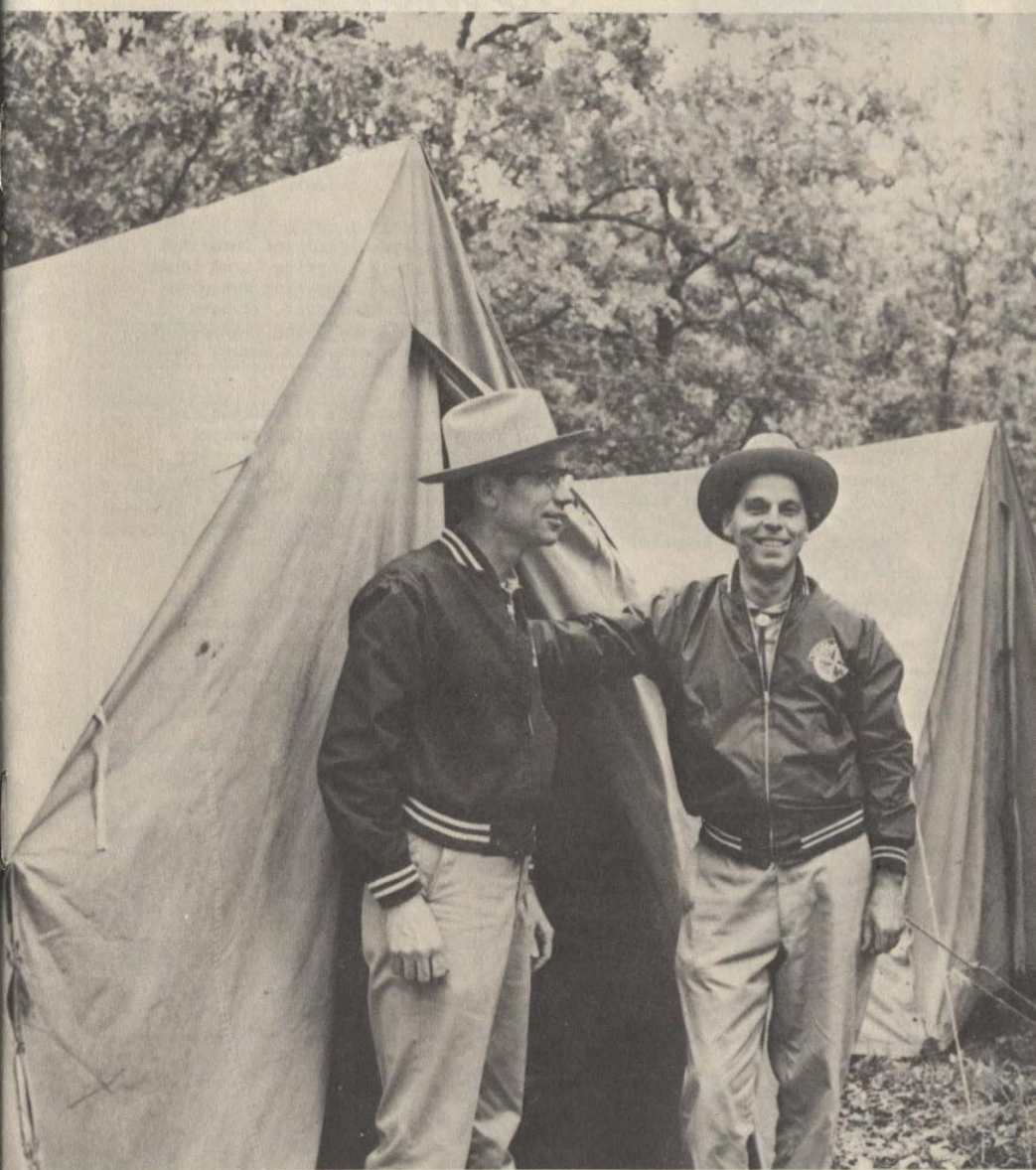


ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS



DISPATCH



MARCH APRIL MAY 1969



Commander's Corner

Dear Commander:

It's the time of year to shake out the ole pack-sack and get ready for Spring hikes and camp-outs with your Royal Rangers. Spring is an ideal time for nature study, sports, break-in hikes, and preparing and planning for more extended camping when warmer weather arrives. I have never seen a young colt romping in the spring without being reminded of the surplus energy of boys. You will want to channel this energy into a lot of exciting activities during the spring quarter.

If you will plan well, then prayerfully carry out your plans this can be one of the most exciting times of the year for Royal Rangers. Sam Cochran, Royal Ranger Special Aide-de-Camp, has a motto for his very successful business that I would like to share with you. "Plan your work, then work your plan, and you'll be a successful man." This motto would also be very good for men who want to become successful Royal Ranger Leaders. Remember, a good program doesn't just happen. It is up to you.

A good leader will earn the permanent admiration and gratitude of his boys. At the close of a recent meeting, I asked a certain Royal Ranger; "what do you think of your Commander?" With a face shining with undisguised admiration, he exclaimed; "boy, he's the greatest!" What a privilege and opportunity we have as leaders. May God help us to always do our very best.

Sincerely,

ROYAL RANGERS DIVISION

Johnnie Barnes
National Commander

PLANNING GUIDE

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<p>EMERGENCY BEFORE AND AFTER</p> <p>(See Chap. 8, Leader's Manual)</p>	<p>CRACK-UP (Auto accidents)</p> <p>"FIRE, FIRE"</p> <p>OUTDOOR EMERGENCY. (Snake bite, drowning etc.)</p> <p>NATURAL TURBULENCES. (Tornado, Floods, Earthquakes, etc.)</p>	<p>VISIT HIGHWAY PATROL, FIRE DEPARTMENT, CIVIL DEFENSE OR WEATHER BUREAU. BE SURE TO CALL AHEAD BEFORE MAKING TRIPS.</p> <p>TRAIN OLDER R.R.'s AS AN EMERGENCY UNIT.</p>	<p>PREPARE OUTPOST EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT</p> <p>SELECT A PROJECT FROM PAGES 86-90 LEADERS MANUAL</p>
MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
<p>CONSERVATION AND YOU</p> <p>(See Chap. 7, Adventures in Camping)</p>	<p>WILDLIFE</p> <p>PLANTS & TREES</p> <p>SOIL</p> <p>OUTDOOR MANNERS</p>	<p>VISIT A CONSERVATION AGENCY SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, OR WILDLIFE AGENCIES</p> <p>TAKE A CONSERVATION HIKE</p>	<p>ADOPT A CONSERVATION PROJECT FOR YOUR OUTPOST</p> <p>HAVE EACH BOY LEARN AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE CONSERVATION PLEDGE ON PAGE 87, "ADVENTURES IN CAMPING."</p>
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<p>COMPASS AND MAP</p> <p>(See chap. 8 Adventures in Camping)</p>	<p>HISTORY AND PARTS OF THE COMPASS</p> <p>ORIENTATING AND USING THE COMPASS</p> <p>USING A MAP WITH THE COMPASS</p> <p>VALUE OF A COMPASS</p>	<p>TAKE A CROSS COUNTRY HIKE USING A COMPASS AND TOPOGRAPHY MAP</p>	<p>SECURE A TOPOGRAPHY MAP OF YOUR CAMP-SITE AREA AND MOUNT IT IN YOUR MEETING ROOM. LABEL VARIOUS POINTS OF INTEREST ON THE MAP SUCH AS CAMP SITE, CAVES, STREAM, ETC.</p>

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



CAMPFIRE SERVICE

(Submitted by Joseph F. Pottle
Malden, Massachusetts)

PREPARATION: Build a council fire and seat boys in a semicircle.

Fellows, you have been following the "Adventure Trail" for some time now and it has been fun. Another important part of your training is to be willing to serve Christ. Jesus is calling young men who are strong in body, keen of mind and prepared in heart to do His work.

I would like to tell you of a young man who did give his life to Christ and who became a missionary to the Delaware Fork Indians and the Stockbridge Indians.

Although some men mistreated the American Indians, David Brainerd spent his short life telling them the love of Christ. Since he had been left a lonely orphan at 14, he was prepared to face the hardships of missionary work among the Stockbridge Indians. Later he journeyed to the Delaware Fork Indians with the message of Isaiah 53 aflame in his heart. He was miraculously protected from wild animals and savage Indians while hiking over dangerous forest trails. Broken in health from hardships and exposure, the "Apostle to the Indians," died at the age of 29. The memory of Brainerd's deep spiritual life and the unselfish pioneering spirit greatly influenced other great missionary heroes. So fellows, why not let this young man's life be an inspiration to you. Ask Jesus to look into your hearts and call you into whatever service He wishes for your life.

HABITS AND WEEDS

(Submitted by Fred Rye
Sun Valley, California)

Purpose: To show boys the danger of bad habits in their lives.

Setting: Out-of-doors, on a lawn.

Story: The story is told of a lad who was helping his dad weed the garden. The dad explained to him the difference between weeds and the small spears of

corn. "Because the weeds will grow very fast, they must be pulled out or they will suffocate the tender corn and it will not grow," his dad said. In other words, the weeds will outgrow the corn.

"So it is son, in your own life it is very important that you pull the weeds of bad habits out of your life so the good habits can grow and ripen, forming good character."

The boy started down the row pulling the weeds. Although he tried to be very careful, roots from the bigger weeds would quite often pull up one of the tender corn shoots.

His dad noticed his trouble and said to him, "This is the way with weeds (bad habits) in our own lives. We must get rid of them when they are young or we will have difficulty getting rid of them later."

Fellows, anything that you attempt to grow will probably become infested with weeds unless you constantly work at weeding. A lawn such as the one we are sitting on must have constant attention to keep it free of wild grass or weeds. Flower gardens must be weeded or weeds will take control.

It is the same with your life as a Royal Ranger. You must overcome bad habits in your life while they are small, before they become too large to uproot.

A CALCULATED RISK

(Submitted by M. J. Malloy
Sun Valley, California)

At our home in the Verdugo Mountains on the outskirts of the city of Los Angeles, we sometimes see facets of nature that the city dwellers seldom see.

One night about midnight we were awakened by the neighbor's dogs barking as they chased something across our unfenced yard. Slipping on a robe and shoes, I reached for a flashlight and headed outdoors in the direction of the noise. To my delight and surprise, a tiny fawn deer ran through the ground cover followed by one of the neighbor's dogs. The dog ran up to the fawn and

sniffed at it and then turned and ran back to its home. The fawn then disappeared around the back of our home.

This is what may have happened. The doe, the mother of the fawn, had been surprised by several coyotes and she had dashed to safety by taking the little fawn right down into the midst of the dogs. She then escaped by jumping over a nearby ditch. Later she returned for her fawn. She could easily outrun the coyotes or the dogs by herself, but her baby would have been attacked and eaten by the hungry coyotes. Domestic dogs are regularly fed by their owners so they would not ordinarily attack a fawn.

In human terminology, the deer took what we would call "a calculated risk," and chose the lesser of the two dangers for safety.

She illustrated two points of the Royal Ranger code. Alertness and courage. With God's help we too can think quickly and react without panic during times of danger. We learn first aid skills and outdoor skills to prepare us for emergencies and disasters. It is also very important to prepare our hearts and minds for emergencies through prayer and the study of God's Word.

DO YOU KNOW GOD?

*(Submitted by Robert Brown
Turlock, California)*

When Mark Twain, the famous author was touring Europe with his wife and daughter Clarice, they met a great many notable people. They were invited to the palace of the King of England; they dined with the President of France; and they were asked to visit the German Emperor. Mark Twain's little girl was greatly impressed and she said to her father, "Soon there won't be anybody left for you to get acquainted with except God."

That is the way with a lot of people. They like to meet important officials such as the mayor of the city, the governor of the state and the President of our country, but they fail to get acquainted with the Lord, who is greater than any of these.

If we have not done so already, let us make it our aim to get acquainted with God.

We read about Him in the Bible, and know that He created the world and placed man here on earth. We know that He causes the sun to rise and set, the rain to fall and the plants to grow in order that we may have food. We know of His love in sending Jesus into the world to die on the cross for our sins, and to be raised from the dead that we might have certainty of life everlasting. We have learned many things about Him, yet many of us really do not know Him.

How do you come to know anyone? Not just by seeing a person. Let us suppose that a new boy moved into your neighborhood. You learn his name, you see him walk past the house on the way to school or ride his bike up and down the street, you recognize him, but still you do not know him. Now, how are you going to become acquainted with him? You must talk with him. This is also the way you become acquainted with God.

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS

*(Submitted by Bill Hildreth)
Springfield, Massachusetts)*

Purpose: To encourage boys to read God's Word.

A lady once had a large stain on her living room rug. While shopping one day, she found a jar labeled "Spot and Stain Remover." She brought it home and rubbed it all over the stain. It didn't seem to be doing the job so she put the jar away thinking she had wasted her money when she bought it.

The next morning she saw that the stain indeed was gone, but she wasn't at all happy about it. Where the stain had been, she now had a large ragged hole, and under the hole in the rug the floor was badly discolored.

Only then did she decide to read the instructions on the jar, but, of course, it was too late. If she had read the instructions first she would have known that the cleaner was intended to be

HE GAVE HIS LIFE

(Submitted by Ollie M. Henley, Jr.
Dallas, Texas)

mixed with water, and not used full strength as she had used it. Also she would have known what to do if some of the fluid had accidentally spilled on the rug before water was added. Because she did not read the instructions first, the rug was ruined.

Fellows, there is a Book of instructions that has been written to help us. With these instructions we can know how to use our lives, how to make corrections when we make mistakes, and even how to remove stains without ruining our lives.

These instructions will do us no good if we do not follow them. Before we can follow them we must read them. Part of the Ranger Code says, "A Royal Ranger is spiritual. He prays, reads the Bible, and witnesses." If you are living up to the Ranger Code, you are already reading God's instruction book. If you are not, let's begin tonight by promising God that you will start reading His Word everyday and ask Him to help you to understand His instructions.

NATURE'S RAIN CYCLE

(Submitted by David Higgins
Oceanside, California)

Purpose: To show the boys that we should work together for God.

Setting: Somewhere in the out-of-doors.

This is a great place for camping isn't it, fellows? The landscape is nice and green, and the air smells just great, doesn't it? Do you know what makes it so green and nice out here? It is nature's rain cycle. It begins with the clouds dropping water in the form of rain. The trees, flowers, grass, and plants soak up the rain. The water that is left over runs into streams and ends up in a lake. Here it begins to evaporate into vapors. The trees, flowers, grass, and other plants also give off vapors. These vapors are drawn up into the clouds and the cycle begins again.

This is the way God provides water for plant life. If the grass or the trees or the lakes kept all the water themselves, there would be no water for the clouds and hence, no more rain.

There is a good spiritual lesson here. God has given us the living water, (salvation). He expects us to share it with others by witnessing for Him. If we fail to do this, God's plan for the world will be hindered.

Let me tell you a story of a boy named Jimmy, and his dog Rex. Jimmy lived on a farm with his parents and two younger sisters. Jimmy liked to go on hikes through the woods, or go to the creek fishing, and Rex was with him every step of the way. Jimmy and his family loved Rex. Late one night when everyone was in bed asleep, and Rex was asleep on the porch, Rex smelled smoke. He pushed the door open and went into the house and awoke Jimmy's dad and mother. They ran to get the girls out of the burning house.

Everyone had forgotten about Jimmy except Rex. He ran into Jimmy's room barking and pulling the covers off Jimmy, who was still asleep. When Jimmy awoke and saw the fire, he ran outside. Rex was following, but a burning board fell on him and trapped him. Everyone escaped except Rex. He gave his life for Jimmy. Jesus gave his life for those he loved also. He was safe in heaven, but came down to earth and shed His blood for us so we would not have to die in our sins. We should always show our gratitude for His love and sacrifice by being faithful to Him.

A KNOT OR NOTHING

(Submitted by Lewis Kilcrease
Chula Vista, California)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION: Tie a slip knot, then grab both ends of the rope and pull it out. Do this to emphasize main points throughout the devotion.

Now fellows, a slip knot is a good knot. But there is something wrong with this one. "What?" you may ask. Well, it seems when I pull both ends it comes undone. Some Christians are like this. They try to be Christians all by themselves. But sometimes the devil will pull on them and their Christian experience collapses.

Now, if we slip the loop of this slip knot over some strong stick and pull both ends, all it does is pull tighter around the stick. If we will tie ourselves around Christ by reading our Bibles, witnessing and praying; when the devil comes and applies pressure, he will only succeed in pulling us tighter around God.

A SPECIAL FEATURE

THE ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

By E. Wilson

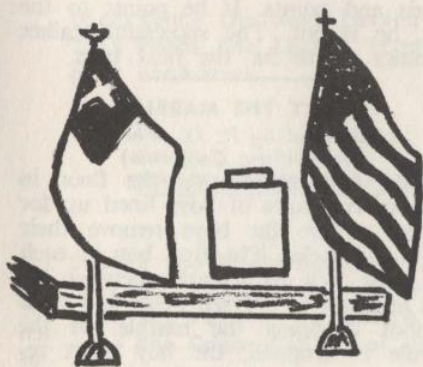
The idea for the Christian Flag originated on September 26, 1897, at the Rally Day exercises of the Sunday school of Brighton Chapel, Coney Island, New York. One of the speakers for the occasion failed to reach the meeting on time. Mr. Charles C. Overton, superintendent of the school, had to give an extemporaneous talk. Since he had not made preparation, he decided to speak about the American Flag which was draped over one corner of the pulpit. While he was speaking he conceived the idea of a flag for Sunday schools and churches that could be used in any country and would remind men of their allegiance to God, just as national flags express loyalty to our country. After the meeting Mr. Overton contacted a well-known flag maker in New York and during the week after the rally the first Christian Flag was made and used in that little Sunday school. Through this superintendent and the flag maker, other Christian leaders were interested in the flag, and plans were made to give it wide publicity. Since that time this flag has been used all around the world. There is no copyright on its design and no commercial limitation on its manufacture and sale.

The salute was written by Reverend Lynn Harold Hough, D.D. It was first used on Christmas Eve, 1908, in the Sunday school of the Third Methodist Episcopal Church, Long Island City, New York.

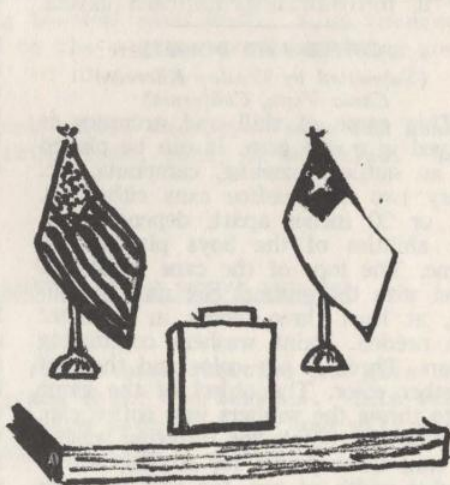
"I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag, and
to the Saviour for whose kingdom it stands;
one brotherhood, uniting all true Christians in
service and in love."

The meaning is that the Christian Flag is the banner of the Prince of Peace. It stands for no creed or denomination and contains no symbol of warfare. The white ground represents peace and purity. The blue field in the upper right corner is the color of the unclouded sky and the symbol of fidelity and truth. The cross of red is the emblem of Christian sacrifice.

HOW TO DISPLAY THE CHRISTIAN FLAG



In front of platform



On the platform

IDEAS

For Leaders



GAME IDEAS

CANADIAN FREEZE TAG

(Submitted by Don Knowles
Downey, California)

As many players as you wish may participate in this game, indoors or outdoors. Set the boundaries to allow ample running room for the number of players.

Two players are "it" (one in small groups). They try to tag each of the players. When a player is tagged, he must freeze where tagged. (They may spread their legs apart. They must remain in this frozen position until an unfrozen player unfreezes them by crawling between their legs, without being tagged. The object of the game is for "it" to freeze all the unfrozen players.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

(Submitted by Wesley Kilcrease
Chula Vista, California)

This game of skill and accuracy is played in a dirt area. It can be played at an outpost meeting, campouts, etc. Bury two 3-lb. coffee cans either 10, 15, or 20 inches apart, depending on the abilities of the boys playing the game. The tops of the cans should be level with the ground. Six metal washers, at least three inches in diameter are needed. Paint washers contrasting colors. Three of one color and three of another color. The object of the game is to throw the washers into coffee can. Scoring five points for throwing washer in can, three points for coming within washer width of can, the first to reach 21 is winner. The game can also be played indoors with variations.

NECKTIE RELAY

(Submitted by Ottis Griffin
Anniston, Alabama)

The first player in each line is given a large cotton handkerchief. At a signal from the whistle, he ties the handkerchief around the neck of the player directly behind him. As soon as the bow is tied, the second player unties it, turns and ties it around the neck of the third player, etc. The team that finishes first wins the game.

COMPASS GAME

(Submitted by Edward A. Reinauer
Jeannette, Pennsylvania)

Make a set of sixteen cards for each patrol. List one point of the compass on each card. Draw a circle with chalk on the floor or with a stick on the ground, and place cards face down next to it. Rangers are arranged in patrol relay formation. Boys will run to the circle and pick up a card. Using a compass, he places the card on the circle in the correct compass position. Score one point for the patrol finishing first.

SLEEPING PIRATE

(Submitted by Joseph F. Pottle
Malden, Massachusetts)

One boy is the "pirate." He is blindfolded, seated in a chair and instructed to guard an empty match box at his feet. The other fellows form a circle around him, about 50 to 100 feet away. The idea is to sneak up on the pirate, take the box and return with it to the starting point without being heard. If the pirate hears the player, he claps his hands and points. If he points to the boy, he is out. The successful stalker becomes pirate for the next turn.

CARRY THE MARBLES

(Submitted by R. D. Wheeler
Rico Rivera, California)

Place two marbles on the floor in front of two rows of boys lined up for a relay. Have the boys remove their shoes and socks. The first boy in each line must pick up a marble between his toes and run to a given point and back without dropping the marble. If the marble is dropped, the boy must return to the starting point and begin again. The side with the most round trips in a given time is the winner.

Royal Rangers Bible Study



ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

USING THE ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSES IN YOUR OUTPOST

1. Have copies of the lessons run off by ditto or mimeograph reproductions.
2. Make extra copies to have a supply for new Rangers when they join your outpost.
3. Each Commander must complete the courses in advance. There are no answer sheets.
4. Explain the purpose of the Bible Study Courses to your outpost. Be enthusiastic!
5. Hand out the first lesson to everyone in the outpost, explaining they should take the lesson home and work on it by themselves. (Young Pioneers may need help from Mom or Dad.)
6. Have the boys return the lessons at the very next meeting. Give recognition to those returning lessons each week. Keep interest high by making weekly reports to the outpost on those doing good work.
7. Distribute the next lesson just before the boys leave for home. This keeps the lesson from getting lost, torn, or wrinkled. Repeat each week.

HOW TO GRADE THE ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSES

1. During the Bible Study period review each question and give the correct answer. Let the boys grade their own lessons. This will give the fellows a chance to review each lesson, and will also save the Commander a lot of valuable time.
2. Collect the lessons and record grades in the Outpost Record Book. After recording grades, return the lessons to the boys.

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 30: ANIMALS - HART (Part A)

The hart mentioned in the Bible is the male member of the red deer family. The hart normally lives in a wooded area where it can secure plenty of grass, moss and tender twigs to eat. The woods also provide a place to hide in time of danger. In addition to an adequate supply of food the deer requires a good source of water to meet it's unusual need for water.

When the hart successfully escapes from his enemy, he must run long and hard. Then every fiber in his body calls for water. The Psalmist uses this illustration to demonstrate how we should search after the living water. You can read it in Psalm 42:1, "As the hart _____ (longs eagerly) after the water brooks, so _____ my heart after _____."

There is only one person who can satisfy this thirst for living water. That person is Jesus. Turn to John 7:37 and after reading this verse answer the following questions.

1. Who said "come unto me and drink"? _____
2. Who may come and drink? _____

Jesus is not the only one who invites us to come and drink of the water of life. There are others who extend this invitation to us. Read Revelation 22:17 and then answer the following questions.

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| 3. The Spirit tells us to come. | T F |
| 4. The bride tells us to come. | T F |
| 5. Only a select few may come. | T F |
| 6. All persons who are athirst should come | T F |
| 7. Whosoever will may come. | T F |
| 8. It will cost a lot of money if you drink the water of life. | T F |
| 9. The water of life is free. | T F |

The Lord has made special promises to everyone who comes to him. Complete the following verses and find out what these promises are.

10. Psalm 107:9, "For he _____ the _____ soul and _____ the _____ soul with goodness."
11. Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are they which _____ and _____ after righteousness: for they _____."
12. John 4:14, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; But the water that I shall give him shall be in him a _____ of _____ up into _____."



To assist us in more efficiently handling your requests, please be sure to include your outpost number and the name of your church in all correspondence to the National Royal Ranger Division.

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 31: ANIMALS - HART (Part B)

The hart, like most deer, run very swiftly. They are able to reach speeds of 45 to 50 miles per hour. In addition to it's ability to run, the hart is also good at jumping and can jump over a fence from eight to 10 feet high. Isaiah pictures this act of the hart as a means to express great joy and refers to the hart when describing some of the wonders and glories of the millennial reign of Christ.

Read the 35th chapter of Isaiah for a description of this age. Reread the sixth verse and answer the following questions.

1. The lame man will be healed. T F
2. The lame man will have to be carried everywhere he goes. T F
3. The lame man will be able to run and jump as other men. T F

What other miracles will take place? Reread Isaiah 35:5-6, and answer the following questions with a short sentence.

4. What will happen to the blind? _____
5. What will the dumb (people who cannot speak) be able to do? _____
6. Will anything special happen to the deaf? _____ If so, what? _____
7. Isaiah 25:1 tells of a change which will take place in the desert. What is this change? _____

Isaiah 35:10 gives more information concerning this wonderful age. Read the verse and then answer the following questions.

8. Who shall return? "the _____ of the Lord."
9. The ransomed shall return with what? _____ and _____
10. What will the ransomed obtain? _____ and _____
11. What are the two things that will flee away? _____ and _____

Each one of us who faithfully serve Jesus Christ will have an important task to perform. We read about this task in Revelation 20:6. Complete this verse by filling in the words which tell us what this task is.

12. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be _____ of God and of Christ, and _____ with him a thousand years."

According to a recent survey, personal calls are the most effective means of follow-up. Here is the breakdown:

Postal cards are 10 percent effective
 Personal letters are 25 percent effective
 Telephone calls are 40 percent effective
 Personal calls are 90 percent effective

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 32: ANIMALS - FOXES

The fox is a very sly and cunning animal. It's ability to escape from hunters and avoid traps is known around the world. When chased by dogs the fox will double back on it's trail, wade through creeks and use many other tricks to make the dogs lose the trail.

Solomon refers to the fox in the Song of Solomon 2:15 and gives this warning, "Take us the _____, the _____, that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes." These little foxes are able to slip into the vineyard unnoticed. Once in the vineyard the fox eats some of the grapes and spoils many more. They injure the roots of the vine in their digging. They damage the vine further by gnawing on the stems and young shoots, thus destroying both the grapes and vines. It takes constant watchfulness on the part of the husbandman to keep the foxes out and to destroy any which slip into the vineyard.

Like the husbandman, every boy has a field he must guard. This field is his heart. Many "little foxes" would like to slip into the heart, and it is up to each boy to keep them out.

Below are listed eight of the "foxes" which try to get into boys hearts. Match the list in the left hand column with the verse in the right hand column which tells about it.

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| 1. Anger | _____ | Proverbs 12:22, "_____ are abomination to the Lord:" |
| 2. Envy | _____ | Proverbs 10:12, "_____ stirreth up _____, but love covereth all sins." |
| 3. Hatred | _____ | Proverbs 11:2, "When _____ cometh, then cometh _____:" |
| 4. Lying | _____ | James 3:16, "For where _____ and strife is, there is confusion and every _____." |
| 5. Pride | _____ | Leviticus 19:11, "Ye shall not _____, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another." |
| 6. Selfishness | _____ | Psalm 37:8, "Cease from _____, and forsake wrath:" |
| 7. Unbelief | _____ | Philippians 2:4, "Look not every man on his _____ things, but every man also on the things of others." |
| 8. Stealing | _____ | Hebrews 3:12, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of _____." |

People with a narrow mind often have a wide mouth.

A good place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm.

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 33: ANIMALS - CAMEL

The camel is probably best known for it's ability to go for several days without drinking water. Another distinguishing feature of the camel is it's hump or humps. There are two kinds of camels, the Arabian camel with one hump and the bactrian camel which has two humps. A special kind of Arabian camel called a dromedary is raised for riding and racing.

Jesus makes use of the camel and a needle to teach us a very valuable lesson. This lesson is found in Mark 10:24-25, "And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that _____ to enter into the kingdom of God! It is _____ for a _____ to go through the _____ a _____, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

In these verses Jesus points out the difficulty a person has entering heaven when trusting in riches, righteousness, or ability. Let us see what some of these things are in which men trust and the results.

Some men trust in themselves. These men feel that their own righteousness and knowledge will take them to heaven. What does the Bible say about this trust?

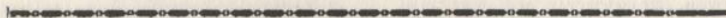
1. Proverbs 3:5, "...lean not unto thine own _____."
2. Proverbs 28:26, "He that _____ in his own _____ is a _____."
3. Isaiah 64:6, "But we are all as an _____ thing, and all our _____, are as _____."

Other men trust in a great leader or a good friend. What does the Bible say about this trust?

4. Micah 7:5, "Trust not in a _____, put ye not confidence in a _____."
5. Jeremiah 17:5, "Thus saith the Lord; _____ be the man that _____ in man, and maketh _____ his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord."

Many men have placed their trust in the Lord. What does the Bible say about this trust?

6. Proverbs 3:5, "Trust in the _____ with all _____."
7. Jeremiah 17:7, Blessed is the man that _____ in the _____, and whose hope the _____ is."



You don't have to blow out the other fellows light in order to let yours shine.

A chip on the shoulder often indicates wood higher up.

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 34: ANIMALS - SHEEP (Part A)

Sheep have an inborn instinct to follow the leader and will follow even though it involves a long leap or plunge into the water. This instinct helps the shepherd. The sheep soon gets to know their shepherd's voice and will follow him wherever he goes. Thus the shepherd is able to move his flock by leading the way and calling the sheep to follow.

Jesus refers to this characteristic of the sheep in John 10:4, "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he _____ them, and the sheep _____ him: for they _____ his _____." The lesson Jesus wants each Royal Ranger to learn is that he, the Shepherd, will lead the way and we, the sheep, should follow him. The Bible tells some of the paths in which Jesus will lead us. Let us see what some of these paths are.

Match the path listed in the left hand column with the proper verse listed in the right.

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| 1. Path of life | _____ | Psalm 23:3, "He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in _____ for his name's sake." |
| 2. Paths of mercy and truth | _____ | Proverbs 4:11, "I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in _____." |
| 3. Good paths | _____ | Psalm 16:11, "Thou wilt shew me the _____." |
| 4. Straight path | _____ | Hebrews 12:13, "And make _____ for your feet..." |
| 5. Right paths | _____ | Psalm 25:10 "All the paths of the Lord are _____ and _____ unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies." |
| 6. Paths of righteousness | _____ | Proverbs 2:9, "Then shall thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every _____." |

There is another interesting characteristic of sheep. John 10:5, "And a _____ will they not _____, but will _____ from him: for they know not the _____ of strangers." The Bible tells us of some things from which we should flee.

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| 7. | 1 Corinthians 10:14, "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, _____ from _____." |
| 8. | 2 Timothy 2:22, "_____ also _____: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." |

Dad criticized the sermon. Mother thought the organist made a lot of mistakes. Sister didn't like the choir's singing. But they all shut up when little Ranger Willie piped in: "Still it was a pretty good show for a nickel."



ROYAL RANGERS WEEK

June 15-22 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."

This year we are sending each commander a complimentary copy of a special Royal Ranger issue of TEAM magazine. There are many stories and ideas in this issue you may wish to use during your Royal Ranger Week presentations. Also, use 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.

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