



## ROYAL RANGERS— BUILDING THE BOY

October 4-10 is national Royal Rangers Week. Churches throughout the Movement will be honoring their Royal Rangers. Many will be conducting special ceremonies in which they will publicly recognize the leaders and the boys.

This year's theme is "Building the Boy." A wise man once stated, "It is better to build boys than mend men." The overall goal of Royal Rangers is to build the total boy—spiritually, mentally, socially, and physically. This in turn contributes to building the Christian family, our Assemblies of God theme for 1981.

The spiritual building of boys was reflected in the 22,000 boys won to Christ this past year through Royal Rangers. It also is reflected in the weekly Christian training of the boys—which included an in-depth

Bible study and church indoctrination program.

The mental building was achieved through a number of challenging advancement and achievement awards.

Building good social traits was developed through a variety of activities and events such as outpost meetings, campouts, and powwows. Applying Christian principles during competitive events provided an ideal situation for training in human relations and Christian living.

To complete the development of the total boy, there was also an emphasis on building a strong, healthy body. Good health can be an asset to Christian service.

This is also the 20th anniversary of our boys program. Royal Rangers is not only a benefit to boys but can also be an asset to our churches.

—JOHNNIE BARNES, *national commander*

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## JUST A BOY

A man laid his hand on a boy's shoulder and said, "What are you good for, anyway?"

The boy looked up at him and replied, "God makes men out of stuff like me."

Boys! That's the only material God has for making men.

Although we know nothing about his childhood, Abraham was once a boy. We know little about the childhood of Moses. Daniel's childhood is obscured from us.

Joseph and David were youths before we meet them. The disciples were adults before they are introduced to us.

The childhood of Jesus is covered in a few sentences. One mention is made of Him at the age of 12, and we meet Him next when He began His ministry.

Although the Bible does not give us details concerning the boyhood of the great men of the Bible, we must remember that each was a boy.

It is doubtful that the parents of these boys dreamed of the full potential of their lives. They could not have understood what God was going to do through their sons. If they had been in your church, in your Sunday School class, or in your Royal Rangers, would you have envisioned the great things they would do? Could you have imagined that they would change the course of history?

### Change

Yet the potential lies within the hearts and lives of the boys in Royal Rangers. Concerning John the Baptist it was said, "What manner of child shall this be!" (Luke 1:66). That could be said of every boy you meet. Part of the answer lies in heredity. Another part will depend upon environment and training. That is where Royal Rangers is important.

A program that trains a boy spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially has to be a good program. Thousands of boys are coming under the influence of this program, and their lives are being changed. When