



# High Adventure

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*Everyone who hears these words of mine  
and puts them into practice is like a wise man  
who built his house on the rock.*

*The rain came down, the streams rose,  
and the winds blew and beat against  
that house; yet it did not fall,  
because it had its foundation  
on the rock.*

— MATTHEW 7:24-25





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*Give thanks  
to the Lord,  
for he is good;  
his love endures  
forever.*

— 1 CHRONICLES 16:34



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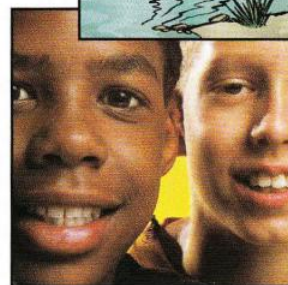
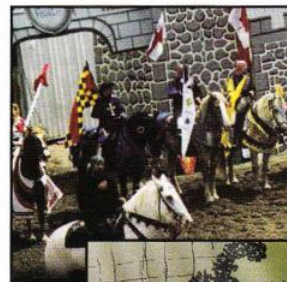
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# GOLD MEDAL of Achievement

## The Value of Royal Rangers

by Rodney **HENDERSON**

OUTPOST 256—

*First Assembly of God, Winnsboro, Texas*

**Hi!** My name is Rodney Henderson. I attend church at First Assembly of God where I am a member of Royal Rangers Outpost 256 in Winnsboro, Texas. I have received my Silver Medal of Achievement and am working on my Gold. Within the last two years I asked the Lord into my heart and was baptized in water. I am growing in my walk with the Lord, and I am currently seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I have been active in youth group and in attending Royal Rangers. I attend all the meetings, outpost campouts, merit labs, sectional camps, and other Royal Rangers outings. I can't wait to go to church.

The merits I have received have challenged me to excel and stretch my normal everyday life, and they have helped me to become the Christian I am today. They have helped me to develop my leadership abilities also. I have had many opportunities to help other boys advance in their merits and leadership skills as a patrol guide.

Royal Rangers has challenged me to overcome many hurdles in my life. It's helped me in my school work (especially reading and understanding what I read plus what to write so it makes sense). It's helped me in physical fitness. I have bad ankles and wear special insoles in my shoes. The walking and conditioning has helped my coordination. I just received my Archery Merit at the spring sectional outing. The difficulty I had was with my eyes being able to focus, but I made it. I also had to overcome my fear of water to earn my Swimming Merit. My commander's patience and determination for me to learn helped me to lose my fear of the water, and now I can swim.

The council fires and pageants are my favorite parts of the campout. The Lord has touched me at many of the council fires. I was able to attend and participate in many activities such as setting up tents, cooking meals, shooting bows and arrows, building fires, and using the camping tools on

the wilderness survival campout. I enjoyed making our shelter out of pine logs and pine boughs. Building a fire with three matches was challenging in the wet and rainy conditions.

I look forward to working on my Gold Buffalos and becoming an FCF member and participating their activities and continuing in Royal Rangers as a junior commander. I plan to be open to what the Lord wants in my life and to His leading in the Royal Rangers ministry. I know He is not finished with my life and look forward to what He has in store.

by Charles **KRUGER**

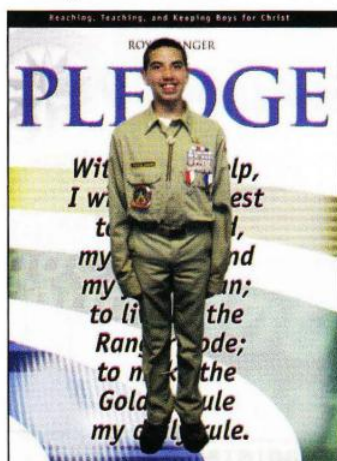
OUTPOST 178 —

*Delmarva Evangelistic Church, Salisbury, Maryland*

**W**hen I take a moment and examine all of the activities in which I am involved: treasurer of the Senior class, vice president of the Bible Club, and president of both the Junior State of America and National Honor Society chapters at my school; I cannot fail to recognize the role that Royal Rangers has played in my life. As a junior commander, I realize that I would not be where I am today had it not been for the Royal Rangers ministry. Without a doubt, Royal Rangers has been a guiding light in my life, giving me constancy, leadership, and integrity.

I came from a broken home, and at age 10, my mother, with whom I was living, moved several hundred miles away; thus, my brother and I moved in with my father. I had only been in Royal Rangers for slightly over a year then, yet it was still an activity that I enjoyed each week. Money was scarce, and my father had to work in the evenings to provide for us. Through a space of about four months, I was unable to attend Royal Rangers, that is until my commander made arrangements with church members to secure transportation, and even a meal, on Wednesday nights. This model of constancy and my commander's resolve to reach me at any cost still has great meaning to me today. Throughout a childhood of custody battles and moving back and forth from parent to parent, Royal Rangers was something constant, one sure place that I could count on from week to week.

In addition to constancy, Royal Rangers has taught me how to be a leader. At Royal Rangers, I was rewarded for effort and merit, and my commanders put me in leadership positions when I showed promise. I was given the opportunity to be a patrol guide, junior commander, and, eventually, senior guide. This leadership experience has been extended to every





other facet of my life, and I have learned to live as a leader and now play an integral part of each endeavor in which I am involved. Royal Rangers also trained me to take a stand in my faith and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone that I meet.

As part of being a leader, Royal Rangers showed me to live life as an example of godliness. I did not have Christian role models at home, but my commanders showed me how to lead a life of integrity. They taught me what it means to be a real man: to stand up for what is right in the face of all opposition. This principle has impacted my life immensely.

I attribute many of my accomplishments in life thus far to Royal Rangers. It frightens me to think of who or what I might be today if God had not used the Royal Rangers ministry to reach me and keep me on His path. I am ever so grateful to God and Royal Rangers for making me who I am today and only hope that He will use me to reach other young boys for Christ in the same way that I was touched.

by Jason **LONGORIA**

OUTPOST 132 —

*Word of Life Fellowship, Hendersonville, Tennessee*

**E**ver since I was young, Royal Rangers has been a part of my life. From Straight Arrows to Trailrangers, Rangers has instilled in me important values which I will always carry.

Throughout my life, there have been many men who have had an impact on me, most of whom have taught me the importance of following Christ, as well as being involved in Rangers. I have also been blessed to have had some of the greatest commanders, many of whom I now call friend. The most influential commander I have had would be my father. He has been with me since my beginnings in Rangers to where I am today. He and my mother have sacrificed so much of their time and energy in allowing me to proceed in Rangers, for which I am extremely grateful. Without their help and guidance, I would not have been able to accomplish much.

To be honest though, there were times when I began to lose interest in Rangers, simply because everyone my age had left to join other ministries, thus leaving me with no one else my own age. But I was not ready to quit; Rangers just offered too many things that I was not willing to give up. For it has been through Rangers that I have developed long-lasting friendships, as well as developed a closer walk with the Lord.

For instance, during Camporama 2002, I was going through some very trying times and really needed God to intervene. I felt like He was so far away, almost unreachable. Then a miracle happened during one of the evening services. As I was praying, God filled me with the Holy Spirit. It was incredible. I had never felt such a peace and joy before. It was something I will never forget. I came home from that week with answered prayers and strengthened faith.

Of all the activities that Rangers offers, camping has always been the most exciting. When I was younger, I used to get so excited about going camping. It was the highlight of my year. The most memorable experience I have had would be the powwow of 1994. It was my first-ever Rangers campout, and I was ecstatic. I was packed and ready to go three days prior to the event. Once there, my dad, who had already been to several powwows, showed and explained everything to me. Ken Hunt, who was then the national commander, was the guest speaker. I was ready to begin what was to become one of the most memorable events of my life.

However, that weekend was not all filled with such pleasurable moments. That Friday night, a large rainstorm blanketed the entire campgrounds with sheets of rain. Every one of our tents leaked, causing us to huddle in the commander's marquee. However, this proved no better, for the marquee nearly collapsed several times during the night. There I was, soaked and terrified, wishing I had stayed home, but the storm passed, and the rest of the campout went terrific. It was from this experience that I fully realized the significance of the "rain" in "Rain"-gers! Memories like this are part of why Royal Rangers is special to me. I will always remember the many Rangers campouts I have been on.

One thing I have realized about Rangers over the years is that, yes, medals and advancements are important, but what makes Rangers truly important is that it seeks to not only develop the modern boy physically, mentally, and socially, but also to develop the boy spiritually, thus leaving a godly impact on boys' lives, including my own, which is of much higher value than medals or advancements. That is why Royal Rangers is special to me, that is why I will always remember everything I have experienced through the Rangers program.

by Cagney **THOMAS**

OUTPOST 64 —

*Family Life Christian Fellowship, Lafayette, Louisiana*

**M**y first campout with the Royal Rangers was the worst campout I ever had. We were camping in a little valley at the campground. A storm came up and there was a monsoon-type rain that was sweeping through our campsite. Our commanders hurriedly removed us from our tents as our belongings were being swept away. We went to our senior commander's home and had a campout on his living room floor. The commanders and other boys assured me that campouts were not usually like this. I was really afraid to go on another campout afterward. But I did.

Some of the best things I have ever learned have been from Royal Rangers, things that I would need if I was ever stranded and had to live

on my own in the world. If I was let loose in the world, I know who to turn to—God. I've learned my way of life is really different than the world really is. Royal Rangers has helped me realize that believing in God is good. I am very thankful for what RR has helped me get: God in my life. God is my number one. In RR, I have found myself in the wilderness, in the middle of nowhere, and I knew what to do in every situation. Being in Rangers has made me appreciate life, the nature of the earth, God, and my family.

I have been in Royal Rangers since I was 6 years old. I am now 18. I started in Straight Arrows, and now I am in Expedition Rangers, working on my Gold Medal of Achievement. I remember my

first advancement in Straight Arrows. I was very excited. I felt like I was the best person I could ever be. I thank my first commander, Dean Huval, who was my commander through most of my time in Royal Rangers, for all that he has done to help me. He was, and still is, a great mentor to me. And I thank God for all that He has done through me for my family.

I started going to Royal Rangers with some friends that lived by me. They invited me one night, and my parents let me go. After a while, when I started changing for the better (I started respecting my parents and many other things,) my parents came to church to see what I was so excited about. Later, down the long road of life, they gave their lives to the Lord. Then my little brother joined Rangers, and my stepdad would go with him to some of the meetings to see what it was all about. My stepdad liked it so much that he joined in to help. Now he is a full-fledged commander. My mother is a big help to these kids and the commanders. My whole family is involved in the Royal Rangers ministry. And it all started with a little 6-year-old boy who had God in his life. I really thank Royal Rangers for everything it has shown me.

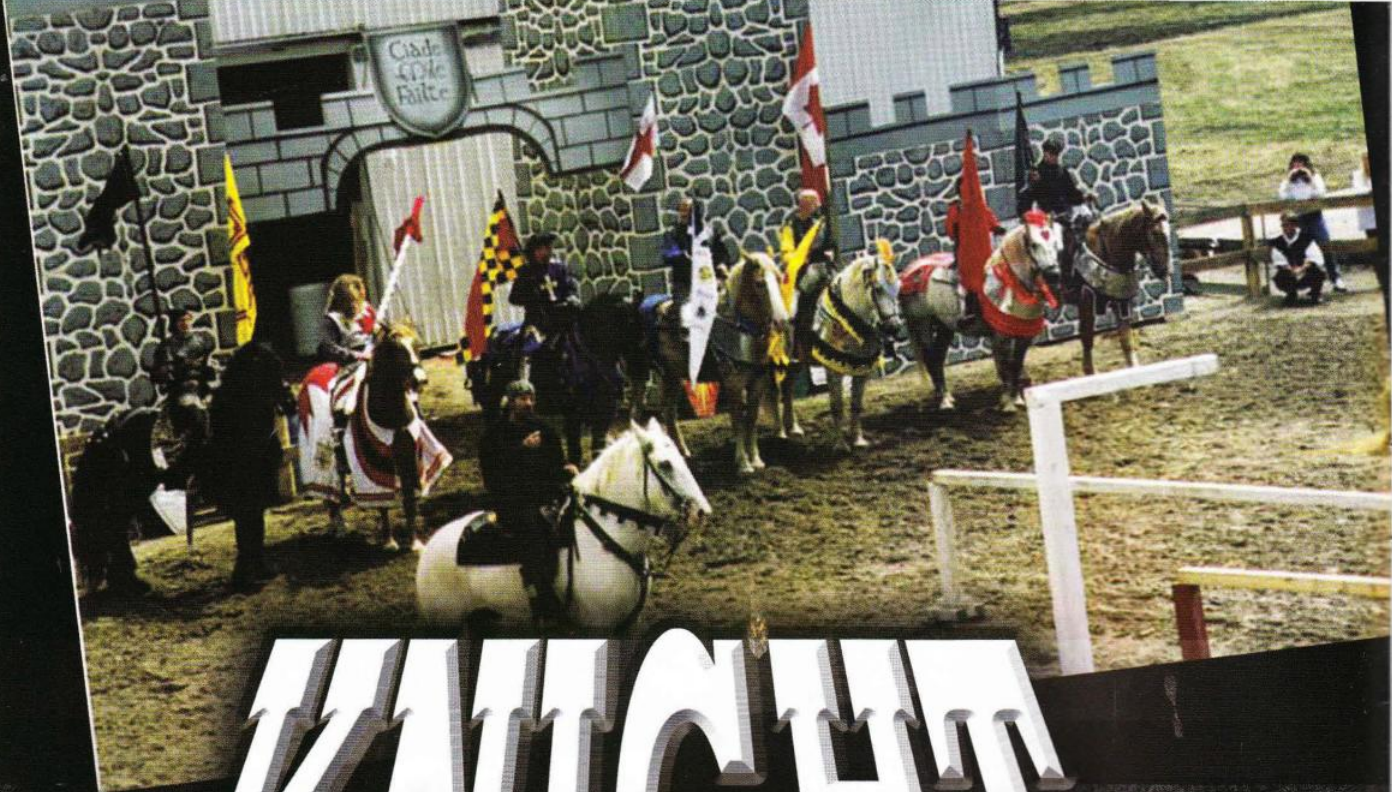
Now I am almost finished with my GMA, and I am a lieutenant commander. I will go to NTC and become a commander. I am excited about what is happening in my life right now. All I have is God to thank, because without Him, I never would have gotten where I am today.

During my first devotion given in front of 25 boys, I was very nervous. God got me through it easily, and I was proud of myself. I want to encourage other boys to stick with it, to advance in the Royal Rangers program. It is because of the dedication of the boys, the commanders, and the Rangers' parents, and, of course, God, that this program continues to grow, reaching, teaching, and keeping boys for Christ.

Thanks to you all, I am able to help little ones to Christ. A chance to be a commander is one of the best things that has happened to me. I look forward to getting my GMA. It is the highest award, and I earned it. Royal Rangers has given me a lot of things to be thankful for. I hope I have my priorities right—to be the best I can be through Christ. I started late getting my ribbons, merits, and stuff. But now I am rolling right along. Thanks again for all the powwows, academies, Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship, and other events. I look forward to many more to come. Thanks for everything! Have a blessed day.

**Being in  
Rangers  
has  
made me  
appreciate  
life,  
the nature  
of the earth,  
God, and  
my family.**





# KNIGHT RIDERS

WHERE DO YOU GO TO BE A MEDIEVAL KNIGHT?



TO "KNIGHT" SCHOOL, OF COURSE!



**D**ragon's Valour farm in Waterford, Ontario, is a place where you can attend "knight" classes and learn all about the Middle Ages, a period spanning from the years 900 to 1600 A.D. also known as the Age of Knights. Founded in 1997 by four-time world jousting champion and modern-day knight Shane Adams, the school is also home and training ground of the Canadian National Jousting Team.

## TRAINING

Beginning with a knight's most valuable ally—his horse—students or "kits" (knights-in-training) are taught grooming and care for their horses as well as dressage, the riding techniques practiced by knights more than 1,000 years ago.

Students also learn about the different components of a knight's armor and how it is made, worn, and handled. "Our armor is historically correct", explains Shane. "It is made by different armorers who ensure its safety and authenticity." Shields are constructed of steel over wood or steel alone. Lances are 10 feet long and are made out of poplar, a soft wood that has somewhat of a sponge effect when you hit with it, which prevents the lance from breaking.

Students are also taught riding and falling techniques while wearing a helmet, shield, and lance, as well as how to joust in light or heavy armor. Once these skills and strategies have been acquired, students, who—in case you're wondering—number an equal amount of boys and girls, will graduate from knights-in-training to knights after competing in a tournament.

## JOUSTING AND TOURNAMENTS

The first tournaments were held in the 11th century, where knights tested each other's skills in fighting areas surrounded by gaily decorated stands for spectators. Much like in the Middle Ages, today's tournaments are set in medieval décor with participants dressed in period-style costumes. Tournaments also feature the same gaming events as centuries ago, including the quintain, ring spearing, and the joust. One such competition is the Canadian National Jousting Tournament, an annual three-day event that attracts Canada's most skilled competitors.

The quintain is a post, with a revolving arm on top, set into the ground. At one end of this arm a shield or target of some sort is attached, while on the opposite side of the arm hangs a ball, or sandbag. A knight rides up to the structure and strikes the target with his jousting lance. As soon as the target is struck, the entire top, or revolving arm, spins. If the rider is not moving fast enough or does not successfully avoid the spinning weight by ducking, he is struck on the head or back.

"Running at the ring" consists of attempting to spear a small target, such as a ring or other hollow shape, while traveling at a fast canter or gallop. By teaching themselves to accurately strike relatively small targets, knights develop considerable accuracy with their lances.

Initially, jousting served as a way for knights to hone their fighting skills during times of peace but quickly became a moneymaking venture because the winning team could hold the losers for ransom, accepting their horses and armor as payment.

Jousting is by far the most spectacular of all tournament events; however, because of the nature of the sport, today participants must be 18 years old and older to be able to compete.

There are two styles of jousting: light armor and heavy armor. Light armor consists of a shirt, or hauberk, made of leather or chain mail, a weave of small interlocking steel rings. Riders also wear a helmet that covers their entire head, a shield, which covers their body from hip to shoulder, and a 10-foot

lance. With each piece weighing in at 25 to 30 pounds, a knight's armor can weigh more than 150 pounds in total.

Heavy armor consists of a suit of plated metal that covers the entire body and is, understandably, much harder to maneuver in. The distinction between light and heavy armor is not in weight, but rather in the level of protection. Light armor provides light protection, while full-plate armor provides heavy protection.

Because you need both hands to hold your lance and your shield, riders guide the horse with the calves of their legs. This assures the horse will not be pulled if a knight is unseated during competition. The horses used for jousting are also armored and weigh about 2,000 pounds, or as much as an average car. When two knights ride toward each other, it's like the weight of two cars, speeding toward each other at 60 kilometers, or 40 miles per hour!

## THEN AND NOW

The age of knights is often called the Age of Chivalry. Chivalry comes from the Old French word "chevalerie," which means "horse soldiering." Over time, the term came to mean the code of behavior by which a knight was expected to live. A knight who followed this code of chivalry championed right against injustice, protected his faith and the church, and defended those who could not defend themselves.

By 1500, the world of the knight had gradually faded away, partly because of changes in the methods of warfare, which brought about cannons and gunpowder. Today, enthusiasts like Shane Adams keep the history, artistry and pageantry of the Age of Knights alive at Dragon's Valour Farm. "As a child I grew up on a horse farm and always dreamed of being a knight in shining armor," explains Shane. "At Dragon's Valour Farm, this dream has come true."

For information on Dragon's Valour Farm and the Canadian National Jousting Championship, you can visit [www.wcja.ca](http://www.wcja.ca).



by Anne RENAUD



# Feature Creature

by Ann M. BAUERS



## Arctic Fox

**GENUS:** Alopex

**SPECIES:** Lagopus

**WEIGHT:** Averaging around: 7.5 lbs.  
(3.5 kilograms)

**RANGE:** Arctic of North America  
and Eurasia

The arctic fox lives farther north than any other canid species in North America. Arctic foxes are widely scattering over the arctic region. Their distribution ranges throughout the higher latitudes of North America and Eurasia. The arctic fox is a medium-sized mammal that weighs approximately 7.5 pounds (3.5 kilograms). The arctic fox has very soft but thick fur. Their thick fur keeps them warm in the arctic weather and the dense fur shields the fox from the harsh elements of the environment.

The arctic fox even has hair on the soles of its feet! This is because they spend most of their time walking on ice. The ears of these hairy-footed foxes are short and, as you probably guessed, heavily insulated by fur.

### Do you know Jesus as your personal Savior?

If you haven't asked Jesus into your heart as Savior and asked Him to forgive you of your sins, it is as simple as following these steps:

**A. ADMIT YOU HAVE SINNED.** *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).*

**B. BELIEVE IN JESUS.** *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).*

**C. CONFESS AND LEAVE YOUR SIN.** *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).*

If you would like someone to pray with you about your decision to know Jesus as your personal Savior, talk with your Royal Ranger commander, your pastor, or call: 1-800-4PRAYER, the National Prayer Center.





# ROYAL RANGERS HIGH ADVENTURE

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## The Value of Camping

*by Richard MARIOTT*



**T**he theme of this "High Adventure" is the Value of Camping. We could state it in several different ways: Using Camping as a Tool to Reach and Teach Boys, Boys Love the Outdoors, and The Great Outdoors Is a Boy's Playground, and all of these would be great themes.

The new Royal Rangers program has many options. Through the merit-driven advancement system, boys may choose to work toward non-camping merits that may be more suited to their personalities. However, this issue will be devoted to the value of camping.

Camping can reveal the true character of a person. A few years ago a pastor said, "Brother Rich, I made a mistake in selecting a staff member several years ago and found that we were not compatible working together. Do you have any suggestions to help me as I interview others?"

After thinking a moment, I said, "When you have a good candidate in mind, before you offer him the position, ask him to go camping with you for two or three days!"

He asked me to explain. I said, "When you go camping, you will find out what type of a worker/leader he is. You will quickly learn if you have to continually give instruction to accomplish setting up camp, cooking the meals, washing the dishes, gathering firewood, and other camp chores. This will help show you if he is self-motivated or requires continuous supervision. Being together, you will experience the different skills and talents you both have and see if they complement each other. You will have the opportunity to talk in the evenings and find out his family values and, most important, his personal values. This will give you a dry run for the two of you to





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see your ability to work together.

"Please understand, this is not to take the place of prayer and God's direction in your selection, only a demonstration to see his character and compatibility with your goals and work ethic."

Taking boys camping and working on weekly merits to learn camp craft skills has tremendous value in the development of the social and physical skills of boys.

Socially, boys learn to work as patrol members and develop skills working together as a team. The mental processing and decision-making experience made for groups sometimes differs from an individual. When they start working together as a patrol, they find benefits that yield tremendous results that could not have been accomplished alone.

Many times boys are allowed to try new areas of interest in which they were not aware they had talents, and the experience becomes a lifelong interest or profession.

Physical skills are also important for boys to develop. Many of you remember the story last year about my grandson Kody, now in Discovery Rangers. Kody has a real interest in continuing his skills in building and has many new interests that are a result from being exposed to the experiences while working on new merits.

Camping helps develop a boy into a leader as he becomes proficient in his skills and develops a better understanding of the outdoors. He learns the importance of low impact camping, which helps him have a better appreciation of our God-given natural resources and teaches him how to respect and protect them for future generations.

The value of camping is significant to the Royal Rangers leader because he knows that one of the greatest opportunities we have as leaders to share the Great Commission is around a campfire with the boys and dads.

I remember as a leader in Outpost 271 that we had annual father-son campouts. I don't remember the dad's name, but I remember that he came every year to be with his son on the campout. He didn't attend church, and declined our invitation to attend each year, but the third time he attended the father-son camp, he came forward for salvation and began attending church.

I have prayed for countless young boys with special prayer requests, and I think most commanders would agree the number one request boys have is for salvation for their family members (parents, boys, sisters, or grandparents).

Once in a while I'm asked, "Is camping relevant?" The answer is absolutely! While camping is not for every boy, it is still one of the greatest avenues we have to develop young champions for His kingdom!

I'll close by saying thank you to every RR leader and pastor who recognizes the value of camping and takes their boys into our great out-of-doors.



## Royal Rangers Alumni

by Marvin Lemke

Many of us have reached the age that physical limitations dictate how much and what we can do. The trails seemed to be longer; the backpacks heavier; the sleeping pads in the tent offer less comfort; and, yes, the boys seem to sleep less at night. If this fits your situation, let me encourage you to become part of the Royal Rangers Alumni program.

During the 2004 National Royal Rangers Council the Royal Rangers Alumni (RRA) program was approved and is being launched by many of the districts. Contact your district commander for information.

The objective of the RRA is to provide opportunities for service and ministry for leaders 55 years old and older or leaders who are medically unable to serve as local commanders. You do not need to be retired to be part of the RRA.

Royal Rangers Alumni provides you the opportunity to "Continue to Serve" and be a vital part of Royal Rangers by providing assistance to your local outpost, district, or national office as your time permits.

Royal Rangers leaders, upon reaching retirement age or when medical or other reasons prohibit them from serving as commanders, may feel they no longer have a part in the RR ministry. This is certainly not the case, as many of these leaders have a wealth of knowledge and experience and are willing and able to serve on a limited basis.

So your uniform has shrunk while it was hanging in the closet, don't fret. The official RRA uniform is an RRA polo shirt and slacks. For camping an RRA T-shirt, blue jeans, and the RRA cap is appropriate.

Thank you for giving some of the best years of your life to reaching boys and molding lives for the kingdom of God. Won't you join me by "Continuing to Serve" in the ministry God has honored us with? Please contact me for more information by phone at (405) 728-1453, e-mail at [lemke@royalrangers.net](mailto:lemke@royalrangers.net), or check out our website at <http://rra.royalrangers.net>.

*"Continuing to Serve,"*

**Marvin Lemke**  
National RRA President





# How Do Boys With Disabilities Benefit From Royal Rangers

*by Brian Hendrickson*  
*National Programs & Curriculum Coordinator*

**T**he greatest joy a commander can experience is to see his Rangers become Christians. As the years pass, the commander can experience joy and satisfaction as the young man matures into a godly man of the church. One of those steps towards leadership in the church is the earning of the Gold Medal of Achievement. Yet nothing seems so fulfilling as seeing a young man whom the world would consider at a disadvantage achieve such a high standard of Royal Rangers advancement.

Earlier this year the national office received a call from Commander Richard Bettis from the North Texas district seeking advice for one of his boys. It did not take very long listening to Richard to realize that he was especially pleased with one of his boys, Rodney Henderson. However, Richard was quick to indicate that although Rodney had a disability that made it hard for him to perform certain tasks, it was the boys in the outpost that made a difference with Rodney's progress. They accepted Rodney as a Royal Ranger first and then took on the responsibility of helping him to achieve.

No, these boys did not do the work for Rodney! Commander Richard is a stickler for detail and completion. He has high standards and expects all boys to meet those standards. Does it mean Commander Richard was inflexible? No, he worked with the boys to help Rodney complete the same requirements so that his earning of the GMA in no way diminished the value of this prestigious award. Besides, as Richard says, Rodney and the other boys in the outpost would not be able to experience the same



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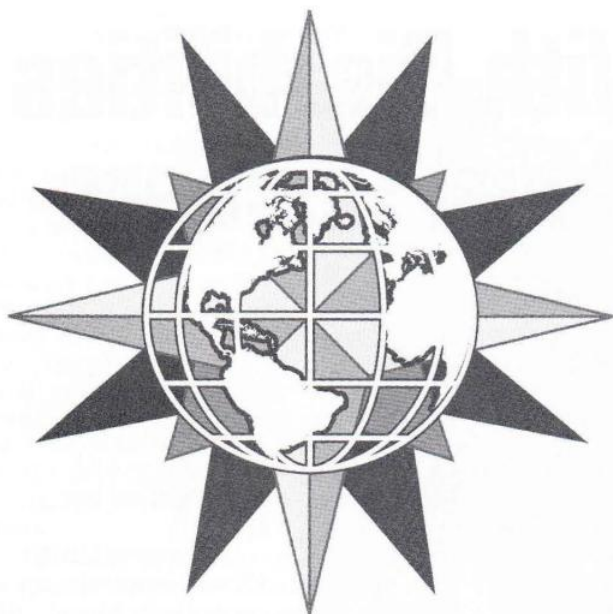
amount of satisfaction for a job well done if the requirements had been lessened.

We received Rodney's 500 word essay, which you can read in this issue of the *High Adventure*, and it is very apparent that Royal Rangers has made a significant impact on a boy who might otherwise have been forgotten. He struggled, but he persisted; he ran against obstacles, but he overcame—he has exemplified the Royal Rangers life. Not only has Rodney earned the Gold Medal of Achievement but he has also set his eyes on achieving more. In fact, just before this article went to the editor, the national

office learned that Rodney completed his Frontiersman Adventure and is now a Frontiersman in FCF. He knows God is not done with him yet. He knows that God will use him. He knows his life must be used for the advancement of the kingdom. Isn't that what it is all about? Not the advancements, not the honors, but the growing of boys into strong men of faith ready to accept the challenges set before them.

So, what are the rewards of working with boys with disabilities? I think it is pretty clear. Rodney was awarded the GMA—yes, it was hard work, but he did it. Commander Richard was able to reap the joy of seeing Rodney earn this high honor. But maybe those who gained the most were the boys who worked with Rodney every week, spurring him on, challenging him, and teaching him. Some of those boys earned the GMA as well. You know, maybe this article should have been titled, "Who Benefits From Working With a Boy With a Disability?"





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to an end —  
to separate boys from  
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can hear from God.*



*by Douglas MARSH*

## Does Camping Add Value to These Boys Lives?

As a Royal Rangers missionary, I get this question. "After all," some reason, "many boys overseas live in houses that are little better than tents. Their moms cook on open fires, they use an outhouse, and they bathe in a pond." How does camping add value to the lives of boys in developing nations?

The heart of the question goes deeper, "Are we evangelizing boys in these conditions with the right methods?" The answer is, "Yes!" Camping is a means to an end. It appeals to skilled and non-skilled campers alike, regardless of how they arrive at that experience. Some learn because their fathers are recreational outdoorsmen, others learn from necessity.

Having been born and raised in third world nations

and having ministered in that context my entire life, I can attest that Royal Rangers camping, with some simple modifications, is an effective evangelism tool. Experiences from Bolivia, South America, where we used Royal Rangers to reach the poorest of the poor, illustrate why camping is attractive to boys.

### BOYS EVERYWHERE NEED ADVENTURE

In camps I've led in Bolivia, I've hiked with boys whose parents could only afford to provide their sons with sandals made of old rubber tires. These boys were dressed in holey handspun wool hand-me-downs. Did they enjoy the adventure? Absolutely!

They hustled to reach the top of the mountain first.





Upon arriving, they eagerly collected fuel for the fire, participated in knot-tying relays, and begged to be first to rappel. As night approached, the excitement of sleeping in the army green A-frame tents the military had loaned us was evident. The boys were away from home and thriving on the fun. Camping is a means to an end, and it delivers adventure regardless of mom and dad's credit score (if they have one at all!).

### BOYS EVERYWHERE NEED FRIENDS

As I observed the boys working together to set up their patrol sites, they learned to communicate, solve problems, and, yes, resolve arguments. They assumed responsibilities for themselves and helped each other. In the process, I could tell they were becoming good friends.

Some of the boys' homes were in the isolated shadows of the Andes Mountain peaks, where they have few if any Christian friends. Most of their peers are steeped in animism. What these boys most needed at camp is a best friend. That tie will draw them back to future camps. Royal Rangers is a ministry that builds relationships among boys who love God. In a world where men of all economic levels are bankrupt in the friendship department, it is vital that today's boys learn to build relationships.

### BOYS EVERYWHERE NEED INSTRUCTION

The Bolivian Rangers were sitting in a large circle. Most came from rural homes approximately 13,000 feet above sea level. Since they live above the tree line, all these boys have a common chore at home. They regularly collect cow pies and pile them like we do fire wood. Once dried by the sun, mom can use them to fire up the outdoor mud-dome oven and bake some tasty bread.

Today, however, the fire craft instructor, Octavio Baldivieso, would allow them to use eucalyptus wood, a fuel they rarely got to burn. As the class drew to a close, Octavio related the three ingredients of a fire to the work of the Holy Spirit. "Your life, your body, and your mind

is like this wood" he explained. "You must choose how it is consumed. Either you allow the Holy Spirit to burn away impurities and use you for his good pleasure, or you will burn for eternity in hell. The choice is life or death; choose life!"

It is true. These boys knew how to start fires. But they never paid closer attention to a teaching on the power of God at work in their lives as they did that day! Camping is a means to build boys' moral-spiritual character, regardless whether their mom cooks dinner over cow pies or a gas stove.



### BOYS EVERYWHERE NEED GOD

Night had fallen and the campfire was leaping high. The boys sang, laughed, and told stories. Finally, Herman Lima, the evening speaker, delivered a powerful salvation appeal. Hands started to go up as he used his text to "command boys everywhere to repent." They came forward with tear-filled eyes. Before long, everyone was recommitting their lives to Christ.

Men and boys tarried in prayer and sang praises with their arms around each other's shoulders. These are defining moments in boys' lives. They are saved, called to ministry, and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Camping is a means to an end—to separate boys from their routine so they can hear from God. Often the poorest of the population are first to recognize their spiritual poverty and embrace the riches offered in God through Christ.

Truthfully, our poorest churches cannot afford to go without a camping ministry like Royal Rangers. Boys thrive on adventure. When churches ministering in economically depressed areas provide boys an exciting ministry like Royal Rangers, they place themselves at a huge Kingdom advantage. It will draw families, and it will build future leaders. Boys will be saved!

Yes, Rangers camping does add value to *these* boys, and *these* boys add value to the church. Like you, I believe Royal Rangers is the right tool to reach, teach, and keep boys for Jesus Christ—even in developing nations.





# Rangers, Is It More Than Camping?

by Mike Laliberty

Although the main emphasis of this quarter's High Adventure magazine has been camping, the answer to the above question is a big, "Yes!" Royal Rangers is much more than camping. Historically, camping has been a big part of Royal Rangers. It remains an important part of Rangers today because boys love the outdoors and the sense of adventure it brings.



However, on occasion, we have heard critiques that "Rangers will not work in our church," "Our potential leaders don't camp," "We just don't have a budget for camping, so it is best not to even try Rangers." These conditions are not showstoppers for Royal Rangers in any church. Rangers is not "just camping." This is especially true with today's updated Royal Rangers program. In fact, it is possible for a church to have a successful Rangers program without overnight camping at all. Let's take a look at the flexibility of today's program.

## **RANGER KIDS:** KINDERGARTEN, 1ST, AND 2ND GRADES

This program was specifically designed as non-camping. In fact the recommendation from the national office is to limit activities away from the church to day camping, picnics, and field trips.

## **DISCOVERY RANGERS:** 3RD THROUGH 5TH GRADES

Although this program allows for the introduction of overnight camping to

Discovery-aged boys, there is no *requirement* to do so. Not a single requirement contained in the 20 red and 30 blue merits designed for this age group needs to be completed in an overnight camping environment. If your church is new to Royal Rangers, lacks camping equipment, or prefers to be a non-camping church, then the Discovery boys in your Royal Rangers outpost can still earn all of their advancement awards including the Gold Falcon, Hawk, and Eagle. "But what about all of those Trail of the Grizzly merits?" you ask. "Isn't there a requirement to complete the 'grizzly paw' red merits on campouts?" No!





The red "grizzly paw" merits certainly fall into the category of traditional camp craft skill merits, but they are also life-skill merits that all boys need to learn. The requirements for these merits may be completed on day camps, field trips, or in the back lot of the church. The flexibility of the merit requirements allows for many options at the local church, whether it is non-camping, a staged introduction to camping, or a full-blown camping program. The key is that the boys are able to successfully complete their advancement work no matter what option the church chooses to implement.

### **ADVENTURE RANGERS:**

#### **6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADES**

Can a start-up Ranger program or non-camping church successfully operate the Adventure Rangers age group? The answer is definitely, "Yes." Once again, the flexibility provided in the new merit-driven advancement system allows the Adventure Rangers to complete all of their advancement awards, except the Gold Medal of Achievement, without an overnight requirement. Of the 21 gold merits and 51 green merits provided with the Adventure program, only the Camping merit (gold) and the Backpacking merit (green) require overnight activity. Of these two merits, only the Camping merit is required for the Gold Medal of Achievement. Even with the Camping merit, there is a degree of flexibility concerning the overnight requirements. These requirements can be satisfied not only with overnight outdoor camping, but also with overnight trips in a foreign or home missions environment. For example, home mission trips with overnights in a church fellowship hall or tent involving camping on church grounds meet the merit requirements. These options allow churches to operate their Royal Rangers program with a great deal of flexibility so that even a boy from a non-camping church can earn the Gold Medal of Achievement.

### **EXPEDITION RANGERS:**

#### **9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADES**

Can a start-up Ranger program or non-camping church successfully operate the Expedition Rangers age group? Once again, the answer is definitely, "Yes." Only 6 out of the 77 generally available silver merits require overnight activities. This provides Expedition Rangers numerous opportunities to successfully earn merits during their entire Expedition Rangers experience. There are also numerous specialty merits in the Air, Sea, and Trail Rangers programs that do not require overnight activities. The Achievement (Air and Sea Rangers options), Activity, and Service Medals can all be earned without overnight outdoor camping.

In effect, the following statement could be made: "Royal Rangers: Something for every boy, something for every church."

Today's new Royal Rangers ministry, like never before, provides every church many ways to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ.

So—Royal Rangers, it's more than camping!

## **RRA TESTIMONIALS**

Do you know those who have dedicated their lives to the Royal Rangers ministry and are now inactive and over 55? There is a place for these quality leaders who may not be able to honor a weekly commitment to a local outpost but who would be able to share their years of experience on a part-time vision. How is that possible? Contact your district commander for information about the Royal Rangers Alumni program or contact Marvin Lemke at by phone at (405) 728-1453, e-mail at [mlemke@royalrangers.net](mailto:mlemke@royalrangers.net), or check out our website at <http://rra.royalrangers.net>. Your testimony could echo with the same renewed enthusiasm for Rangers as these gentlemen.

*"I became active in RR when the program was started in 1962. I have served in many positions from outpost commander to regional coordinator. About five years ago I had a brain tumor removed and was forced to resign as regional coordinator and from all other RR duties. Rangers was a big part of my life, and suddenly it seemed my ministry was gone. What a distressing feeling that was. I was excited when I heard about the RRA program and how I could continue to be involved in the ministry. I am 70 years old and still want to be involved in 'reaching boys for Christ.' The RRA provides me that opportunity."*—

**Shorty Wills**, North Texas district, Athens, TX

*"I am still involved in Royal Rangers, although I am 77 years old, as it gives me an outlet for my artistic talents as I prepare decorations for Rangers events, help the boys design and build their Pinewood Derby cars, make life-sized cutout cartoons for fundraising. I also use my Army training (sergeant in Korea) to help with the orderly assembly of the boys at outpost meetings and campouts."*

**Sal DiGaetano**, Outpost 64, Orchard Park, NY

*"Our local RR outpost has the longest continuous charter in Iowa. My father-in-law was among the first commanders in the original group. I have two sons who have gone through the Rangers program, and have an 8-year-old grandson who is currently a Ranger here in Keokuk. My work schedule has not allowed me to be a full-time commander for several years. However, the RRA concept has given me opportunities to minister in our local outpost once more. I am pleased to be able to help again as my schedule allows. It is most rewarding to see young men grow in their faith as they advance in the Rangers program. The many activities (campouts, Pinewood Derby, fishing trips, etc.) help to teach them life skills, and the outpost meetings teach them spiritual skills. The RR ministry has been a most important part of our fellowship since 1962."*

**John Pollitt**, Iowa district, Keokuk, IA

*"Royal Rangers will always be a big part of my life. I have been active in RR for 25 years and have traveled overseas on several occasions as part of a national training team. Two years ago I was hospitalized with an aneurysm. My doctor advised me to curtail all activities that would cause stress or excitement as this condition could reoccur. I was thrilled when Commander Lemke told me about the RRA and how I could continue to be part of Rangers as my health permitted. I attended the district powwow this past year and helped in the concession stand. What a joy it is to be involved in RRA and be able to encourage other young men to carry on the RR ministry."*

**Bob Posey**, Oklahoma district, Oklahoma City, OK





# The Power of Camping as a Family

*by Dr. Greg Smalley*

*Because our hotel was about 40 miles from the nearest town and we were surrounded by the Grand Canyon, the sky was lit up like millions of tiny diamonds. The scene was breathtaking.*



**S**ome of my greatest memories growing up are camping with my family. We all loved the outdoors and took advantage of it in many ways.

When I was about 13 years old, my dad and I heard about this unbelievable fishing river called Lee's Ferry in northern Arizona. Apparently, the fishing was so good that people were catching 12- to 13-pound trout. The mere thought of catching such a fish caused our mouths to salivate. As it turned out, however, the fishing was not the best part.

The trip to Lee's Ferry took about six hours, so we arrived there sometime late that evening. Because our hotel was about 40 miles from the nearest town and we were surrounded by the Grand Canyon, the sky was lit up like millions of tiny diamonds. The scene was breathtaking. Needing the perfect place to watch the stars, we decided to take our pillows and lay on top of a big stone wall behind the hotel. We just laid there talking and watching the falling stars. "Hey, did you see that one!" or "Look over there!" were the only sounds. There were minutes when we didn't say a word. We just kept staring up at the beautiful sky.

While we were stargazing, without any warning, a stray cat leaped up and landed right on my chest. The sudden terror, along with my high-pitched scream, resulted in me flinging the cat at my dad's unsuspecting head. We both tried to roll out of the way, but lost our balance and fell off of the wall. Needless to say, we never saw that cat again. After regaining our composure, we couldn't stop laughing as we watched the stars well into the next morning.

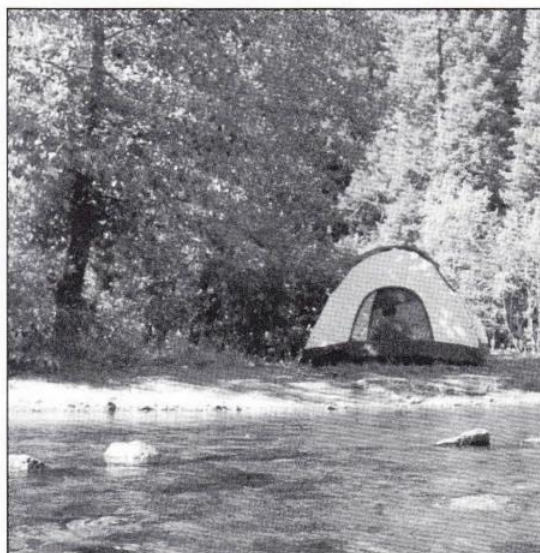
This "star experience" illustrates a major secret to building a friendship with your child: being *together*, just the two of you alone in an unusual circumstance or place.

The reason that my dad and I had such a meaningful experience on our fishing trip is when you spend time together, not only do you create precious memories, but another important thing happens: You become *bonded*.

Have you ever noticed how quickly things can go wrong when you're together as a family? Whether it's

being startled while "star gazing," the car breaking down, or someone falling out of the bleachers, spending time with each other can produce crises. The memories of being together when things go wrong or when you share an adventure is what bonds your family together. The bottom line is that difficult times don't have to pull a family apart. Instead, they can be the very glue that bonds the family into tight friendships. When our family was in the middle of a crisis, you didn't find us saying, "Isn't this great? We're all feeling so close right now!" No way! In most cases it takes about three weeks for a shared crisis or experience to set and permanent bonding to take place. Once set, though, it's usually so tight that virtually nothing can tear apart the memory.

Another reason why spending time bonding with your children is important is because it produces *history*. Later, as the relationship between a child and his parents begins to strain, the bonding that has taken place is what can help repair that relationship. There were many times when my parents and I faced difficult trials when I was a teenager. Looking back, we are convinced that a major reason we were able to deal constructively with those crises was because of how bonded we were as a family. Bonding



experiences also caused a history to form between us and our children. When difficult times happen in your family, having a long history between the different family members gives everyone hope that things will work out. History derived from shared crises says that "although it seems bad now, we've made it before."

What kind of a "memory book" are you writing together as a family? Could your family spend an evening of sharing and laughter saying, "Remember when..."? Does your book contain any stories that get better with the telling? Do the pages have vivid color pictures of crazy dilemmas, rainy nights in a tent, midnight church services, picnics at the park or bedtime stories? Or is it all set in straight, gray, predictable type? Whichever way it goes, your family story can only be written once!

*Dr. Greg Smalley is the president of the Smalley Marriage Institute in Branson, Mo. For additional resource on strengthening marriage and family relationships, visit [www.smalleymarriage.com](http://www.smalleymarriage.com).*





## Eurasia Royal Rangers PRAYER UPDATE:

"Vsegda Gotov"—"Always Ready" is what the Soviet Communist Pioneer posters say. The Soviet Pioneers are still around in the Commonwealth of the Independent States today. As few as they are, they pop up at communist parades or during the revolutionary celebration on November 7. The Pioneers, which was once a program to propagate Soviet ideas into the lives of young children, is now faced with near extinction and leaves only a memory of forced idealism and propaganda. The ministry of Royal Rangers fills the void left by the retreating Soviet Pioneers. I have witnessed children in Russia and other CIS countries wanting and needing a ministry to fill their lives and give them hope in a world left in confusion by the demise of the Soviet Union. The picture above really portrays what Royal Rangers means to the young boys and girls of Eurasia—food for hungry souls.

Last year I was handing out Royal Rangers patches as prizes at a day camp. I gave one to a young Russian boy while he was eating his lunch. Young Igor was caught in a dilemma. He had no pockets in his pants to put the newly acquired patch in; he could not put the patch on the ground in fear that someone would take it. He decided the only thing to do was hold it with one hand and try to eat with the other. I snapped a picture because I thought it was comical to see him value something so much that he was willing to juggle his hot soup and his treasure.

Eurasia Royal Rangers is not about uniforms, camping, and patches. It's about reaching that boy or girl who has no hope for the future. In many countries around the world, children are thought of as unimportant and worthless. What do children see in a Royal Rangers patch? They see life, hope, and a future in Jesus Christ. Please pray for the future of Eurasia's children.

## SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka, a large island off the coast of India, needs your prayers. The Assemblies of God is one of the largest evangelical denominations on the island. In the past, there have been many conflicts between Buddhists, Muslims, and Christians, which makes for a history of violence and fear. Sri Lanka has dedicated commanders who have renewed their commitment to start Royal Rangers throughout their island.

Doug Marsh and Mark Broberg will be visiting Sri Lanka in October to help better understand how to serve Sri Lanka in their new efforts to establish RR. There are 500 boys at the present and seven churches involved on the island. Sri Lanka is a very poor island; therefore, it is financially difficult for commanders and churches to purchase RR books and awards. Please pray for the protection and blessings on Christian families, churches, pastors, Royal Rangers outposts, and commanders.

## RUSSIA

Please pray for Missionaries Roy and Charlene Haas. Roy is part of the Russian/CIS Royal Rangers team. Roy and his wife at the present are itinerating throughout the United States. Roy first came to Russia in 1997, working with Calvary International Missions program, and is currently working with Russian Royal Rangers and serves as Calvary International's Russian representative. Pray that

God would supply the prayer and financial support that they need to further the work in Russia.

Please pray for the first Russian ANTC in Tver, Russia. Pray as commanders from all over Russia travel (some-

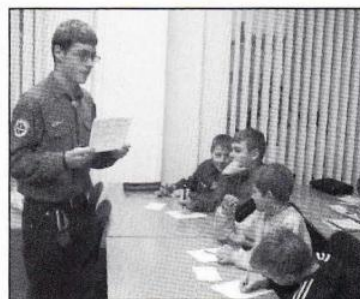


times five days by train) to receive training. In addition, pray for the U.S. commanders as they raise their funds and prepare for their teaching during the camp. Please pray for a great move of God's Spirit during the camp and that commanders would commit themselves to excellence and the future harvest in children's lives.

Please pray for the Royal Rangers in Kopenno, Russia, a small industrial city south of St. Petersburg. Times can be hard for young commanders as they try to balance work to support their families and Royal Rangers. Please pray for financial blessings on all commanders and their pastors in the Eurasia area. Pray that churches will be able to acquire their own buildings and property.

Royal Rangers International had its first Regional Directors Meeting in March 2004. Please pray for the continued growth of Royal Rangers around the world and its regional and national directors.

Royal Rangers is a growing ministry with Rangers in 65 countries throughout the world. RRI exists for the purpose of partnering with national leaders, missionaries, and church leaders from around the world to strengthen Royal Rangers in each region, to coordinate the worldwide expansion of the ministry. Royal Rangers International is a service department of the Assemblies of God World Missions program with the goal of reaching, teaching, and keeping children for Jesus throughout the world.







## Thanksgivings

by Lisamarie Leto

Thank you for being my Heavenly Father,  
and for taking care of me  
so perfectly from above;  
I give you my heart, with all of my will,  
and also my complete, and genuine love.

Thank you for giving me life, my Lord,  
and for blessing and providing for me;  
I give you all of my appreciation,  
without you where would I be?

Thank you for being my friend  
and mentor,  
someone that I can admire  
and look up to;  
I give you my attention and dedication,  
whenever I seek answers,  
I always turn to you.

Thank you for surrounding me  
with so much love,  
from people who can encourage me  
and truly care;  
I give you all of my gratitude and praise  
for Father, you understand  
and are always there.

Thank you for always hearing my prayers,  
I am important and really matter to you;  
I give you all of the glory,  
you know what I need, before I do.

Thank you for your help, joy, and comfort,  
that are there for me, every day;  
I give you my faith, hope  
and devotion, Lord,  
You always provide a way.

Father, at this season,  
and each day of the year;  
I send my Thanksgivings to you,  
with a child's heart,  
and know that your presence  
is always near.

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# ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE INJURIES on the RISE

## St. John's Encourages Proper Use

by Pam Holt, RN, BSN

In the last three years, emergency trauma center staff at St. John's Regional Health Center have seen a significant rise in the number of all-terrain vehicle-related trauma patients. ATV-related emergency room visits in the U.S. more than doubled from 1997 to 2001.

Roger Huckfeldt, MD, St. John's chief trauma surgeon, has studied the problem and says one factor contributing to the rising number of accidents is the increasing weight and power of ATVs. Nationwide, 95 percent of all children injured in ATV accidents crashed while riding adult-sized ATVs. Experts say children younger than 16 do not have the physical size, strength, coordination, or motor skills to operate an ATV, especially adult-sized ATVs that reach speeds over 60 miles per hour. ATV manufacturers recommend that no one under the age of 12 operate an ATV and children under the age of 16 should not drive an ATV with an engine size greater than 90 cc. Drivers aged 12 to 15 operating an adult-sized ATV have more than twice the average risk of injury.

"Children riding adult-sized ATVs, inadequate driver training, and not enough helmet use are contributing factors to many ATV crashes. Anyone who operates an ATV should wear a helmet, receive specialized training, and should operate an ATV of the appropriate size," Huckfeldt says.

Nearly 80 percent of all ATV crash patients treated at St. John's in the last three years did not wear a helmet, and nearly half of those sustained head injuries. Helmets that provide face protection reduce the risk of fatal head injury by 42 percent and the risk of non-fatal head injury by 64 percent.

In a recent study, St. John's Assistant Trauma Program Manager Monta Rae Glaser, RN, and Huckfeldt compared the health care costs of non-helmeted riders involved in ATV crashes to those of helmeted riders who had crashed.

"The cost of treatment for non-helmeted riders is twice the cost of treatment for helmeted riders. The most common injuries sustained are orthopedic injuries and head injuries," Glaser says.

The study shows that the average length of stay in the hospital for ATV-related crash patients is 3.7 days. The average length of stay for helmeted ATV riders who have crashed is lower, by nearly two days, than the hospital stay of non-helmeted riders.

Surprisingly, there is no national legislation to ensure that all riders have the proper training and



gear. Forty-two states do not require a license to drive an ATV, 24 states have no minimum age to drive an ATV, and 19 more states allow children as young as 8 to operate ATVs. Thirty-five states do not require any safety training or testing to drive an ATV.



In Missouri, the minimum age to operate an ATV is 16, unless supervised by an adult, and riders younger than 18 must wear helmets. There are no laws regarding ATV size for children, and the law does not require an operator's license or safety courses either.

"Parents and adults should use their best judgment and err on the side of safety when allowing a child to operate an ATV or operating an ATV themselves, since the law does not provide the maximum safety standards for ATV operators," Huckfeldt says.

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## Trash to Treasure

by Shirley Zebrowski

Do you save your soda cans and glass bottles and bundle up your newspapers for the recycling truck? That's great!

About half of the aluminum in new soda cans comes from old recycled cans. Bottles and jars contain one-fourth of the old recycled glass. Those bundles of newspapers become tissues, paper towels, writing paper, envelopes, and even greeting cards.

A new type of recycling is becoming big business. The plastic parts from old computers, televisions, and other electronic equipment is being turned into an asphalt-like product for roads. In Massachusetts this is used to repair roads, and this state hopes more people will recycle old equipment. Right now, 75,000 tons of it is dumped in landfills each year!



Another new business recycles old computer disks. The disks are collected, erased, reformatted, and sold. Where does this company get enough old disks to make all this work worthwhile? Most of the disks come from big software companies. These are program disks that either never sold or have become outdated. The company also takes any old disks! The ones you use in your home computer will be broken up, mixed with some new materials, remade, and resold.

If you have ever seen or smelled a tire fire, you know old tires need somewhere to go! There is no easy way to get rid of tires, except to recycle them. Old tires are now being used to make trash cans, buckets, sandals, belts, and even handbags. Hopefully there will be even more and better uses for recycled tires in the future. Can you think of new ways to use old tires?

Buying and using products made from recycled materials is an important step in the whole process. That's the "cycle" in recycling!

- The iron and steel in the tin cans we throw away every day could supply all the American car maker's needs forever!
- We throw away enough aluminum cans every three months to rebuild all the commercial airplanes in the entire United States.
- Five million homes could be heated for 200 years on just one year's worth of discarded wood and paper.
- You can light a 100-watt bulb for four hours with the energy from one recycled glass bottle.





# Devotionals for Boys

by David BOYD

## LESSON 1: A Treat for You

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Various candy treats, a jar of honey

Hand out some candy treats of various kinds for the children to snack on. Ask the children what their favorite kind of candy is. After they have had a chance to respond, ask the children what people in Bible days might try to find if they wanted something sweet. Give them a chance to respond. There are a few possible answers like hard rock candy or apple pie. See if they will think of honey. If not, give them some clues.

Once they have guessed honey, bring out the jar and talk about honey. "Honey was nearly the only natural really sweet item a person in Bible times would be able to find. People would learn to smoke out a beehive so they could get some honey. Honey was a prized, special treat.

"Honey is talked about way back in the Old Testament when Samson lived. Did you know the Bible compares itself to honey? It does. In Ps. 119:103 the Bible says, 'How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.' The author compares the Bible to honey. He says the words of the Bible are better than tasting honey." Ask the kids if they can say that the words of the Bible are better than candy. They are. "Candy will be gone in a few moments, but the promises in the Bible last forever." Read them two promises from the Bible.

John 3:15 "That everyone who believes in him [Jesus] may have eternal life."

John 1:12 "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

"There are many promises in God's Word. These two promise us that God will give us eternal life in heaven if we believe in Him. God's Word is so wonderful. It's better than candy, honey, or anything else you could ever eat. That's why it is so important for us to read and study God's Word. Every time you read God's Word and the promises in it, you are learning something special about God. You should enjoy reading God's Word more than you enjoy eating candy. God's Word is very special."

## LESSON 2: Bread of Life

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Various kinds of breads, hard rolls, or crackers

Read the following story. Have the boys answer the questions at the end.

Bring different kinds of bread for the kids to look at. Talk about all the things that bread is good for. You can make toast, sandwiches, bread and butter, etc. Explain how bread was made in Bible times. Explain how important bread was in Bible times. It was one of the central foods that kept people alive.

The Bible compares itself to bread. Christians need the Bible as their daily bread. Christians should read the Bible every day. Christians should enjoy reading the Bible more than they enjoy eating breads! Note what the Bible says:

Deuteronomy 8:3 "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

This verse tells us that a Christian needs more than just bread to live. A Christian needs to hear and read the Word of the Lord in order to remain healthy.

Job. 23:12 says, "I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my daily bread."

This verse says that God has commanded us to read, hear, and love the words of the Lord. We are to love God's Word more than we love to eat every day!

In the New Testament, Jesus calls himself the bread of life. He explains that everyone who believes in Him won't be (spiritually) hungry.

Jesus is instructing us to read His Word. God's Word is food to a Christian. God's Word will help a Christian to remain spiritually strong and healthy.

The people in the Bible depended upon bread to live. Bread was one of the foods that they learned to carry with them every day to give them strength. Bread sometimes wasn't available, but Jesus and His Word are always available to us. A Christian learns to feed upon God's Word as his daily bread. The words of Jesus are our bread to give us spiritual strength and make us strong.

Decide today to read God's Word every day and to make God's Word your daily bread.



## LESSON 3:

# What's the Real You?

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Seven different cans of various foods like peas, pork-n-beans, fruit cocktail, refried beans, pudding, frosting, carrots, tuna, cat food, dog food, etc.; one can opener; and several spoons

Have the class divide into seven groups. (More or less for different sized groups.) Choose a group to start. Explain that some of the cans have the right label on them and others don't. Have the first group choose a can. Have them open it and see what they get. Have the second group open a can. Talk about the fact that it's what's on the inside that is important. Compare this to what's on the inside of people. **"Have you ever met someone who looked like he/she would be a nice person, but when you got to know him or her, you found out they weren't?"** Have a third group open a can. Talk about people. **"It's what's on the inside that counts."** Tell the story of Samuel choosing David in 1 Samuel 16:1-13. Read 1 Samuel 16:7 which says, "But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'"

As you open the rest of the cans, talk about the importance of matching our inside with our outside. If Christ is on the inside, our outside should show it. Conversely, don't judge people by the way they look. God looks at the heart. Explain that some boys can pretend to be serving God. They can go through the motions, but God knows the real you.

## LESSON 4:

# Sin Doesn't Belong

### ITEMS NEEDED:

One marker; one container each of ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise; and a pan of brownies

Write, "lying" on the bottle of ketchup. Write, "swearing" on the bottle of mustard. Write, "stealing" on the bottle of mayonnaise. Cut three brownies and hide the rest of the batch.

Set three brownies in front of the boys. Explain that each brownie represents a Christian. Each of the brownies is done just right—chocolaty and gooey. Compare the brownies to the boys. **"Each brownie was made by someone who knew just what he or she was making or they wouldn't have come out right. Each boy has been made by God. When God washes our sins away, God makes us into a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). We are made perfect. God looks at us and He is pleased. We are pleasing in His sight. Like these brownies are pleasing in our sight."**

Ask who is hungry. Take the first brownie. Squirt ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise on it until it's covered. See who wants it now. Explain that even though the brownie was made perfect, placing the wrong things on it can ruin it. Compare this to the boys. **"We are pleasing in God's eyes. But he isn't pleased when we allow sin into our lives."** Turn the bottles around. Talk about the sins of lying, swearing, or stealing. (Note: You can talk about different ones if you wish.) Talk about how sin is like an ugly stain in our lives. It ruins what God is doing in us.

Repeat this object lesson with the second brownie and then the third. Each time using less ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise. Teach the children that even a little bit of sin spoils what God has made out of our lives.

Serve the pan of brownies to the boys. Continue to talk about the types of sins that can spoil a Christian's life.

***Do you have a great idea for an object lesson?***

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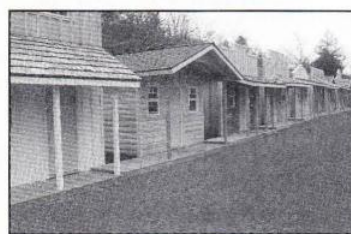


*by Jerry Parks*

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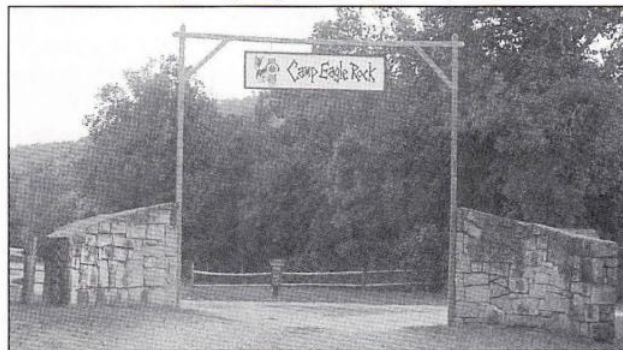
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The arctic fox has a big bushy tail that is almost as long as its body. This bushy tail looks very long in proportion to the rest of the fox, but there is a reason for its length. The arctic fox's tail is extra long and extra bushy because the fox uses its tail to wrap around its face to keep snow and wind off while it sleeps. Its like God gave the arctic fox its own personal scarf to keep warm! The insulation quality of the arctic fox's coat is reportedly greater than that of any other species of mammal.

The arctic fox has two color variations. The fox's fur actually changes color during the year. The fox does not change the color of its fur coat for formal and casual social occasions. The reason the arctic fox changes the color of its fur coat is for geographical reasons rather than for fashion. The coats of the fox change due to the geographical region they are in.



The fox's coat starts to change over to its winter phase in autumn. White foxes turn even whiter, and the bluish ones become a very pale shade of blue. When spring arrives, transition to the summer coat begins. As the winter coat is gradually shed, the white color form of the arctic fox becomes a rather dull grayish brown, and the blue foxes turn dark brown.

The major staple of the arctic fox's diet is the lemming. The lemming is a small arctic rodent. In addition to lemmings, arctic fox also dine on fish and small birds that they catch. Just like most of the other species of fox, *Alopex* is quite clever at catching both. This is a good habit to have if you live in the harsh arctic environment. Meals in the arctic are hard to come by some days, so any technique that will land you lunch is an asset.

## Jack and Alex's "I Spy" Project

by Loretta Caravette

Jack decided he wanted to make a print of his bulldog, Zeb's, paw. So, they went to Jack's house. There they got together everything they needed. The list included:

### THINGS NEEDED TO BUY:

- Plaster or Sculptamold (art store or craft shop)

### THINGS YOU SHOULD HAVE AT HOME:

- Water
- Disposable container (A plastic bowl or bucket)
- Mold (anything, as long as its not made of paper, such as a small plastic container, a baking pan, or a coffee can)
- Paper towels
- Cover for work area
- Old clothes you don't mind getting dirty
- Measuring cup (1 cup)
- Something for testing and smoothing (Popsicle stick, a small spoon, or even a stick)

Things to make impressions of: your dog's, cat's, hamster's, or even pet ferret's paw (Make sure you wash off their paws after you're finished.), plastic insects or spiders, seashells, your own hands or feet

### STEP ONE

Jack poured one cup of plaster into an old plastic bowl. Alex measured one cup of water and slowly added it to the plaster as Jack stirred. The plaster should have a texture like toothpaste. (But don't eat it, Frog Breath!)

Jack poured the plaster into a square plastic tray that was to be his mold. Then he gently tapped the side to get rid of any air bubbles. Alex used a small spoon to make the top smooth and even. (The plaster is ready when you insert your stick and it leaves an open mark in the plaster after you remove it.) They had to wait about a minute for it to set.

### STEP TWO

Jack's bulldog, Zeb, learned how to sit, lie down, and shake on command, so it was easy for Jack to make him sit and to place his paw in the plaster. But he needed Alex's help to hold Zeb so he didn't move. Jack held Zeb's paw in the plaster as he counted to 10. Then he carefully lifted it out of the plaster. It was a perfect print of the bottom of Zeb's paw. If Jack hadn't made a clear impression, he would have just smoothed it out and tried again.

With the stick, Jack wrote Zeb's name and the date. He and Alex added a few plastic bugs and a couple of cool rocks by pushing them down in the plaster.

### STEP THREE

The next day the plaster had hardened. Jack took it out of the mold. Now he could paint it, carve it or just leave it as it is.

Give it a try, and see if you "spy" something you have never noticed before!



IT'S  
BEAUTIFUL!  
CAN YOU BELIEVE  
WE GOT THIS  
CLOSE?

SSSHH!  
YOU'LL SCARE  
HIM OFF...

MUNCH  
MUNCH

# ROYAL RANGERS ADVENTURES

STORY, COLOR & LETTERS:  
CRAIG W. SCHUTT  
PENCILS & INKS:  
TOM LYLE

MAN, THIS  
IS WORTH THE  
WHOLE CAMPING  
TRIP.

C'MON,  
GUYS--WE GOTTA  
GET BACK TO CAMP  
BEFORE TONIGHT'S  
DEVOTIONS.

YEAH--  
BYE, MR.  
DEER!

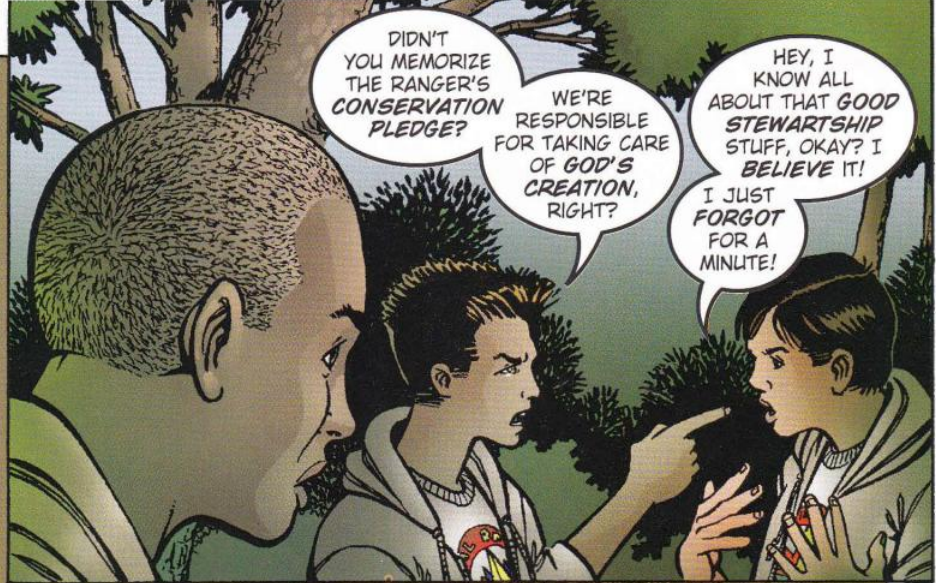
...WAIT A MINUTE!





SPITZ!  
DIDN'T YOU PAY  
ATTENTION WHEN  
WE LEARNED ABOUT  
CONSERVATION?

OH,  
MANN--MY  
BAD: I JUST  
WASN'T THINKIN'  
YOU KNOW?



DIDN'T  
YOU MEMORIZE  
THE RANGER'S  
CONSERVATION  
PLEDGE?

WE'RE  
RESPONSIBLE  
FOR TAKING CARE  
OF GOD'S  
CREATION,  
RIGHT?

HEY, I  
KNOW ALL  
ABOUT THAT GOOD  
STEWARTSHIP  
STUFF, OKAY? I  
BELIEVE IT!

I JUST  
FORGOT  
FOR A  
MINUTE!



GUYS, GUYS...I THINK  
GOD UNDERSTANDS  
THAT WE ALL MESS UP  
SOMETIMES.

CHILL,  
OKAY?



SORRY,  
SPITZ. YOU'RE  
A GREAT RANGER.  
I GOT CARRIED  
AWAY...

IT'S  
OKAY. I  
SHOULDA BEEN  
MORE CAREFUL  
WITH THE WRAPPER, TOO.



YOU KNOW,  
I BET OUR DEER  
BACK THERE WOULD  
BE HAPPY IF MORE  
PEOPLE PAID THIS MUCH  
ATTENTION TO THEIR  
CANDY BAR  
WRAPPERS...

"You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and  
power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they were created  
and have their being."

~Revelation 4:11





# Forgiving Friends

by Kay Ann LaLONE

"You getting a candy bar?" asked Kevin, grabbing a candy bar off the shelf. "I'm not sure," said Scott, glancing over the many choices of candy.

"Well, hurry up and decide," said Kevin, heading toward the cashier.

"OK, I'm coming," said Scott.

Scott quickly glanced around the almost empty store. Then he grabbed a candy bar and shoved it into his jacket pocket. He glanced around the store again. No one saw me, he thought as he strolled up to the cashier.

Kevin stood at the counter talking to the cashier as Scott placed his pop and chips onto the counter.

"It's about time," said Kevin.

The cashier rung up Scott's items. "Will that be all?"

Scott reached his hand into his jacket pocket and felt the crinkle of the candy bar wrapper. He quickly removed his hand. "Yep."

The cashier gave Scott his change, and the boys walked out of the store and rode their bikes to Kevin's house. They sat down on the front porch and munched on their chips. Scott pulled the candy bar out of his jacket pocket.

"I didn't see you pay for that," Kevin said.

"I know. I took it," Scott took the wrapper off the candy bar.

"Why did you steal it?" Kevin unwrapped his candy bar.

"I know it's wrong to steal, but I just wanted to see if I could get away with it. And I did." Scott took a bite of his candy bar.

"But stealing is still wrong," said Kevin.

"Yeah, but who's going to miss one little candy bar?" Scott asked.

"But that's not the point."

"Kevin, maybe tomorrow you should try to take a candy bar and see if you get caught. It's no big deal."

"I don't know about that," Kevin took a

gulp of his pop.

The next day the boys rode their bikes to the corner store.

"You going to try to take a candy bar today?" asked Scott as the boys locked up their bikes.

"I don't think so."

"Just try it and see if you can get away with it."

The boys walked through the door heading for their usual chips and pop. Then they stopped in front of the candy counter. They glanced the candy over before they each grabbed a candy bar. They strolled up to the cashier. Scott paid for his chips, pop, and candy bar. Kevin placed his chips and pop on the counter.

"Will that be all?" asked the cashier.

"Yeah," Kevin quickly handed the money to the cashier.

The boys grabbed their stuff and walked out of the store.

"Did you get it?" whispered Scott.

"Yeah," whispered Kevin, placing his hand into his jacket pocket. The boys walked over to their bikes.

"Excuse me, boys," said a woman's voice from behind them. The boys turned around to face the woman. "I think you need to go back in and pay for that candy bar you have in your coat pocket," said the woman, staring into Kevin's brown eyes.

Kevin's face turned red. He lowered his brown eyes from the woman's stare as he reached into his jacket pocket. With head hanging low, Kevin slowly walked back into the store.

"I think you should go with your friend," said the woman looking at Scott. Scott ran his hand through his sandy brown hair before he followed Kevin into the store. The woman followed the boys into the store.

Kevin sluggishly walked over to the cashier. Reaching into his jacket pocket, he pulled out the candy bar and sat it on the counter. "I'm sorry. I need to pay for this." Kevin jingled some change in his blue jeans pocket.

"OK," The cashier rung up the candy bar. Kevin handed the change to the cashier, avoiding his eyes as much as possible.

The boys didn't talk to each other until they were out of the store.

"I'm sorry, Kevin," said Scott as they walked over to their bikes.

"How could I let you talk me into stealing? I knew it was wrong." Kevin hit Scott's arm.

"I know it's wrong to steal. And I know it was wrong to try to get you to steal," said Scott. "I'm sorry."

"Now whenever I come into this store they will think I'm a thief. How can I ever buy anything here again?" said Kevin, getting onto his bike.

"I know what I can do," said Scott. "Wait here. I'll be right back."

Scott leaned his bike up against the pole and walked back into the store.

"Excuse me," said Scott to the cashier. "Yesterday when I was in here I took a candy bar that I didn't pay for. And I talked my friend into stealing a candy bar today." Scott pointed in Kevin's direction. "I want to make it right by paying for the candy bar and letting you know that my friend and I will never steal again." Scott placed enough change on the counter to pay for the candy bar.

"Thanks, kid," said the cashier.

When Scott opened the door, Kevin shook his head. "I don't believe you did that."

"I had to make things right," said Scott.

**He glanced around the store again. No one saw me, he thought as he strolled up to the cashier.**





# Waldo & Lee

## Doing Things Differently

by Karen J. **RILEY**

The loudspeaker crackled, getting the attention of best friends Waldo and Lee. "Please have a seat on the grass. It's time to explain the rules for Roseville's Third Annual Mystery Hunt." Lee, 10 years old and slightly built, sat down beside Waldo, who, though only a month older, was at least a head taller.

The announcer continued. "Each team has to solve clues to identify the four mystery items. Locate and write down where you found each one. Do not go to your own homes or get two items from the same place. The first team back with all four correct items wins."

Waldo rolled his eyes. "Whoopee," he mouthed to his friend.

Lee couldn't help grinning because it was the same speech they'd heard the past two years.

"This year Murphy Sports has generously donated inline skates, pads, and helmets for the winning team."

Waldo suddenly became interested. "Did she say skates?"

Lee nodded.

"We've got to win," said Waldo. "I've been saving my money for six months and still only have half of what those skates cost."

Lee looked at the eight other teams. "If we put our heads together we can win."

"You'll have to grow about a foot first."

Though Waldo liked to tease, Lee couldn't ask for a better friend. Waldo had stood up for him countless times. Waldo's joking helped to bring out the fun side of his serious-minded friend.

The boys lined up and the announcer handed them a large sack. "Inside are your clues, a container, paper, and a pencil. You may begin when I blow the whistle."

Waldo looked at his friend. "Let's do it."

When the whistle blew, Lee pulled out the clues and read the first one.

"We're sweet and juicy,/ With bottoms so fat./ Thin-necked delights,/ Can you find where we're at?"

He thought for a few moments. "Do you think it could be a pear?"

Waldo shrugged. "A pair of what?"

"Not a pair of anything, the fruit pear. They have fat bottoms, thin necks, and are good to eat."

"Oh—of course," said Waldo. "Let's try Mrs. Lamont. Remember she handed out fruit last year."

They ran to her red-brick house. Lee smiled when she gave them a pear. While he wrote her address, Waldo said, "And to think we were upset that we got fruit instead of candy."



Lee grinned and read the next clue.  
 "I can sometimes be rough,/ And either light or dark./ Hanging around trees,/ You might look in the park."  
 "Dogs hang around trees and can be light or dark," said Waldo.  
 "Do you think they expect us to stick a dog in this?" Lee asked, holding up the sack.  
 "I guess not, but what else hangs around trees in the park?" Lee answered by barking.  
 "I thought you said they didn't want a dog."  
 "Not the bark of a dog—the bark from a tree."  
 "That's it, Lee. You're a genius. Some bark is rough, and it does hang around trees."  
 "Let's go to the wooded lot," said Lee. There they peeled a small strip of bark from an oak tree. Waldo jotted their location before reading the next clue.  
 "Beware at a picnic/ If you sit on the ground./ This pesky creature/ Is always around."  
 "Simple," said Lee. "An ant."  
 "Don't worry," said Waldo. "I won't try to squeeze my Aunt Grace into the sack." Both boys laughed as they got on their hands and knees to search for an ant.  
 "This was an easy clue to answer," said Lee, "but it won't be so easy to find."  
 After several minutes, Waldo spotted an ant on the sidewalk. "Hand me the container."  
 While Lee wrote their location another team raced by. Waldo grabbed the paper and quickly read the final clue.  
 "I glide through the air,/ Sometimes at night./ Used for a sport,/ Help me take flight."  
 Both boys thought before Lee spoke. "That's a tough one. It could be a bat, they aren't used in a sport. And how can we find one in daylight?"  
 This time Waldo laughed. "Are you serious? They mean a baseball bat. It glides through the air when you swing it at a ball."  
 "I—I knew that," stammered Lee. "I was just getting you back."  
 "Yeah, right," said Waldo.  
 "Just find a bat," Lee said, looking down the street. "The Bishops have kids. Let's try them." They rang their doorbell, but no one was home.  
 Finally, at the fourth house they were successful. Lee put an old wooden bat into the sack as Waldo wrote the address.  
 "Now back to the park," shouted Lee. The friends dashed along the sidewalk. Around the corner a German Shepherd blocked their path. Waldo jumped over it, but Lee didn't make it. He tripped, sending the sack and its contents flying. They quickly gathered all the items but one.  
 "The dog has the bat," cried Lee.  
 Waldo patted it. "Nice doggie. Give Waldo the bat." The dog wagged his tail but wouldn't let go.  
 "We'll have to bring him," said Lee.  
 They ran as fast as they could. Lee clutched the sack, while Waldo and the dog each held an end of the bat. As they crossed the finish line, Waldo stumbled and rolled. He couldn't get up because the dog had him pinned.  
 The announcer came over and checked their items. "It's all here. You're the winners."  
 Lee bent down and slapped a high five with Waldo.  
 "Would you boys like to share your secret for coming out on top?" asked the announcer.  
 Waldo glared at the dog standing over him. "I wouldn't exactly say I'm on to—"  
 "What Waldo means," interrupted Lee, "is that we're the pair who found a pear and—"  
 "What we both mean," said Waldo, pushing the dog aside, "is that we're the team of Waldo and Lee—we do things very differently."

# TRIPLE Challenge WORD SEARCH

Tell the Bible story using the search words as hints.

Find and circle the search words in the puzzle grid!

Spell out the hidden title with the left over letters!

## Scripture Reference: MARK 4:1-9

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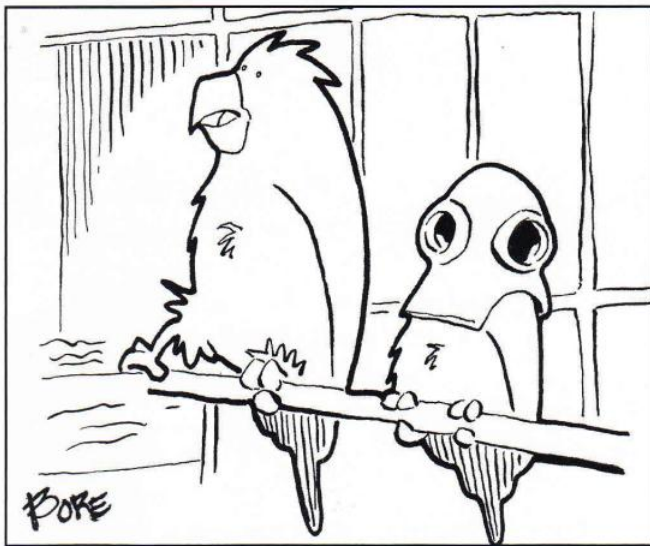
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— Puzzle solution on next page





**"I heard you made a new friend when you fell in the aquarium."**

Why did the turkey cross the road?  
*Because it was the chicken's day off!*

If you are going on a long hike in the desert,  
what should you carry?  
*A thirst aid kit!*

What am I? I am not inside a house.  
I am not outside a house.  
But no house is complete without me?  
*A window!*

What did one flea say to the other?  
*Shall we walk or shall we take the dog?*

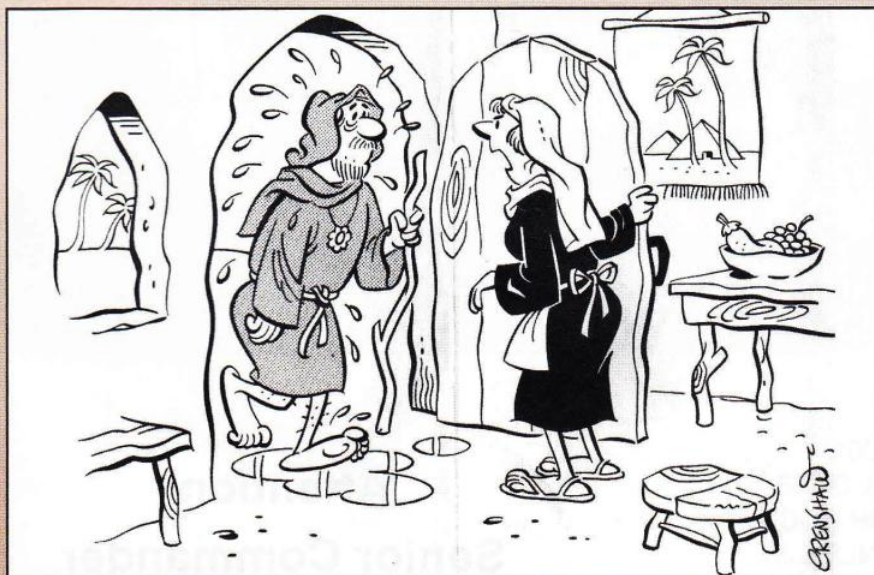
How do you make a skunk stop smelling?  
*You cut off his nose!*

Why couldn't the astronauts go to the moon?  
*Because it was full!*

# COMEDY CORNER



**"If you buy two more glasses it entitles you to a free kitten."**



**"Where have you been, Jonah? You smell like fish!"**

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