: (BEDROLL, CANTEEN, MESS KIT KNIFE, ETC.) 3. PACKS: (TYPES HOW TO PACK THEM ETC.) 4. CAMP CLOTHING 	<p>OUTPOST HIKE</p> <p>VALENTINE PARTY</p>	<p>REPAIR AND SHAPE UP OUTPOST CAMPING EQUIPMENT</p>

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



TRYING FOR PERFECTION

(Submitted by James Wisecarver
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)

Equipment needed: Transit or level.

How many boys present ever saw a transit or level? The transit or level stands upon a tripod with three legs. This instrument is a precision piece of equipment. A builder of buildings will not start a building unless he has one of these instruments. They are used to make sure that the foundation has the right depth and is brought up the right level. This way the brick masons and carpenters can raise the walls of the building level and true. A level has a part that is called a transit, which will traverse up and down. First, a person using the transit must level the instrument so that he may move it in any horizontal direction, keeping the instrument perfectly level. There is a bubble and some lines; when the bubble stays between the lines then it is perfectly level. Also, upon a transit there may be a compass so that the person may establish lines true with the north or south of any degree of the compass. Along the various parts that have been mentioned, looking into the tube you will find two lines and one of these is horizontal and the other is vertical. You turn the knob upon the top of the instrument and bring into focus the object which you wish to see. By establishing each corner you will have the building true to the plans of the architect.

Let me remind you that if this instrument becomes untrue, then it is of little value to the builder, so he guards the instrument with care so that it is in perfect working order and ready when he needs it. We too can be a precision instrument for God and be ready when God needs us. First, we must be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Then, pray every day and be sure all our sins are under the blood of Jesus. When we keep our life in tune with God we can become a useful instrument in His hands.

WHEELS, WHEELBARROWS, AND STEAMROLLERS

(Submitted by Bill Mountford
La Crescenta, California)

Equipment needed: One auto tire, one wheelbarrow, and one mirror.

Fellows, you all know what this is don't you? (Display auto tire.) A lot of Rangers are like a tire, they have to have something to make them move. This car tire has to be on a car to function properly. If someone drives the car, the tire will do what it is made to do. Get the message?

Next, let's consider a wheelbarrow. (Bring wheelbarrow and show to boys.) Most of us know that a wheelbarrow is used to move a heavy load, but again like the tire, someone has to move the wheelbarrow before it performs its function. We as Rangers should not want to be pushed around. We should want to use the power we have to do a job.

Now let us talk about a steamroller. We know that a steamroller has its own power. With someone to guide it, it gets a lot of work done. Now for me to bring a steamroller to the meeting tonight was an impossible task, and the only substitute I could think of was this mirror. (Show mirror to boys, let them see themselves in it.) Now, this is not a steamroller fellows. However, we are like a steamroller. We have our own power and if we let our Master Ranger, the Lord Jesus Christ, guide us, we can do many things for Him.

A LEAD PENCIL

(Submitted by C. W. Lingerfelt
El Cajon, California)

Material needed: A variety of pencils; some new, a stub, an eversharp, some large, and some small.

The lesson: "My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer." Psalm 45:1.

The lead pencil is a very common article, but a very useful one. The artist and the architect, the businessman and the schoolboy, the doctor, all of us use the pencil. It is similar to man's life in its everyday work, and teaches us some valuable lessons.

The thing that counts most in a lead pencil is the quality of the lead. If it is too hard, crumbly, or gritty, no matter how pretty the outside is, it is of no use. So it is with each of us. The body may be almost perfect in stature and physique, yet if the soul is bad, that life will not count for much. King Saul was a fine looking man but he had a very defective soul. David was a much less imposing man, yet God chose him because he had a good, honest, and humble heart. It was his inner life that made him acceptable.

The wood of this pencil must be whittled away before it is usable. The selfishness, pride, and self-will must be whittled away from our lives before we can be used by God. If the pencil could feel the wood being cut away, it would hurt. But the cutting gives it a point and makes it useful. Trials and discipline will do the same for us; they give us a clearer edge and finer point.

Mistakes are sure to happen and that is what this eraser was put here for; to correct them. This speaks of forgiveness. Our nature is such that we make mistakes and sin, but if we will ask His forgiveness, He will forgive us and erase our sins.

A human life is never in competent hands until it is placed in the hands of the Master. Paul, until he gave himself into the Master's hand, was a blasphemer and a murderer in heart. When he said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" and became obedient to Christ, he became one of the greatest of men in the Bible. The secret of Dwight L. Moody's life was that he put himself fully into God's hands.

This new pencil looks the best, but this stub pencil shows that it has done much work; and who knows how im-

portant that work may have been? There is more honor in old age, after a life of service to God, than in a life that has never become involved in service.

This eversharp reminds us of "everlasting life." Ordinary pencils wear out and are thrown away. This eversharp may last for a lifetime. Our lives, like these ordinary pencils, wear out and come to an end. But Jesus tells us: "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

A GOOD SOLDIER

(Submitted by Lyndell Witt
Grass Valley, California)

The Commander's Purpose: To emphasize the importance of being a good Royal Ranger and Christian all the way. *Commander:* For several years Hernando was a guerrilla soldier who fought in one of the brutal bandit bands that still ravage the backlands of Colombia, South America. A Christian believer witnessed to him and led him to the Lord. On the day that he was baptized in water, he testified, "I fought with all my strength for my guerrilla band, but now I am a soldier for the Lord Jesus Christ, and I will give all my strength to Him."

There are many forces against us in our fight to be a good Royal Ranger and Christian. To just go along for the ride is one thing, but to become involved in the battle for good sometimes causes much resistance. Our enemy, the devil, is continually getting and enlisting new help to promote evil, in an effort to defeat us.

Discussion: How can we best be a loyal Royal Ranger? How can we best serve the Lord when it may mean strong resistance from Satan?

Ceremony: Our energy is used for something, either it will be constructive and helpful, or it will be of very little help to us, or to anyone else. May we choose to use our energy for God and His work. If this is our desire, let us raise our right hand to our Chief Ranger, Jesus Christ, and repeat the pledge together.

FOLLOWING THE MASTER RANGER

*(Submitted by Warren Bebout
San Luis Obispo, California)*

This story took place up in the state of Michigan, where there are lakes that freeze over in the winter. A boy about your age named Joe, came home one day just soaked to the skin. "I just knew that ice was too thin out there to walk on!" he grumbled. "Then why did you go out on it?" asked his mother. "'cause all the other guys did. They would call me a 'chicken' if I didn't," he said.

After Joe's mother gave him some dry clothes, she said, "When I was a little girl, my father had a flock of sheep. Like all sheep, wherever one went, the others followed. One day one of them found a hole in the fence that went through to another field. He jumped without looking and tumbled down into an old dry well where father had thrown stones and rubbish. The next sheep, not looking to see what became of the leader, jumped also, and one by one the others followed. Father tried to drive them back, but they kept on jumping until the old well was full. Father had to pull them out as quickly as possible, and even then those at the bottom were almost smothered to death." "Boy, we were just like those silly sheep, out there on that ice!" laughed Joe.

Have you ever done something just because everyone else was doing it? Do you like to do as others in your group do? If all the other guys wear plaid socks, would you dislike being the only one wearing plain socks? One reason we shrink from being different is that we like the favor of people, and people usually disfavor those who are different.

We as Christians should dare to be different from the sinners that are about us. We must never follow others in doing that which displeases Jesus, our Master Ranger. We are a separate people because we are followers of Christ. You should never follow a sinner in his evil deeds, as he will lead you astray, just as the leading sheep led the flock astray. If you follow Jesus, our Master Ranger, you can't go wrong as he will never fail you, betray you, forsake you, deceive you, or lead you astray. Do not place your trust in men, as they will sometimes fail you.

PALM TREES

*(Submitted by Kenneth Whitlatch
Sonora, California)*

Equipment needed: A palm branch, or picture of a palm tree.

Have you ever wondered why the palm tree was honored by having its branches used on that great day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem? I think it was because palms show us how God wants us to live. First, let us note that the palm tree grows from the heart. The palm can be badly burned on the outside and still live, because its life is on the inside. This means that the life is fed from within, instead of from outside. Ephesians 6:6 speaks of Christians "... doing the will of God from the heart." Next, the palm grows straight. You seldom see a leaning or crooked palm. Like the palm tree, God's children should live straight. The palm tree guides to water. Often desert travelers are guided by the palms, to wells of water miles away. As Andrew brought Peter to Christ, so Christians should be guiding others to Christ, the living water.

The palms grow in groups. Christians also need fellowship. Hebrews 10:25 states, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. . . ." Be like the palm tree and you, too, will bring honor to Christ.

OBEDIENCE

*(Submitted by Alan E. Gell
San Antonio, Texas)*

When George Washington defeated the British Army, someone asked his mother how she had reared such a brilliant son. We all know about Washington's truthfulness, his character, his honor, and his bravery. But his mother simply answered, "I taught him to obey!"

Obedience is a manly quality. Jesus told the older people as well as the younger ones to be obedient. What kind of fun would we have on a hike if half of the outpost straggled away and the rest had to waste the afternoon looking for them?

Let us remember that blue point on our emblem which reminds us to obey our parents, leaders, and those in authority.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

(Submitted by Berry E. Terry
Springfield, Massachusetts)

Equipment needed: Candles and matches.

Purpose: To challenge each Royal Ranger to live such a life that his light will shine before others and they will know that he is a Christian.

Scripture verse: Matthew 5:14-16

The Bible tells us that we are the light of the world. As Christians, we should be like a city built upon a high hill where our lights cannot be hidden. The Bible also gives us this example: Nobody lights a lamp to put it under a bowl; but instead he puts it on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In Matthew 5:16, we find these words, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." We must live a godly life every minute of the day in order that our light will shine before those persons that we see and come into contact with each day. We must let them see the good things that we do and what we stand for. By letting our light shine, they will see the good things we do. By doing this, we will give praise and glorify our Father which is in heaven. Are you letting your light shine tonight? Are you giving God the praise that he deserves and letting your everyday witness glorify his name? If you are not, you can make a commitment and begin this very night. If you are serious and want to make such a commitment, take your candle, light it and stand up. Do not light your candle if you do not intend to keep your promise to Jesus. By lighting your candle and standing up, you are indicating to Jesus Christ that you will let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and that you are a Christian. If you will take this stand, you will be glorifying your Father which is in heaven

STICK TO YOUR BUSH

(Submitted by Fred Rye
Sun Valley, California)

Object: To emphasize to Royal Rangers that when they start a project or task, that they must stick with the project or task until it is finished.

Message: Tonight fellows, we want to talk about one of the biggest problems that our young people have today. Have you ever begun a task or started to do something you felt was important or interesting, and before it was finished you lost interest and put it off to a later date? The problem with putting things off is, that you never get back to them again.

A few years ago when I was just a boy, my dad would give me chores to do around the house. He would come back a few hours later and usually find them only half done, or perhaps find that I had left them to go play. It was on one of these occasions that my father told me a story which has always stuck with me.

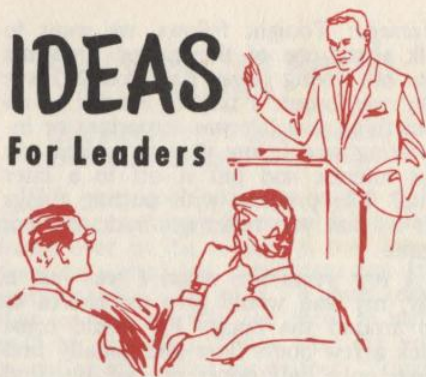
Joe was a boy 10 or 11 years old. He went with his father to pick blackberries so his mother could bake a cobbler for dinner. After they had picked awhile, Joe became tired and disinterested. His dad's pail was almost full, but he had just begun to cover the bottom of his pail. Joe asked his father how it was that he had picked so many berries in such a short time. Joe's dad had been watching him, and Joe would jump from one bush to the other, just picking the big berries and leaving what he considered to be the little ones. Joe's father answered him by saying, "Son, I want you to look at the bushes I have picked, you will find them picked clean. All the berries, little and big, have been picked. You cannot jump from one bush to another and expect to get your pail filled. Joe, you must learn to 'stick to your bush.'"

Many times after this when I would be tempted to not finish a task, I have remembered these words, "Joe, stick to your bush."

"A MAN NEVER STANDS
QUITE SO TALL AS
WHEN HE STOOPS TO
HELP A BOY."

IDEAS

For Leaders



GAME IDEAS

FIND YOUR PATROL

(Submitted by Reverend David Donelson, Leon, Iowa)

Equipment needed: Blindfold for each Ranger.

Patrol members are blindfolded and scattered out over a designated area. At a given signal, each patrol tries to get those of his own patrol to find each other. This is done by giving the patrol yell, song, or whatever they have to identify themselves. When they make contact by this method, hands are joined and they continue searching for the rest of their patrol. The first patrol to form a chain of all members is declared the winner.

ARE YOU THERE, CHARLIE?

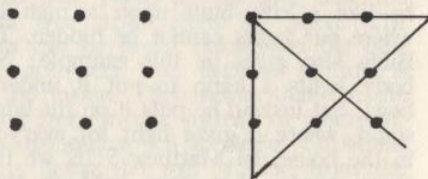
(Submitted by Ottis Griffin Anniston, Alabama)

Two blindfolded players lie stretched out on the floor facing each other, with their left hands joined. Each holds a rolled newspaper in his right hand. One of them says, "Are you there, Charlie?" The other player answers, "Yeah." The first player then swings his newspaper in the direction from which the answer came, and the second player ducks his head. It then becomes the second player's turn to ask the question. Give each contestant 10 tries and score each hit with one point. For added fun, after the game has progressed for a while, the leader may slip the blindfold from one of the players and allow the game to go on.

PUZZLE

(Submitted by John Markin Fullerton, California)

Each boy is given a sheet of paper with dots drawn on it. The object is to connect all of the dots with four straight lines without lifting pencil from paper or backtracking.



Solution: Draw a line through each dot, connecting all dots with four straight lines by extending lines as shown in diagram.

SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD

(Submitted by B. R. Blosser Bellflower, California)

Here is an idea for promoting Royal Rangers leadership. Send the following letter to men you wish to serve as new Royal Rangers leaders.

Greetings in the name of our Lord!

You have been classified as 1A to serve in the Royal Rangers as a Lt. Commander or Commander. You will find the date for your induction in this letter. Please notify us in advance if you cannot be there. (A later date will then be set.) On(date)....., you will report to for your introduction into Royal Rangers. Please bring all necessary items for immediate service with Royal Rangers.

God needs *you* for this service, and if you fail to be present at the above date, you will be summoned to a hearing before a board of officers to be served sentence or fine.

Sincerely,

Royal Rangers Bible Study



ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 24: BIRDS

With this lesson we will bring our study of birds to an end. In the last 18 studies we have considered nine of the many different kinds of birds. In each study we have learned a valuable lesson. In this one we will learn of God's care of the birds and His care of us.

Have you ever noticed the large flocks of birds which fly south each fall and return again each spring? Some of these birds only fly a few hundred miles. Other birds fly thousands of miles. One species of birds travel approximately 18,000 miles each year. These birds can leave their nests in the fall, fly thousands of miles and return to the same nest in the spring without the aid of compass or map. This is a God-given ability.

God did not stop with giving the birds these abilities but he still cares for them. Complete the following and learn of God's care.

1. Matthew 6:26, "Behold the fowls of the air: for they _____, neither do they _____, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly _____ them."
2. Luke 12:6, "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and _____ of them is _____ before God?"
3. Matthew 10:29, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not _____ on the ground without your _____:"

God not only cares for the birds, even knowing when a sparrow dies, but he also cares about us.

4. Matthew 10:31, "Fear ye not therefore, _____ are of _____ than many _____."
5. Matthew 10:30, "But the very _____ of your _____ are all numbered."

Below are more verses which tell us of God's care for us. Complete the verses by unscrambling the words and placing them in the blanks.

6. 1 Peter 5:7, "_____ all your care upon him; for he _____ for you." (tancsig) (atherc)
7. Philippians 4:6, "Be _____ for nothing; but in every thing by _____ and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made _____ unto God." (fruaelc) (yrreap) (nnwok)
8. Psalm 37:5, "_____ thy way unto the _____; _____ also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." (tmimoc) (rldo) (surtt)
9. Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye _____ the _____ of God, and his _____; and all these things _____ be added unto you." (sirtf) (kgiomn) (ioueesstnhgr) (hlsal)

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 25: ANIMALS - CHAMELEON (Part A)

The chameleon is only mentioned once in the Bible. This one place is Leviticus 11:30, where it is listed as an unclean animal. However, the chameleon is an interesting animal and can teach us several lessons.

The chameleon is an "Old World" animal belonging to one of the families of lizards. There are no true chameleons in the United States. However, some of the North American lizards have many of the same characteristics as the chameleon.

The first thing you would probably notice while watching a chameleon is its ability to change colors. Wherever the chameleon goes it changes color to match the colors around it. After watching the chameleon as it moves from place to place you may wonder what its true color is.

The chameleon's ability to change color reminds us of some Christians. When they are in church they act like Christians, but when they go to school they go along with the crowd and do not show their true Christian colors. You never really know what they are because they are always changing.

Complete the following to see what the Bible says about this.

1. Luke 16:13, "No servant can serve _____ for either he will _____ the one, and _____ the other; or else he will hold to the one, and _____ the other. Ye cannot serve _____ and _____."
2. 1 Corinthians 10:21, "Ye cannot drink of the cup of the _____, and the cup of _____, ye cannot be _____ of the _____ table and the table of _____."

Answer the following true and false questions.

3. The Bible says we can serve God and Satan at the same time. T F
4. We can serve God on Sunday and serve Satan during the week. T F
5. Christians serve God every day of their lives. T F

These scriptures teach us that it is impossible to serve God and Satan at the same time, nor can we change back and forth. Joshua knew that everyone had to decide whom they would serve, so he gave a challenge and made his decision. Fill in the blanks to see what they were.

6. Joshua 24:15, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, _____ you this day whom you will _____;...but as for me and my house, we will _____ the _____."

Have you decided to serve God? If you have not, why not decide now?

SCAVENGER HUNT

Instead of rare items, let each Ranger bring back certain information that will test him in various skills. For example: A piece of rope with a certain assigned knot tied in it. A leaf from a tree 140 degrees and 50 feet from the outpost meeting door. (Make your own list.)

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 26: ANIMALS - CHAMELEON (Part B)

Normally the sides of a chameleon have rows of pale brown patches; the rest of his body is gray-green with dark flecks. However, because of his color-changing ability, you may have to watch a long time before seeing one this color.

The chameleon hides by changing colors and blending with the surroundings. Some Christians hide their testimony this way. Instead of letting the people around them know they are Christians, they try to blend in with their surroundings.

Read the following scriptures and fill in the blanks to find out what God wants us to do.

1. Matthew 5:14, "Ye are the _____."
2. Matthew 5:15, "Neither do men _____ a candle, and put it under a _____, but on a _____; and it giveth _____ unto all that are in the house."
3. Matthew 5:16, "Let your _____ before men, that they may _____ your good works, and _____ your Father which is in heaven."

These verses tell us to let our light shine before others. In other words, tell others about the love of God. We can do this in several ways. Two of these ways are mentioned below.

You can let your light shine by witnessing.

4. Psalm 66:16, "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will _____ what he _____ for my soul."
5. Psalm 71:15, "My _____ shall shew forth thy _____ and thy _____ all the day."
6. Psalm 119:46, "I will _____ of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be _____."
7. Mark 16:15, "Go _____ into all the world and _____ the gospel to every creature."

You can let your light shine by doing good.

8. 1 Timothy 6:18, "That they _____, that they be rich in _____."
9. Matthew 25:35, "For I was ahungered, and ye _____; I was thirsty, and ye _____; I was a stranger and ye _____."
10. Hebrews 13:16, "But to do _____ and to communicate forget _____: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

ROYAL RANGER BROCHURES

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ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 27: ANIMALS - CHAMELEON (Part C)

In the last two lessons we discussed the color-changing ability of the chameleon. In this lesson we want to turn our attention to another interesting characteristic of the chameleon, his tongue.

One of the interesting aspects of the chameleon's tongue is its ability to stretch. It can extend it's tongue a distance exceeding the length of it's body and withdraw it at an amazing speed. Another feature of the chameleon's tongue is the sticky spot on the tip.

The chameleon uses it's tongue to secure food. It either stalks a fly or insect or waits for one to fly into range, shooting out it's tongue with lightening speed to catch its prey.

The quick, deadly tongue of the chameleon reminds us of another tongue which is every bit as dangerous. That tongue is the human tongue. James gives us a vivid description of the tongue. Let us see how he describes it. James 3:6 and 8, "And the tongue is a _____, a world of _____."

The picture that James paints is pretty black. Although man in himself is not able to control the tongue, the Holy Spirit will help each Christian to control his tongue. The Bible tells us some ways the tongue should not be used and some ways the tongue should be used.

Ways the tongue should not be used.

1. Psalm 34:13, "Keep thy tongue from _____, and thy lips from _____."
2. Psalm 39:1, "I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I _____ with my _____."
3. Psalm 52:4, "Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou _____."

Ways the tongue should be used.

4. Isaiah 63:7, "I will _____ the loving-kindness of the _____, and the _____ of the _____."
5. Malachi 3:16, "Then they that feared the Lord _____ one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it."
6. Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to _____ with _____, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

SURVIVAL LEAFLET

An excellent leaflet on survival and survival kits is available free from New York State Conservation Department, Division of Education, Albany, New York

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 28: ANIMALS - CHAMELEON (Part D)

So far we have considered two characteristics of the chameleon, it's color-changing ability and it's tongue. In this lesson we will study another characteristic, the chameleon's eyes.

The chameleon's eyes are unusual. The eyelids are circular and cover all the eye except the pupil. Each eye can be moved independently. One eye can look forward while the other eye is used to look in the opposite direction. Both eyes can also be focused upon the same object. This enables the chameleon to judge distance so he can catch insects.

The chameleon's eyes remind us of the Christian's eyesight. A Christian sees with both physical and "spiritual eyes." The spiritual eyes operate through faith, allowing the Christian to see the eternal values which are beyond the things of this world.

Noah was a man with spiritual eyesight. God warned Noah that a flood was coming. Noah, through faith, knew the flood would come. Read the account in Hebrews 11:7, and answer the following questions.

1. By faith Noah knew a flood was coming. T F
2. Noah refused to build an ark. T F
3. Noah was able to save his family. T F

Moses was also a man with spiritual eyesight. He used it in making an important decision. Read about this decision in Hebrews 11:24-29, and answer the following questions.

4. Moses could have been called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. T F
5. As a son of Pharaoh's daughter, Moses might have become a Pharaoh. T F
6. Moses chose God rather than the riches of Egypt. T F

The reason Moses made the choice he did was, "he had _____ unto the recompense of _____." (Verse 26) There are different rewards which come as a result of serving God. Let us see what some of these rewards are.

7. 2 Timothy 2:12, "If we suffer, we _____ also _____ with him."
8. Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in _____, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he _____ in thee."
9. Colossians 3:4, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall _____ with him in _____."

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LESSON 29: ANIMALS - CONEY

The coney which is mentioned in the Bible is known by several different names. The name most often used today is hyrax. They are also called "rock rabbits," although they are not rabbits. The Encyclopedia Britannica describes the hyrax as plump, having a "...pointed head, short neck, relatively short slender legs, and squat tailless body..."

There are three interesting characteristics of the conies which we want to mention. The first is their climbing ability. The pads on their feet make climbing easy for them, allowing them to scale surfaces which are almost vertical. The second characteristic is their choice of living quarters. Their choice is described in the Bible, Proverbs 30:26, "The conies are but a _____, yet _____ they their _____ in the _____." And, Psalms 104:18, "The high hills are a _____ for the wild goats; and the _____ for the _____." The third characteristic is their natural helplessness to defend themselves when attacked. In the Book of Proverbs the conies are called, "but a feeble folk."

The conies make up in wisdom what they lack in strength. Knowing their natural helplessness the conies have made their homes in rocky places. In this retreat they are stronger than all the powers that come against them. We also have a "Rock" to which we can flee. In this "Rock" we are stronger than all the powers that can come against us. Let us see what the Bible says about this "Rock."

God is our "Rock."

1. 2 Samuel 22:2, "The Lord is my _____, and my _____, and my _____."

God is our salvation.

2. Psalm 62:2, "He only is my rock and my _____; he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved."

God is our refuge.

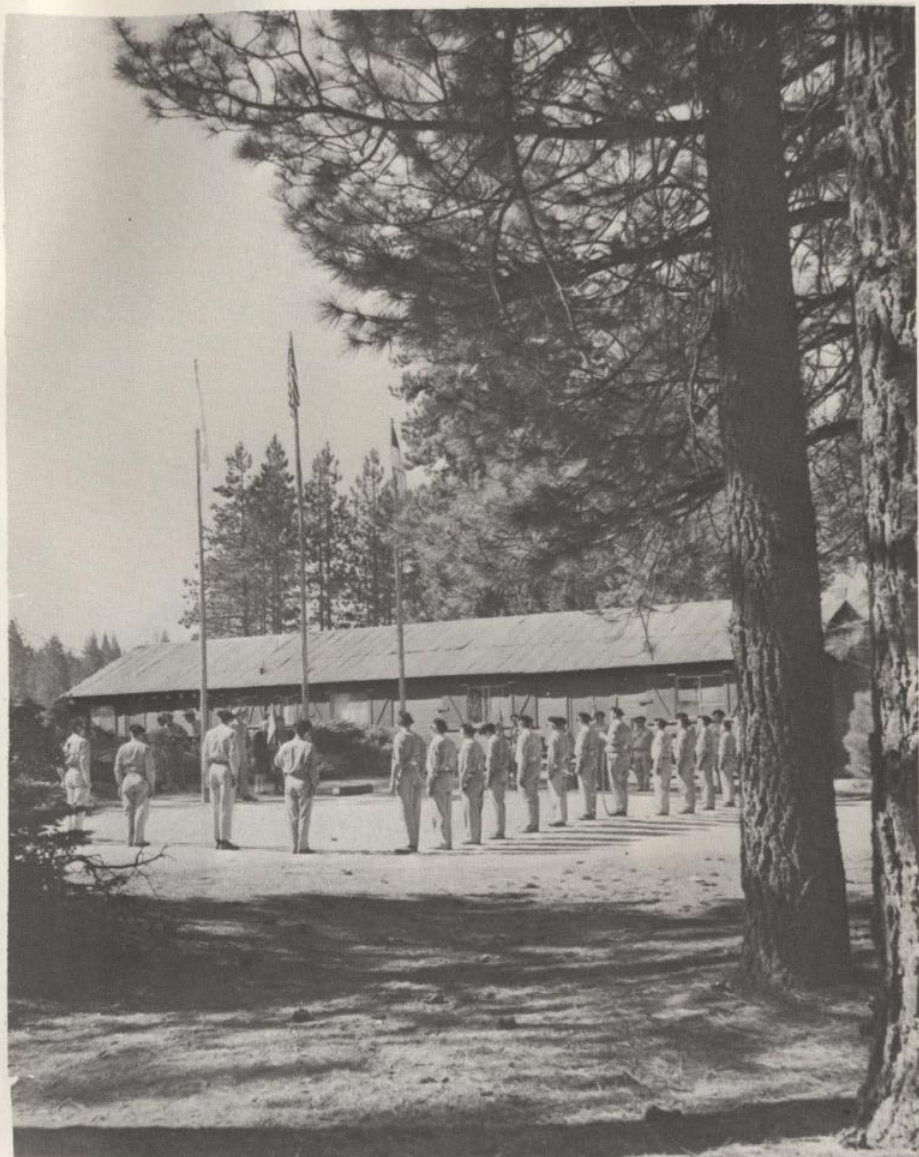
3. Deuteronomy 33:27, "The eternal God is thy _____, and underneath are the _____."

God is our help and shield.

4. Psalm 115:11, "Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their _____ and their _____."

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