

ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS



DISPATCH



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Commander's Corner.....

Dear Commander:

I would like to depart from my normal type letter and write a eulogy to one of the greatest men I have ever known. As you perhaps know, Howard S. Bush, Executive Director of Men's Fellowship, went to be with the Lord on March 26, 1969 after a brief illness.

Brother Bush was Executive Director of the department when we began the Royal Ranger program. His encouragement and support over the years has meant much to the program and to me personally.

He was a man's man. The cover of DISPATCH shows Brother Bush speaking to a group of men at a National Training Camp. This is the way many of us remember him....always out front leading the way by personal example and with words of encouragement.

Those of you who associated with him at conventions, during seminars, around council fires at Pow Wows, at Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity initiations and during training sessions at N. T. C., remember his dynamic personality, his strong character and his uplifting attitude.

He inspired us all to be better leaders....and we shall miss him!

Sincerely,

ROYAL RANGERS DIVISION

Johnnie Barnes

Johnnie Barnes
National Commander

PLANNING GUIDE

SUMMER 1969

	MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
J U N E	ON THE TRAIL (Hiking and back-packing)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> HIKING EQUIPMENT HOW TO PACK A PACK PACK FOODS AND COOKING TECHNIQUES SAFETY ON THE TRAIL 	<p>ATTEND CHURCH AS A GROUP IN UNIFORM</p> <p>FATHER-SON CAMP-OUT</p> <p>PACK TRIP</p>	PURCHASE OR MAKE LIGHTWEIGHT GROUP EQUIPMENT FOR BACK-PACKING TRIPS
	MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
J U L Y	STAYING AFLOAT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> HISTORY OF BOATING BOATING SAFETY TECHNIQUES (How to: row a boat, paddle a canoe, operate an outboard motor and sailing) BOATING EMERGENCIES 	<p>BOAT TRIP</p> <p>FISHING TRIP</p>	CONDUCT A MODEL BOATBUILDING CONTEST
	MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
A U G U S T	AQUATIC FUN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> SWIMMING SAFETY (Group & personal) SWIMMING TECHNIQUES WATER GAMES AND SPORTS LIFESAVING (Without entering water) 	<p>SWIMMING TRIP</p> <p>SWIM MEET (With neighboring outposts)</p>	MAKE A POSTER FOR OUTPOST MEETING ROOM ILLUSTRATING LIFE SAVING AND SWIMMING SAFETY

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



WHAT IS MAN?

(Submitted by Robert L. Cook
San Diego, California)

PURPOSE: To impress the boys with God's omnipotence and omniscience, yet show He is concerned about them.

STORY: Being in the great out-of-doors and wide open spaces seems to hold somewhat of a thrill for everyone. Being able to observe the handiwork of the Creator in the stars, moon, mountains, and streams has caused many ardent agnostics and athiests to pause and reconsider. Notice the stars. Some of that light began its interspace journey to the earth millions, and in the case of the quasi-stellar stars, billions of years ago. Notice the intricacy of the orbit of the planets. For instance, the earth revolves about the sun to produce just enough centrifugal force to overcome the force of the gravity of the sun on the earth. This keeps the earth from plunging into the sun in a fiery death.

The Psalmist was also impressed with the handiwork of the Creator. This is expressed in Psalm 8:3-9. Note especially verse four: "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" Can't we also feel the Psalmist's near amazement as he considered the magnificence of the one who created all these things? Just imagine—the designer and creator of these things loves you and me. Not only does He love us, but He is mindful and cares what happens to us.

John 3:16 states, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son. . . ." Isn't this love amazing? Just think, the Creator of the universe gave His Son to die for you—one of His creatures.

Don't you think He deserves our love and devotion?

THE COMPASS PLANT

(Submitted by John Eller)
Valley Park, Missouri)

There is an interesting bush found in the state of Texas called the Compass Plant. This perennial prairie flower grows from three to ten feet tall and has blossoms resembling those of the sunflower. It is unique in that all its leaves point north and south. Historians tell us that in this manner, Indians were able to find their directions even at night.

While some have discounted the fact as an old fable, a careful scientist has discovered much truth in the tale. Both sides of the young leaves were found to be sensitive to light, thus standing edgewise to the earth and pointing in two principal directions. The older leaves, however, which have become loaded with dust and dirt, lose their strength and may be found pointing in all directions.

What a lesson is here for every Royal Ranger! Each of us should be like the young leaves of the Compass Plant, always pointing to the Lord Jesus Christ. We must take care so as not to let sin come into our lives. For like the leaves which become covered with foreign particles and lose their usefulness, we too will fail in pointing others to the right way.

May we all follow the scriptural exhortation: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23).

HOW TO RECEIVE BY GIVING

(Submitted by R. Jean Palser
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)

Object: A piece of cardboard ten inches square, painted a bright red or a golden color.

If I have two apples, and give one of them away, then I shall have only one apple. Yet in Christian living, just the opposite is true. When you pour out your love to others, you do not have less love, but more. A young man can love his mother and father dearly, but when he falls in love with a girl, he does not have less love for his parents. The more he loves his girl, the more he will love everybody else. If you do not love anybody but yourself, you will soon get to the place where you do not even love yourself.

Now if one of you boys will come here and help me, we shall see how this principle works. You see that this card has only four corners. If I keep it all to myself, it will never have but four corners. I am going to cut this corner off and give it to you. Now how many corners do you have? You have three and I have five. I shall give you another corner. Now you have six and I have six. Now I shall give you another corner, and you have nine corners, and I have six. Now I shall give you another corner. You will have twelve, and I have eight corners. I have twice as many corners as I had when I started, and you have three times as many. But if I had kept all the corners to myself, I never would have had but four, and you would not have had any.

So in living for Jesus, the more of your life you give away in service, the more you are going to have to give away, and the more you will have left to enjoy.

POSTHASTE

*(Submitted by Harold Bradford
Carlsbad, California)*

COMMANDER'S PURPOSE: To show the need for better witnessing—NOW!

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:15, "As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

STORY: Did you ever stop to think how words originated? Let us take the term "posthaste," which indicates speed and rapidity. This particular term goes back to the time of King Henry the Eighth. During his reign postmasters employed relays to carry messages throughout the English countryside. (America's version was the "Pony Express.") It was the responsibility of each postmaster to endorse the letters with the exact time the message reached his hands. The dispatchers were told to ride for their lives. This also had a very literal meaning. To delay the message of the sovereign could bring the final penalty of hanging. As a matter of fact, correspondence in the 16th century was often ornamented with drawings of a poor dispatcher-carrier, suspended from the gallows. Beneath the figures was the admonition, "Post, haste!" Those laws lasted a number of years, and as a matter of fact, not until the 19th century was the statute revoked. The old expression, posthaste still lingers on.

You fellows know, spiritually speaking, our King, the Lord Jesus Christ, has given us a message that must be delivered to all men. The Bible reminds us forcefully that the King's business required haste. The exhortation is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." There's no death penalty involved, but rather rewards promised for faithfulness and obedience.

THE WATERFALL

*(Submitted by Paul B. Gauding
Oceanside, California)*

COMMANDER'S PURPOSE: To show God's unending supply.

STORY: We know God has an unending supply of love, but did you fellows ever stop to think of the many people who do not know this. A group of Arabs recently were taken from the heart of the sandy desert to visit Europe. Nothing seemed to impress them

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until finally, high in the Alps, they viewed something which utterly captivated their imagination. They stood in silent awe before a mighty waterfall, hurtling its torrential streams down a lofty mountainside. As they saw that incredible vast wall of water, they could not believe their eyes. Of course, where they had come from water was a precious commodity; in some areas it was rationed out by the cupful. Their hosts and the guides tried to get them to move along, but the spellbound Arabs insisted, "Let us stay until the water stops coming." They were told that since the dawn of time that mighty stream had cascaded unabatedly and it showed no visible signs of diminishing. How that waterfall reminds us of the endless flow of God's grace! We can rejoice that He has promised that it is sufficient for our every need. How blessed to read that "God hath raised us up and made us sit together in heavenly places, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace and His kindness toward us through Jesus Christ."

THE WEDGE

*(Submitted by James Wisecarver
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)*

Before me I have an axe, which will be the object of our devotion today. There are three important parts to the axe. The handle, which is made of wood and is a selected hard wood. Hickory is generally chosen for this as it is a hard wood and is durable for this purpose. Soft woods would not do as they break with the blows. Upon the handle is placed the axe head which is made of tempered steel that can be made sharp by grinding. The handle is made fast to the axe by the third part, which is called the wedge. The wedge is driven into the wood between the sides of the axe. This makes them inseparable.

Let us compare ourselves with an axe, held together with the wedge which is the Holy Spirit. When we are held together by the Holy Spirit we are ready to do the work that God has for us to do. An axe that has lost the wedge is useless. If we lose the wedge of the Holy Spirit, we too will lose our use-

fulness. Have you noticed that when an axe is not used every day, it becomes rusty and dull? God has to use us every day to keep us sharp. God can use us to help those around us who have never been saved. Defeat Satan by bringing other boys to our meeting so that the Word of God and the Holy Spirit's convicting power can do its work. Let us be a good axe for God, held together by the Holy Spirit.

A RADIANT FIRE

*(Submitted by Gary Phillips
Montebello, California)*

Fellows, we've been sitting here watching this fire and feeling its warmth, but did you know it is a good example of a Christian life. For example this fire can be seen for a long way. If someone were lost out in the woods, they would be able to find help just by following the light from this fire.

Think about the warmth and comfort and even the protection we are receiving from this fire. Now ask yourself, "How can my life be like this fire?"

If Jesus has already come into your heart, He has made your life different. Your life is now clean. Your righteousness shines out in this sin-filled world just like this fire shines out tonight. You give off a radiant light and perhaps someone that is lost will see the radiant light of your life and make their way to you seeking help. When you help this person you will be giving warmth and protection. For by leading others to Jesus and His saving power you are protecting them from the wages of sin.

If we did not add fuel to this fire it would go out. In like manner, if we did not pray daily, our spiritual life, or fire, would die also. Prayer is our fuel. When we pray we are making sure that our fires continue to burn brightly. We are then able to do the job that Jesus would have us to do.

Don't be just a spark that flitters away and is soon forgotten. Don't be a roaring inferno that soon burns itself out and helps no one. Rather, be like the hunter's fire. A fire that gives warmth, comfort and protection.

MEETING THE CREATOR

*(Submitted by Fred Barbee
Pacific Grove, California)*

PURPOSE: To show that the God who created the earth and all of its splendor and majesty is the same God who gave His life for us and lives within our hearts.

SETTING: The boys should be seated around the campfire. While this devotion could be given indoors, it will have a greater effect if given at a campout surrounded by God's handiwork.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." "And God said let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself upon the earth: and it was so."

Fellows, as we sit here beneath these giant trees it makes us aware of God's creative powers. God is a wonderful creator. He created everything just right.

How many plants do you think God created? Our encyclopedias tell us there are more than 300,000 different kinds. Some are so tiny you cannot see them without a microscope and some of them are huge just as these trees.

God did not make plants just to fill up space. He created them for beauty and usefulness. Wouldn't this be a dreary world without flowers or greenery.

As we sit around our campfire tonight, let's pause for a moment and think about this great God who created the world and all of its beauty. It takes a big God to create a world. Yet tonight this same God is small enough to live within our hearts.

God said to us in Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man will open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me." What does He mean when He says He is standing at the door knocking? He means simply that He is ready and waiting to come into your heart and to abide there if you will open the door of your heart.

Wouldn't you like for this great God of the universe to come into your heart and become your Saviour tonight? He

will come in if you will simply open the door and ask Him.

CLOSING: Close by having the boys bow their heads and pray asking Jesus the mighty Creator to come into their hearts and become their Saviour as well as the Creator.

THE OYSTER AND THE PEARL

*(Submitted by H. H. Sanderson
Red Bluff, California)*

A pearl starts out in an oyster as a grain of sand or some other form of irritation.

Since an oyster does not have arms, hands, or fingers, it has no way of removing this irritating object. So, it begins to coat the grain of sand with a smooth substance to make it bearable, or in other words, so that he can live with it. As a result something develops which is beautiful and valuable—a pearl.

We as Christians can learn a lesson from the oyster. We should take those irritating things in our lives and turn them into something beautiful and valuable for Christ.

DODDER, GOLDEN WEB OF DEATH

*(Submitted by Bob Hathaway
La Mesa, California)*

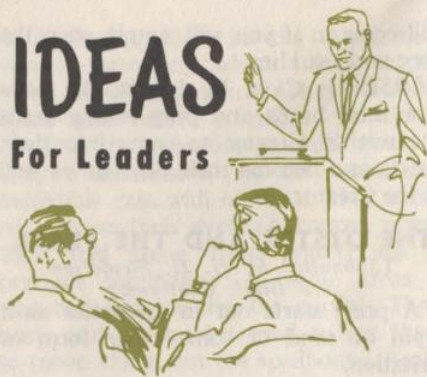
On a recent outing many of the Royal Rangers asked the name of the beautiful golden weblike plant that covered much of the chaparral on the hillsides.

One of the older boys pointed out that it was a "golden web of death," a parasitic plant that will kill the host plant.

People have habits and faults that resemble the dodder. If no one takes care of the plant and rids it of the scourge, it will in time become so difficult to eradicate that the plant may die. If we do not let God deliver us from our sins, we too will surely die spiritually and not be given the gift of eternal life that Jesus has purchased for us.

IDEAS

For Leaders



GAME IDEAS

WHAT IS IT?

*(Submitted by Russ Jones
Costa Mesa, California)*

The outpost nature expert brings in a collection of twenty or more items that every Royal Ranger should know, such as milk weed pod, puff ball, cattail, birds nest, wasp nest, leaves, etc. He lays them out on a table with a numbered slip of paper under each. Each Royal Ranger makes a list of the items he recognizes. The Ranger with the best list wins.

OUTPOST TIC-TAC-TOE

*(Submitted by Bill Mountford
La Crescenta, California)*

Set nine chairs in tic-tac-toe formation, in the middle of the room, all facing the same way. Then divide the boys into two teams. Let each team alternate and attempt to line three boys up in blocks, basically the way you would in tic-tac-toe. Make the game two out of three or if there is enough time, seven out of ten.

JUMP THE SHOT

*(Submitted by Walter J. Sanders, Jr.
Portland, Oregon)*

A Ranger stands in the middle of a circle with a rope which is weighted at one end. He swings the rope in a low circle. All of the players endeavor to jump over the rope as it nears them. One penalty point is given against each boy failing to jump over the rope. The player with the lowest number of penalty points wins.

STRING BURNING

*(Submitted by Thomas I. Coker
Anniston, Alabama)*

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: Stakes, string, wood, axe, knife, and two matches.

SCORING: Team burning through both strings—60 points. Team burning through 18-inch string—40 points.

The Royal Rangers are divided into Teams of two. Two strings are stretched tightly between two vertical sticks—one string 18 inches above the ground, the other 24 inches. The teams gather wood, and make a fire-lay under the strings. Top of fire-lay must be at least four inches below the 18-inch string. Only natural tinder and wood may be used. On signal, the fire is lighted. (Two matches only.) After lighting, the fire must not be touched nor extra wood added.

CROSS STICKS

*(Submitted by Ray C. Cook
Seaside, California)*

This is a deceptive little game, but one which is very interesting. Everyone is seated in a circle. The leader takes two sticks and explains to the fellows that he is going to "receive" and "pass" the sticks properly. Each player is instructed to watch carefully, then try to do it correctly when their turn comes. If they receive and pass the sticks properly they remain seated, but if they do it incorrectly then they must stand up. Each player will be given two chances and if they fail they are "out" and must sit on the floor. The leader begins by saying, "I take these sticks crossed (or uncrossed)". He then passes them to the player on his right. That player then turns to the next person and says, "I receive these sticks crossed (or uncrossed)." The secret is whether or not the speaker's legs are crossed or uncrossed. At first it is best to make both the legs and sticks correspond. Little by little a few will catch on. Make sure these keep the secret to themselves. Of course it is helpful to have one or two players who also know the trick so that the fellows see it done properly from time to time. Remember, it doesn't matter whether or not the sticks are crossed or uncrossed, only the legs of the speaker count.

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 35: ANIMALS - SHEEP (Part B)

Sheep can live without water for long periods of time. The Encyclopedia Britanica tells us that by feeding on lush forage which is occasionally wetted by dew or rain, sheep can go days and even weeks without drinking water. Sheep are also sure footed, bold climbers. These characteristics make them an ideal animal for the mountainous and wilderness areas of Palestine.

Sheep live and move in flocks or herds. They want to be with other sheep. When a sheep becomes separated from the flock it is because he is either lost, ill or injured.

Just as healthy sheep will stay with the flock, there are some things a Royal Ranger will do if he is healthy spiritually. Let us look into God's Word for some of the qualities of a healthy Christian.

A DESIRE TO STUDY GOD'S WORD

1. 1 Peter 2:2, "As newborn babes, _____ the sincere milk of the _____, that ye may grow thereby:"
2. Acts 17:11, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the _____ with all readiness of mind, and searched the _____ daily, whether those things were so."

A DESIRE TO ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES

3. Psalms 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the _____ of the _____."
4. Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the _____ of ourselves together, as the manner of some is;"

A LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

5. John 15:12, "This is my commandment, That ye _____ one another, as I have loved you."
6. John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have _____ one to another."

If a sheep does become lost, ill or injured, is it forgotten? Read Matthew 18:12-14, and then answer the following questions.

7. If a sheep is lost, a shepherd will not bother to look for it. T F
8. A good shepherds searches for his lost sheep. T F
9. Finding a lost sheep causes the shepherd to rejoice. T F

SPECIAL NOTICE

Since printing promotional material for the 1969 N.T.C.'s, the decision has been made to conduct an N.T.C. in Florida. The dates are October 23-26, 1969. (Continued on next page.)

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 36: ANIMALS - LIONS (Part A)

The lion's size and majestic bearing have won for them the title "king of the beasts." The most outstanding feature of this "king" is probably the mane of the male lion. It is usually yellowish brown in color, although some lions have reddish manes and occasionally one will have a black mane.

Lions are different from the other members of the wild cat family in that they live together in groups, having from four to 35 members. The ancient Persians made use of the lion's ability to live together peacefully and kept them in dens for execution purposes. Daniel was thrown into one of these dens when he disobeyed the law and prayed to God. Daniel 6:16, "Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and _____ him into the _____." (Read all of the sixth chapter for the full story.)

Not only do lions live together, but at times they also work together to capture prey. When an animal is spotted, one or two lions silently circle the victim, driving it toward the other lions who remain hidden. When the victim comes within reach, one of the hidden lions will bring the prey down with its paws. By working together, the lions are able to secure food they would not be able to capture alone.

Often in the Christian life Royal Rangers need to work together to accomplish things that one Ranger can not do alone. There are several examples of this type of cooperation in the Bible. One example is found in Exodus 17:8-13. Read this passage and answer the following questions.

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| 1. Amalek went to war against Israel. | T F |
| 2. Joshua lead the army of Israel while Moses held the rod of God. | T F |
| 3. As long as Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed. | T F |
| 4. Moses' arm became tired, so he let down his hands and Israel lost battle. | T F |
| 5. Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands. | T F |
| 6. Because Aaron and Hur helped Moses, Joshua won the fight. | T F |

Another example of cooperation is found in Mark 2:3, "And _____ come unto him, bringing _____ sick of the palsy, borne of _____." One man could not have done this. Two or three might have been able to, but four could do it easily.

Jesus tells us of the added power when praying together. Turn to Matthew 18:19, and see what He said. "Again I say unto you, That if _____ of you shall _____ on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it _____ be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

N.T.C.

The camp will be located near Lake Wales, Florida. Application forms for the Florida N.T.C. may be obtained from the National Office. Approximate cost of the camp will be \$18.00.

NEW LOOK FOR OLDER ROYAL RANGERS

To maintain the interest of older Royal Rangers and encourage them to continue in the Royal Rangers Advancement Program, revisions have been made in the program for boys ages 15 to 17.

AIR-SEA RANGERS

In the present Air-Sea Rangers advancement program, the boys earn four ratings--second class, first class, advanced, and master rating. Under the revised program the boys will work their way through master rating in Trailblazers and then proceed to earn three additional ratings as listed at right.

Changes will be implemented gradually so they will not handicap boys engaged in the present Air-Sea Rangers program. However, new members in this age division may adopt the program immediately.

The basic Air-Sea Rangers program will continue unchanged with the boys using the same ties and name tabs.

TRAIL RANGERS

Boys who do not wish to become Air or Sea Rangers may, at the age of 15 become Trail Rangers. They will wear a special maroon tie and name tab. The emphasis will be on advanced camping, outdoor lore, and survival techniques. To earn the "Gold Medal of Achievement," a Trail Ranger will be required to earn the master rating as a Trailblazer, and three additional stations in the program. Badges for these stations will be worn in the center space of the master rating patch.

NEW HANDBOOK

The revised Air-Sea Rangers ratings and the new Trail Ranger program are contained in a new revised handbook entitled, "Air-Sea-Trail Rangers Handbook." (Available from G.P.H.)

ONE KIND OF ADVANCED AWARD

Instead of both Trailblazer and Air-Sea Rangers awards, there will be only one type of advanced award. The award will be blue, and the requirements will be the same as present Air-Sea Ranger awards. Boys holding present Trailblazer awards (red) can upgrade these by completing that portion of the award requirement not listed in Trailblazer awards.

ADVANCEMENT RATINGS

AIR RANGERS

SEA RANGERS

TRAIL RANGERS



TECHMASTER



CREWMASTER



CAMPMASTER



FLIGHTMASTER



BOATMASTER



WOODMASTER



AIRMASTER



SEAMASTER



TRAILMASTER

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 37: ANIMALS - LIONS (Part B)

In this lesson we are continuing our study of the lion. Last week we learned that lions sometimes work together as a team when hunting. In this lesson we will learn what other methods lions use when hunting.

Lions usually hunt at night. One method the lion uses is to creep silently under cover of darkness toward his victim. The lion makes a sudden charge covering the last few feet before his startled victim can get away. A second method used by lions is referred to in Psalms 17:12. "And as it were a young lion _____ in _____ places." Using this method, the lion waits quietly hidden until his prey comes within reach. Then, with a sudden lunge the hunt is over.

The tactics of the lion remind us of the tactics of Satan as he tries to capture Christians. Peter compares Satan to a lion. Let us see what he said in 1 Peter 5:8. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the _____, as a roaring _____, walketh about, seeking whom he may _____."

In spite of his strength, the lion fails to capture over 50 percent of the animals he attacks. He fails because the prey follows three rules. They avoid all lions, they run if attacked, and if cornered, they fight. These are three methods we can use in our war against Satan.

AVOID EVIL

1. Psalms 34:14, "_____ from _____, and do good."
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:22, "_____ from all appearance of _____."
3. Proverbs 14:16, "A wise man _____ and _____ from evil."

FLEE FROM EVIL

4. 2 Timothy 2:22, "_____ also youthful _____."
5. 1 Corinthians 10:14, "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, _____ from _____."

RESIST EVIL

Ephesians 6:10-17 tells us about the armour we should use when resisting evil. Read these verses and then underline the right answer

7. We should put on (all, part, none) of the armour of God.
8. When we put on the armour of God we should (run, stand).
9. The shield of faith will quench (all, none) of the fiery darts.

ROYAL RANGER WEEK

Don't forget that June 15-22, is National Royal Ranger Week. See Spring Issue of DISPATCH for special ideas for this occasion.

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 38: ANIMALS - LEOPARD

In the past two lessons we have studied the lion. Now we want to turn our attention to the leopard, another member of the cat family. Leopards are smaller and lighter than lions. However, they make up in agility, speed, and wit, for what they lack in weight and power. In a fight, a leopard would probably defeat a lion. The leopard is such a fierce fighter that the natives of Africa would rather face a lion than a leopard.

The leopard hunts much the same way as the lion. It either stealthily stalks its victims or springs upon them from ambush. The leopard is ferocious, bloodthirsty, and cunning.

One of the most outstanding features is the markings of black spots and rings on the leopards coat. These spots are such an unchanging part of the leopard, when people talk about something that does not change, they use the leopards spots as a comparison. Jeremiah does this in Jeremiah 13:23; "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the _____ his _____? then may ye also do good that are accustomed to do evil." Jeremiah is saying it is just as impossible for a person to remove the spots of sin from his life as it is for a leopard to change its spots. God is the only one who can change man's evil nature. In order for God to do this, we must do three things.

WE MUST BELIEVE IN GOD

1. John 3:15, "That whosoever _____ in him should not perish, but have everlasting _____."

WE MUST CONFESS OUR SINS

2. 1 John 1:9, "If we _____ our sins, he is faithful and just to _____ us our sins, and to _____ us from all unrighteousness."

WE MUST ACCEPT CHRIST

3. John 1:12, "But as many as _____ him, to them gave he _____ to become the _____ of God, even to them that believe on his _____."

When we have done these things, God takes away the spots of sin and makes us a new person. 2 Cor. 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

INSURE YOUR BOYS

It is very important that your outpost has proper insurance. Arrangements have been made with Mutual of Omaha for special insurance coverage for Royal Rangers. A brochure explaining this plan may be obtained by writing the National Royal Ranger Office.



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MEN'S

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 23, 1969, 7 a.m.

BAKER HOTEL

Dallas, Texas



More men are expected for the Prayer Breakfast in Dallas. A great crowd attended MF Breakfast at Long Beach, Calif.

D. L. "SAM" JORDAN, Speaker

President, National Action Crusades Council

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