



ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS

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Commander's Corner . . .

Dear Commander:

Summer is over and school is beginning. Most of our boys are experiencing a transition from casual freedom to more organized activities. After an active summer, they are settling down to the routine of the classroom. This creates an ideal time to interest "new boys" and "drop-outs" in club-type activities such as Royal Rangers.

Once again this year we are suggesting that you launch an enlargement campaign and use "Roundup Time" as your theme. Perhaps you could conduct a contest and give appropriate prizes to the boys who brought the most new boys. You could also plan a special ceremony for new recruits who enrolled during the campaign. You could arrange a "branding time" and "brand" the new members with a rubber stamp. With the use of western posters and props, you can make your Roundup Campaign an exciting event.

The enrollment campaign would also be a good time to survey the needs and goals of your outpost and to make appropriate plans to achieve these goals. This is also an ideal time to review the advancement program and encourage your Rangers to advance along the Advancement Trail.

As you plan your activities, don't forget to use seasonal events, such as Halloween and Thanksgiving, to involve your boys. One of the most exciting autumn events I ever attended was a masquerade party sponsored by Royal Rangers. Also, remember, one of the most beautiful times of the year to take a hike is when the trees are ablaze with autumn color.

"READY" in His service,

ROYAL RANGERS DIVISION

Johnnie Barnes

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National Commander

PLANNING GUIDE

FALL 1969

S	MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
E	ROUNDUP TIME (Enlistment campaign to enroll new boys)	1. ROUNDUP STRAYS (Launch campaign for new boys) 2. ROUNDUP OF PLANS (Plan fall and winter activities) 3. ROUNDUP OF LAZYBONES (Review advancement program and encourage boys to advance) 4. BRANDING TIME (Special program for new boys)	OVERNIGHT CAMP-OUT SPECIAL EVENT FOR NEW MEMBERS, SUCH AS A PARTY OR WIENER ROAST	MAKE WESTERN-TYPE PROPS AND POSTERS FOR CHURCH AND MEETING ROOM TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH ROUNDUP CAMPAIGN
M	MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
B	TOOLCRAFT (See pages 17-31 "Adventures in Camping")	1. KNIVES (Types and use of knives, plus safety techniques) 2. THE HAND AXE (Proper use and safety) 3. LONG-HANDED AXE AND BOW SAW 4. CARE OF TOOLS (How to sharpen and care for tools)	ATTEND HALLOWEEN PARTY FIELD TRIP TO DEMONSTRATE USE OF AXE AND SAW	BUILD AN OUTPOST TOOL BOX
E	MONTHLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	SPECIAL PROJECTS
R	THANKSGIVING IN ACTION (Practical ways of showing our thanks)	1. THANKSGIVING FOR SPIRITUAL THINGS 2. THANKSGIVING FOR LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS 3. THANKSGIVING FOR OUR COUNTRY 4. THANKSGIVING FOR MATERIAL THINGS	ATTEND THANKSGIVING SERVICE AS A GROUP IN UNIFORM TEACH BOYS HOW TO RESPECT AND DISPLAY AMERICAN AND CHRISTIAN FLAG, AND USE DURING OPENING CEREMONIES IN YOUR OUTPOST	PREPARE FOOD BASKETS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



LIVING LIFE STRAIGHT

(Submitted by S. David Butz
Germantown, Ohio)

Purpose: To emphasize the need to live a clean Christian life from now on.

Equipment Needed: Two 4-foot long $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch ropes, and a knife.

Commander: This rope (holding one of the ropes up by one end) represents a person's life: his birth, childhood, youth, manhood, old age, and death (moving the hand down the rope to illustrate advancing age). I want to tell you a tragic story about a young man who really tied his life (raising the rope) into knots.

When John was just a boy about your age, he disobeyed his Christian parents and hung around with a group of unsaved boys who coaxed him into helping them steal some petty items from a neighborhood store. How many of the Ten Commandments did John break?

Answer: Two, he disobeyed his parents and stole.

Commander: He committed at least two sins (tie two knots in the rope, about 6 inches from top end). Well, it wasn't long until the boys, John included, had moved on to bigger sins. By the time John was 18 years old he had helped rob a filling station, beaten up and robbed an old man and stolen a car (tie three more knots in the rope). John's worldly friends convinced him that he was a sissy if he didn't smoke and drink (tie two more knots). One night when John was driving home from a "night on the town" with his friends he lost control of his car, hit an on-coming car head-on and was killed (cut the rope off just below the last knot). Now, fellows, what happened to the rope every time I tied a knot?

Answer: It got shorter.

Commander: (Compare the knotted, cut rope with the new straight one.) Which rope would you like to represent your life?

Answer: The long one.

Commander: Do you know that God tells us in the Bible how our lives can be like the long, straight rope? (Read Deuteronomy 5:16 and Psalm 91:1, 16.) Every time we disobey God's laws we tie a knot in the rope of our lives. If we obey Him and live according to His laws, we are promised a long, happy life. Wouldn't you fellows like to "live life straight" and have the assurance that God is caring for you?

WHAT ARE YOU WORTH?

(Submitted by Marvin E. Barbee
Salinas, California)

You boys look at yourself for a moment. Now what do you think you are really worth? Probably not very much. But look at Don Drysdale, Wilt Chamberlain, Arnold Palmer, and a host of other professional sportsmen. Don't you imagine they are worth quite a bit? But as a Royal Ranger how much are you worth? How much money do you have? How much property do you own? How much money do you make in a year in allowances or a part-time job? How many bicycles do you own? Yet, with all of this, you are not worth much.

Scientists tell us that our bodies are worth very little. If we took all the calcium, iron, phosphorus, and all the other chemicals in our bodies and put them in a package, you would bring about 98c. Some of you are not even worth that much because you are so small.

Now take your parents for a moment. They believe you are really worth something. Think of all the money they spend on groceries, clothing, dental and medical bills, hobbies, and all the other

things you need and want while you are growing up. Yet this does not prove the value of what they think you are worth.

God looked down and He saw you and me and He said, "That Royal Ranger is worth something." Because He thought you were worth something, He gave His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins. In the sight of God you are very valuable, so valuable that He wants you to have eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ. To gain this recognition you must accept Jesus Christ as your Master Ranger.

WHAT KILLED THE ELM?

(Submitted by Clarence Green
Leavittsburg, Ohio)

Object: It is the little things that often make us stumble.

Commander: There is a true story about a school teacher who had taught in a little town for over thirty years. Outside his office window stood an old elm tree. He passed by the tree every day and always thought to himself how old that tree must be, at least one hundred or maybe even more years old. He often thought how the old tree had weathered all sorts of storms, how many times it was struck by lightning. It had even withstood three tornadoes. How tall it stood, pushing its limbs into the heavens. However, the teacher noticed something odd about the old tree. The leaves were falling off of this giant five and six weeks earlier than the other trees. He called a man to come examine the tree. It was discovered that the old majestic tree was dying. "What is killing the elm?" asked the teacher. The tree expert explained that a little bug that attacks only elms was killing the tree. A very small bug was doing what the storms could not do. It is the little things that often keep us from serving God. We need to search our hearts each day to be sure it is free from all sins, large or small.

WHAT ARE YOU CALLED?

(Submitted by Gene Carriker
Keokuk, Iowa)

Most of us have heard the owl referred to as "The Wise Old Owl." Did you ever wonder why he is called that? What do you think is the reason? (Wait for answers)

You have heard of "The Sly Old Fox." Why is he called that? (Wait for answers)

These birds and animals get their names from man's observation of their habits.

Did you ever stop to think what other people may call you? Did you know people watch your habits and decide what you are like by watching your actions? Do they consider you wise because you have chosen the wise habits of boys your age or do they consider you sly like the old fox, sneaking around doing things on the sly that you do not want anyone to know about? You should always make a habit of living and acting like a Christian.

A HARDBOILED PRISONER

(Submitted by David A. Smith
Concord, California)

Equipment Needed: Milk bottle and hardboiled egg. Remove shell of egg and grease so it will slide easily (Rinse the bottle with very hot water and quickly place the egg into the mouth of bottle. Suction will draw the egg into the bottle. Do this before devotion.) Keep bottle in paper sack and out of sight until later.

Story: Did you fellows know that tonight we have with us a prisoner? That's right. There is a hardboiled prisoner right here in this room (pause and then present bottle with egg in it). This egg is a prisoner in this bottle (shake bottle, turn upside down, and shake some more). No matter how hard it tries it cannot get out.

This reminds me of when Peter was in prison. However Peter was not hard-

boiled. He was a kind Christian man and was unjustly imprisoned. It seemed like Peter would never be able to get out because Herod had placed a special guard over him. But Herod forgot one thing and that was that God answers prayer. That night while Peter was sleeping an angel came and delivered him.

Someone has said that prayer is the Christian's breath. And this gives me an idea on how to get Mr. Egg out of his prison. (Place mouth to bottle and blow. Before removing mouth turn bottle upside down so that egg falls into neck of bottle. Compressed air will force egg out.)

Rangers, you may never be in prison as Peter was, but there will be problems in your life which can only be solved with prayer.

HOW TALL ARE YOU?

(Submitted by Vernon H. Ragsdale
Bakersfield, California)

Equipment Needed: Have the Rangers bring a tape measure or some kind of a rule for measuring height or length. **Commander's Purpose:** To encourage Rangers to become conscious of their growth in Jesus Christ.

Commander: The story is told of the little boy who came to his mother and said, "Mom, I'm nine feet tall." "How do you know you are nine feet tall?" the mother asked. "I measured myself with my own ruler," he answered. Upon investigation the mother found a little stick that the boy had used. It was his own measurement guide. She measured and compared his with the standard measurement and found the difference.

Discussion: Let the boys comment on their own growth or the growth of a younger or older brother or sister.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-13. Paul the Apostle speaks and here writes to one of the churches telling them of the Holy Spirit ministries to the members of the church. He explains the reason for them and their importance in the Body of Christ. He then ends the direct explanation with this statement, "...till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of

the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the *measure* of the stature of the fulness of Christ." It is not how tall is Jesus physically but growth in stature of purity, truthfulness, honesty, Christlikeness is what God wants.

THE BURNING BUSH

(Submitted by James Stempert
Milford, Connecticut)

As we sit around our camp fire, I am reminded of a great man of the Old Testament who saw and heard a great miracle. He was keeping the flock of Jethro on the backside of the desert when he came to the mountain of God. He saw a flame in the midst of a bush, and as he watched, the bush burned with great flames but it was not destroyed. In the midst of the bush an angel of the Lord appeared. This great sight both amazed and frightened Moses. (Imagine seeing someone standing in the middle of our fire.)

Suddenly Moses heard a voice—the voice of God—telling him not to come any closer and to remove his shoes because he was on holy ground. Moses, realizing that God was speaking to him, hid his face because he was afraid to look upon God.

God had chosen Moses to help his people and to lead them out of their oppression to a land flowing with milk and honey. In the old days God could only use people like Moses who loved God and worshipped Him. It is the same today. We must love God and his son Jesus Christ for him to use us.

GOD'S GREATNESS

(Submitted by Donald E. McElroy
Duarte, California)

The Commander's Purpose: To show each boy God's greatness.

Equipment Needed: If desired, a picture of a Squib, a bat, and a bird gliding or in flight.

Commander: Royal Rangers, everyone of you boys are well aware of God as your personal Saviour but did you know what a great scientist and engineer he is? You no doubt can think of many events that have occurred in the last few years and wonder what the Lord

has done that could compare with some of these. Tonight we will compare two major events that have occurred which I am sure we have all seen or heard about.

The first we will cover very quickly, the atomic bomb. We all know the tremendous power of such a device and how man worked so hard and so long to develop it, or really did man develop it? If you read carefully, you will see it says man unleashed the power of the atom. Let me ask you, "Who put the power there?" We all know the answer: God made the power of the atom.

Now, the second event. The whole world watched and listened when John Glenn was launched into orbit around the earth. Men on earth were in constant contact with him and knew exactly where he was at all times. Finally he returned to earth and was picked up safely.

What has God done to match these things of man? The principle of the rocket is new to us but not to God. The Squib of the sea has used this same method of propulsion for thousands of years and does so today as his method of travel.

Our radar pinpointed Glenn all during his orbit, and again, radar is a fairly new device to us but not to God. Bats for centuries have used a form of radar to guide them in their flight at night.

Glenn returned to earth by gliding down in a parachute. God's creatures of many types and for countless years have had ability to move about.

I can see some doubts in your minds that these examples are not quite the same in greatness. You are very wrong. God created man and gave man the very mind that thought of all of these things and all the things to come.

Closing Prayer: Rangers, tonight we shall pray to our God for His guidance, for the strength and wisdom we shall need throughout our lives to be true Christians, to lead us to help our fellowman and make our minds think of the Christian way to accomplish the tasks set before us.

THE FLOWERS

*(Submitted by Rev. Paul M. Solio
San Antonio, Texas)*

The Commander's Purpose: To help boys become aware that they are to testify for Jesus Christ wherever they are.

Story: There was a lonely flower standing in a bare plain. This flower began to shed seeds. The wind carried the seeds all through the land. Each seed produced a flower; soon all the barren land was fully covered with beautiful flowers.

In the same way, we should testify about Christ to every person in our community and we will soon see many Christians serving God.

GETTING A GOOD START

*(Submitted by Frank Baker
Arvin, California)*

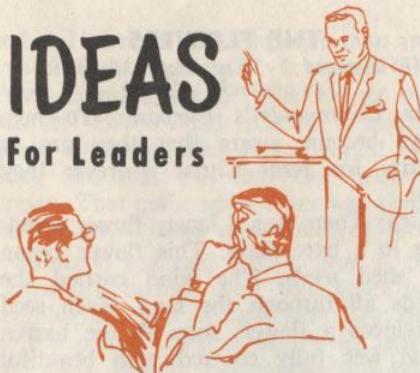
Equipment Needed: A set of runner's starting blocks. These may be obtained from a high school Athletic Department.

Commander: (Open by asking the boys to identify the starting blocks and to explain their use. Continue with the following:)

A runner uses the starting blocks as a diver uses a diving board—to get off to a good start in a race. Oftentimes a race is won or lost by the start the runners get at the beginning. Runners in Olympic competition take great care to adjust the starting blocks just right. They want to be sure they are getting off to the best start possible. How does this apply to living a Christian life? (Wait for one or two answers, then continue.)

It is important for boys to get a good start in the race of living for Jesus. And we have spiritual starting blocks to help us: the Holy Bible. Two Timothy 3:15, 16, 17 tells us that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and that it teaches us how to live for God and prepares us for Christian service. This passage also tells us we should know these words from the time we are Royal Rangers age on through adulthood. Knowing God's Word not only helps us get a good start but also keeps us going for God.

IDEAS For Leaders



GAME IDEAS

BACK-TO-BACK RELAY

(Submitted by Joseph E. Jolley
Anaheim, California)

Equipment Needed: At least eight players. Ten minutes playing time. Two lines about twenty feet apart.

The boys are divided into two teams and take their places behind the starting line. Two members of each team race at same time. They stand back-to-back and link arms so that one Ranger will walk forward and the other backwards.

At the starting signal the two sets of partners head for the goal line and then come back with the player who had been walking backwards now walking forwards. They touch off the next couple and the race continues until one team has finished.

BALLOON STOMP

(Submitted by Charles Hendricks
Hartford, Illinois)

Give each boy a balloon to blow up and tie the end into a knot. Then give them each a string approximately 18 inches long. One end of the string is tied to the balloon and the other on their ankle. When everyone has done this the game is ready to start. All gather into a circle or area. When the leader says "Go," they all try to step on each other's balloon and break them and at the same time try to keep their own balloons from getting busted. When a player's balloon is busted he leaves the game. The last one with a complete balloon is the winner.

SOCK/SOCK

(Submitted by Gary McKee
Staten Island, New York)

A heavy wool sock is stuffed with other socks until the toe and lower foot section of the sock is full. A member of the group is blindfolded and becomes "It." He then stands in center of room or area and attempts to "sock" another player while keeping one foot stationary. Players should attempt to touch player who is "It" from time to time without being tagged. When a player is tagged he becomes "It."

POISON TOWEL

(Submitted by S. David Butz
Germantown, Ohio)

Equipment Needed: Ring of chairs and one tea towel.

Any number above six can play the game. A number of chairs totaling one less than the number of players are formed in a large circle, facing inward. (If only a few are playing, the chairs should be spaced somewhat apart to make a large circle.) One player, "Mud," stands in the center of the circle, all other players seated. Mud throws a towel to any member of the circle, who passes it to any other member in the circle. If Mud taps the person in possession of the "poison towel" before he passes it, that person goes to the center of the circle and becomes Mud, the former Mud taking his seat in the circle. No player except Mud can leave his chair at any time except after having been tagged. The game continues until everyone has been Mud or until time expires.

FLYING DUTCHMAN

(Submitted by Eugene Hunt
Dallas, Texas)

Boys form a circle by holding hands. Two members are chosen to start the game. They run around the circle and hit the joining hands of any two boys. The boys who were tagged run around the circle in the opposite direction and try to get back into the break in the circle before the other team does. The first team to fill the gap gets to stay while those who are "It" go around the circle and tag someone else.

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 39: ANIMALS: BATS

Although the bat can fly, it is an animal not a bird. Most of the bats in Palestine live in caves or some other dark place. Their living quarters are just the type of places people throw things they no longer want. This may have been the reason Isaiah said the people would throw their gods of silver and gold to the bats and moles. (Isaiah 2:20)

Bats usually sleep during the day and do their feeding at night. Thus most of their waking hours are spent in darkness. Bats are equipped with an unusual guidance system for their dark life. As they fly, they emit a high frequency sound. When the sound waves hit an obstacle, they are reflected back to the bat. The bat is able to detect these reflected waves and from them tell the location of all obstacles. This allows the bat to fly safely in complete darkness. Did you know that Christians also have an unusual guidance system which helps them avoid the snares and pitfalls of Satan.

The first part of this system is the Bible. We receive guidance as we read and study God's word.

1. Psalms 119:105, "Thy _____ is a _____ unto my _____, and a _____ unto my _____."
2. Psalms 119:9, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto _____ to thy _____."

The second part of our guidance system is the Holy Spirit. Read John 14:26 and 16:13 then answer the following questions:

3. The Holy Spirit will teach us things we need to know. T F
4. The Holy Spirit will bring things to our rememberance that will help us know the right way. T F
5. The Holy Spirit will guide us into the true way. T F

The third part to the guidance system is God speaking to us and telling us what to do. The guidance system may come as it is recorded in Isaiah 30:21, "And thine ears shall _____ a word behind thee, saying, This is the _____, _____ ye in it." You may have an experience similar to Jeremiah's when he just had to speak for God. Jeremiah 20:9, "But his word was in mine heart as a _____ shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." Or it may be as you are praying, God suddenly lets you know what to do. You do not hear a voice or see a vision but you know in your heart the way to go. Every Royal Ranger needs to tune into God's guidance system and let God guide him throughout his life.

AIR-SEA-TRAIL RANGER HANDBOOK

G.P.H. has informed us that there has been an extended delay of this new handbook. They stated that it should be ready by early fall.

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 40: ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

In the past lessons we have been studying birds and animals. Did you notice that each species of birds and animals has a pattern of action which it follows throughout its life? The reason for this is that their actions are governed by instinct.

Although it is impossible for animals to change their actions, the Bible does tell us some unusual things birds and animals have done. Let us look at three of these strange actions.

1. In Numbers 22:28 what did the ass do that was unusual? _____
2. In I Kings 17:4 and 6 what animal or bird carried bread and flesh to Elijah? _____
3. What swallowed Jonah? (Jonah 1:17) _____

The actions of the ass, raven and fish were unusual. Why do you think they acted as they did?

4. Who opened the mouth of the ass? (Numbers 22:28) _____
5. Why did the raven feed Elijah? I Kings 17:4, ". . . and I (the Lord) have _____ to feed thee."
6. Who directed the fish to swallow Jonah? (Jonah 1:17) _____

We can see that God directed the animals to do what they did. The animals obeyed even though they were asked to do the unusual. Should we be as obedient? Let us see what men of the Bible did when spoken to by the Lord.

7. God asked Abram (Abraham) to leave his father's house and relatives and go to a strange land. (Genesis 12:1) Did Abram do this? yes_no
8. In Exodus 3:10, God asked Moses to go to Pharaoh and lead the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. Did Moses go? yes_no
9. God asked Paul to be a minister and witness for Him. (Acts 26:16) Did Paul obey? yes_no
10. God asked Noah to do an unusual thing when He asked him to build an ark. Did Noah build the ark? (Genesis 6:14,22) yes_no

Just as these men and animals obeyed God, we also should obey Him. God may ask you to be a pastor, evangelist, or a missionary. Or God may ask you to be a witness in your home or neighborhood. Whatever the case may be when God asks, " _____ shall I send, and _____ for us?" (Isaiah 6:8), each Royal Ranger should be ready to say as Isaiah, "Then said I, _____; send me."

BE A PEPTIMIST

A pessimist closes an eye and says, "It can't be done." An optimist beams then says, "It can be done," then lets someone else do it. But a peptimist takes off his hat, rolls up his sleeves, and does it.

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 41: INSECTS: LOCUSTS

We now leave the subject of animals and move in our studies to the subject of insects. In this lesson we will study the locust. The locust of Palestine is similar to the North American grasshopper and is approximately two inches long. They feed upon grass and leaves although locusts will eat any green plant life. In Leviticus 11:22 the locust is listed as "clean" and could be eaten. Matthew 3:4 tells us that they formed a part of John the Baptist's diet, "...and his meat was _____ and _____." The people of the East still eat them.

As long as the locust stay within normal bounds, they fill a need in the life of the poor. There are times when conditions are just right that the locusts multiply too fast. Soon there are millions of locusts moving across the land eating every green thing in their path. Exodus 10:15 gives a description of the damage they can cause. At times like these the locust becomes a curse to mankind.

Like the locust, our emotions are beneficial as long as they are kept within God-given bounds. However once they get out of bounds, they become harmful to us. Let us look at some of these emotions.

ANGER

Anger is an emotion Royal Rangers need to keep under control. Anger which is not controlled often causes one to do things for which they are sorry later. The Bible gives us some good guidelines concerning anger.

1. Ephesians 4:26, "Be ye _____ and _____ not: let not the sun go down upon your _____."
2. Proverbs 16:32, "He that is _____ to _____ is better than the mighty; and he that _____ his _____ than he that taketh a city."

LOVE

Love is a powerful emotion and needs to be kept in controlled. God's word gives us guidelines for this emotion.

Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:39; and John 15:12 tells us who we should love. Who are these persons?

3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

In I John 2:15 two things are listed which we should not love. What are those two things?

6. _____
7. _____

FOREIGN MISSIONS PROJECT

Mark Buntain our missionary in Calcutta, India has requested \$100.00 to help buy books and materials for his large group of Royal Rangers. If your group would like to help, send your offering to our office. Please designate "India Royal Rangers."

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 42: INSECTS: FLIES

A feature which distinguishes flies from other insects is flies only have one pair of wings. Just behind and a little below these wings are a pair of "balancers". Without these "balancers," flies would not be able to fly. Flies vary in size from the "no-see-ums" which are one-twentieth of an inch long to a wood-boring fly of South America which is three inches long with a wing span of nearly three inches. The common housefly carries bacteria from their breeding grounds of manure, garbage, and other filth to human food stuffs. Other members of the fly family transmits germs in other ways; thus, placing the fly among the most dangerous pests known to man.

An example of how flies sometimes contaminate things is found in Ecclesiastes 10:1, "Dead _____ cause the _____ of the apothecary to send forth a _____." Flies had gotten into the perfumed oil and died. Soon the fragrance of the ointment changed to a stench making the ointment worthless and unwanted.

Just as flies spoiled the ointment, there are "flies" which will spoil a Royal Ranger's Christian testimony. Below are listed seven "flies" which will spoil your testimony. Match the list in the left-hand column with the verse in the right-hand column which tells about it.

1. Meddlesomeness	_____	"The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is _____. Proverbs 14:8
2. Contentiousness	_____	"The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge; but the mouth of fools feedeth on _____. Proverbs 15:14
3. Boastings	_____	"A fool's lips enter into _____, and his mouth calleth for strokes." Proverbs 18:6
4. Foolishness	_____	"He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a _____, is a fool." Proverbs 10:18
5. Conceit	_____	"It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be _____. Proverbs 20:3
6. Deceit	_____	"But now ye rejoice in your _____: all such rejoicing is evil." James 4:16
7. Slander	_____	"Woe unto them that are wise in their own _____, and prudent in their _____. Isaiah 5:21

Be on the lookout for these flies. Do not let them enter your heart and spoil your Christian testimony.

HOME MISSIONS PROJECT

A home missionary who is the pastor of an Indian church in Alaska has requested outgrown Royal Ranger clothing or materials. He has about 40 boys. Send clothing direct to J. W. Eaves, Box 966, Hoonah, Alaska 99829.

ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 43: INSECTS: ANTS

We now turn to an insect which the Bible uses as an object lesson. Proverbs 6:6, "____ to the ____, thou sluggard; _____ her ways, and be _____. Although we are not sluggards, there are several things we can learn from the ant.

FIRST, THE ANT PREPARES FOR THE FUTURE.

The ant referred to in Proverbs is the harvester ant. This ant is long-legged, black or brown and often one-third of an inch long. The harvester ants use their jaws to pick up seeds and grain which have fallen to the ground and to cut seed from weeds and grass. The kernals thus gathered are stored inside their nest and the husks are thrown outside the entrance. All summer they are busy adding to their store preparing for the future.

Each Royal Ranger has a future for which he should prepare. This future includes life on earth and eternal life. We can best prepare for our earthly life by first preparing for eternal life. John 5:24 tells us how to prepare for eternal life.

1. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that _____ my word, and _____ on him that sent me, hath _____ life."

SECOND, THE ANTS PREPARE WHEN THEY HAVE OPPORTUNITY.

The ant does not wait until fall and then hurriedly try to gather her food. She uses the opportunities of summer. The ant "_____ her meat in the _____, and _____ her food in the _____. (Proverbs 6:8) If the ant waited until fall, it would be too late and she would perish.

Every Royal Ranger should also use their opportunity to prepare for the future. Here are the instructions from God's word.

2. Isaiah 55:6 "Seek ye the Lord _____ he may be _____, call ye upon him _____ he is _____."
3. Ecclesiastes 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator in the _____ of thy _____, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."
4. 2 Corinthians 6:2, "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time _____, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, _____ is the _____ _____; behold, _____ is the _____ of _____.)"

Have you used your opportunity to prepare for eternal life? If you have not, why not bow your head and accept Jesus now.

A FRIEND

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ROYAL RANGERS BIBLE STUDY COURSE

SUBJECT: THE BIBLE AND NATURE STUDY

LESSON 44: INSECTS: ANTS (Part B)

In our last lesson we learned that the ants used their opportunities to prepare for the future. We were made to realize we needed to use our opportunities to prepare for eternal life. In this lesson we will continue our study of the ants.

Ants are sociable creatures living together in colonies. Each colony may contain anywhere from 10 to 250,000 ants. A close examination of a colony will show that every ant is busy working. Some of the ants gather food, others care for the young, while others serve as guards. "The ants are a people not _____..." (Proverbs 30:25), yet because each ant does his part they are able to build large colonies.

God has given the church the task of reaching the world for Him. There is not one person who can do this by himself. However, if each Christian will do his part, like the ant, we can reach the world for Christ. II Corinthians 3:6 - 9 gives us an example of this kind of team work. Read these verses and then answer the following questions:

1. Three persons had a part in leading the Corinthian christians to the Lord. Name these three persons: _____, _____, _____.
2. Each of these persons did (the same thing) (different things). Under line the right answer.
3. Through their combined efforts, the Corinthians were lead to the Lord. YES ____ NO ____
4. Would this have happened without the planting? YES ____ NO ____
5. Would this have happened without the watering? YES ____ NO ____

There are many places of service in the Christian work. Each place is important. Ephesians 4:11 gives five and I Timothy 3:1 and 8 gives two places. List these places in the following spaces:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

These are just a few of the many areas of service. If the item in the list below is an area where Christians can serve, write yes in the space following it. If it isn't, write no.

Church Songleader ____ Royal Ranger Leader ____ Witnessing ____
Church Choir ____ Sunday School Teacher ____ Visitation ____
Church Orchestra ____ Royal Ranger Senior Guide ____

What other areas of Christian service can you name? Write them on the back of this sheet. The important thing is to ask God where he wants you to serve and then serve Him in that place with your best.

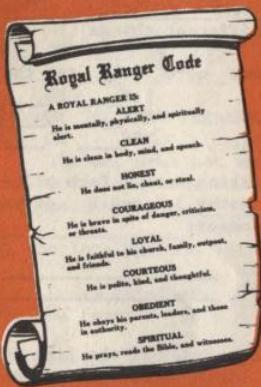
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