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SPECIAL AWARDS





Rangers Is the Life!

<mark>I've been a Royal Ranger from age 6.</mark> My parents were missionaries in Peru, South America, where I was born, when I learned the meaning of the Royal Rangers Emblem. My dad helped me. Then he proudly pinned that patch onto my shirt. From that day, I've been in Royal Rangers. It's awesome!

Ranger is more than a program. It's a lifestyle. You laugh and enjoy unforgettable times with your friends. It's fun! You learn to do things other boy's only dream of, and you are prepared to *lead* the charge, to serve others well.



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66 Asa Ranger Kid, you will have the opportunity to grow and learn just like Jesus did, and in the process, you will become the boy God created you to be.



Laugh.Learn.Lead.That's why Hove being a Royal Ranger!

As I look back, Rangers built my confidence. discovered I really could be a godly man in spite of the pressures to conform to low expectations. Because I determined to learn and lead in Rangers when my

peers chose the easy way, I could stick it out and come through when others could not.

Ranger confidence is when you can say, "I am. I can." You can be a godly young man, and you can do what God asks you.

> That's the Ranger adventure laughing, learning, and leading while discovering you have what it takes to be a godly young man in today's world.

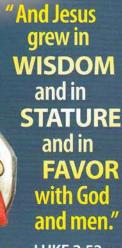
Yes, Rangers is the life.

Let's live it!

Doug Marsh

National Royal Rangers Director





LUKE 2:52 (NIV)





he history of the American West is full of exciting stories of brave heroes, daring explorers, and great adventurers who explored new frontiers, faced dangerous challenges, and overcame great obstacles in their quest for adventure. But one of the greatest symbols of the American West was a group of lawmen known as the Texas Rangers.

Formed in 1835 to patrol the vast areas of Texas, Rangers provided settlers with protection against lawless villains and raiding Indians. For many years, the Texas Rangers served as one of the most effective groups of lawmen anywhere in the West, tracking down and bringing to justice famous outlaws such as Sam Bass and John Wesley Hardin.

The Texas Rangers are great symbols of American pride, hard work, and determination. As a Ranger Kid, you will have the opportunity to show determination and hard work as you grow into the boy God created you to be.

Luke 2:52 says, "And Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and men." This verse tells us that Jesus grew in four different ways, and as a Ranger Kid, you, too, will grow in these four ways:

Lesus grew **MENTALLY.**(He grew in wisdom.) – Your mind will grow stronger as you learn new things.

Jesus grew **PHYSICALLY**. (He grew in stature.) – Your body will grow stronger as you practice good health habits, eat the right kinds of food, and play games that exercise your body.

3. Jesus grew SPIRITUALLY. (He grew in favor with God.) – Your spirit will grow as you learnabout God, His love for you, and the plans He has for your future.

4. Jesus grew **SOCIALLY**. (He grew in favor with men.) – You will grow in your friendships with others as you spend time together at Royal Rangers meetings and other activities.

As a Ranger Kid, you will have the opportunity to grow and learn just like Jesus did, and in the process, you will become the boy God created you to be, ready to share God's love with others









Four Gold Points

Four phases of a boy's development:

PHYSICAL

SPIRITUAL

MENTAL

SOCIAL

Four Red Points

Four cardinal doctrines of the Church:

SALVATION

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

HEALING

RAPTURE

Eight Blue Points

Eight points of the Ranger Code

ALERT

CLEAN

HONEST

COURAGEOUS

LOYAL

COURTEOUS

OBEDIENT

SPIRITUAL



"In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you" Matthew 7:12, NIV.





The Royal Rangers

Plecies

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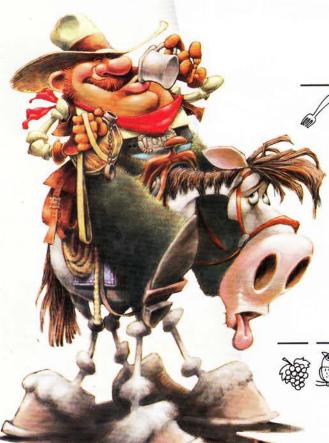
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The Royal Rangers Pledge

will help Ranger Kids live the way God wants them to.

Write the first letter of each picture on the blank above it to complete the pledge.



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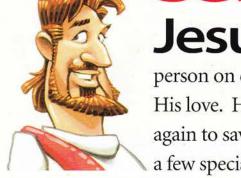
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CODEBREAKER



Jesus wants every person on earth to hear about His love. He died and rose again to save everyone, not just a few special people. But many

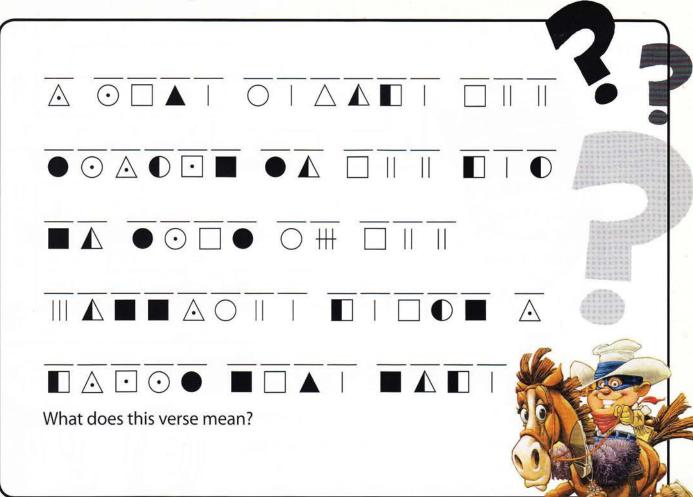
people have never heard this good news.

How can Ranger Kids share this news with others? The apostle Paul gave the answer in 1 Corinthians 9:22. Use the code at right to find what he said.

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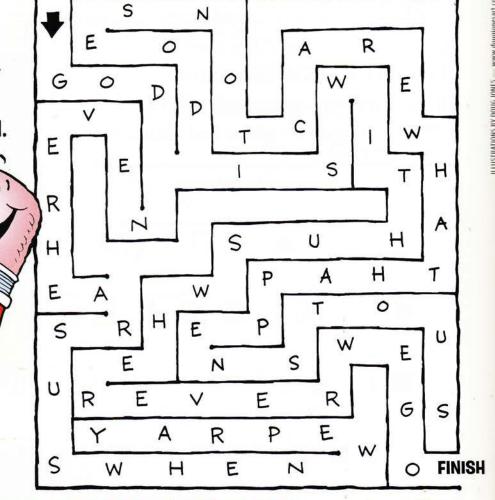
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Jesus wants us to tell others about Him.



READY for anything! **READY** to work, play, serve, worship, live, and obey God's Word.



Royal Rangers WITNESS & PRAY

There are people all around the world that still need to hear about Jesus.

The maze above shows several paths, but only one of them will reach the finish line. Can you choose the right way? When you do, write the letters along the path on the spaces below to find an important message.





Program Updates

By Ryan Beaty, National Program & Outreach Coordinator

Hey there, Ranger Kids! We have some exciting news on what's happening. Check this out!

Cool New Utility Uniform Available!

Ranger Kids has a new shirt! Instead of the red shirt, Ranger Kids can wear the new utility uniform shirt just like the older boys. This cool new shirt has sleeves that roll up, vents in the back to keep you cool, and other great features. You are really going to like these new shirts, and you get to wear them with your favorite pair of blue jeans. How sweet is that?

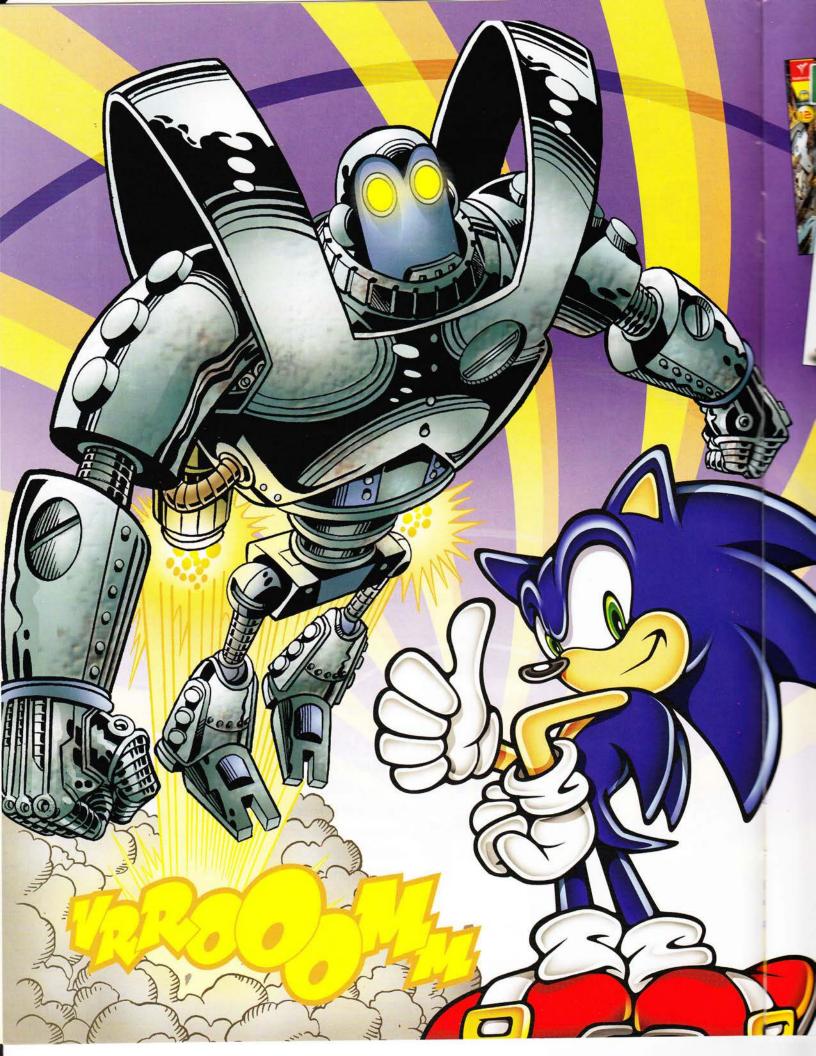
New Vests Color for All!

Have you heard that the Ranger Kids vest color is changing? If you already have a vest, it's cool to keep it. If you don't have a vest or are outgrowing the one you have, this is important news for you. Now, Rangers Kids vests will be navy blue like the other Royal Rangers groups. It will still display your patches and medals; it will just be navy blue now.

New Logbooks and Sticker Sheets Are Ready to Use!

In early 2010, Royal Rangers will have logbooks and sticker sheets for you to track and display your advancements. The folders are colorful, and the stickers look like your advancement patches and medals. They are easy to carry and are a great way to show off all you have earned.





Sharing Christ IN A COMIC BOOK World

by John Hicks, National Communications Coordinator

ne of the great things about Royal Rangers is the variety of activities we can all enjoy. From camping and hiking to skateboarding and Pinewood Derbies, Rangers get to do a lot of really fun stuff. In the process of having fun, we learn new things about ourselves and the world around us. We develop new skills, find new interests, and have a great time with friends.

While Royal Rangers helps us

learn new things and develop new skills, many Rangers have found fun and exciting ways to use their talents to share the message of God's love with other people. One great example of

a person doing just that is Steven Butler. Steven is a commander with outpost 127 at Full Life Assembly of God in Hurley, Mississippi. Each week Steven works with his group of boys to earn merits and prepare for the next great Ranger event. When he's not doing Ranger stuff, he's doing something just as exciting (well, almost as exciting). Steven is a freelance artist who illustrates comic books!

STEVEN BUTLER





and since most kids love comics, it's a unique way of fulfilling the Great Commission to reach kids.

I feel incredibly blessed to be

able to share my gifts in this way, because I know without a doubt that this is what God wants me to do."

Steven has had the opportunity to work on some of the most popular comics in the country, but one of his favorite projects has

been the Welcome to Holsom® series, which is a comic series created specifically to share the gospel with kids in a way that is fun and interesting. The idea for Welcome to Holsom® was first thought of by Steven's friend, Craig Schutt.

"I got a call from my good friend, Craig Schutt, who works in the Design Services department of Gospel Publishing House," Steven says. "He told me about the project and asked if I was interested in illustrating it. I thought about it for about two seconds and said yes! Craig and I had previously worked together on the *PowerMark* comic book

series, and I was thrilled to be working with him again. I knew I was in for something special with this series. I still consider Welcome to Holsom® to be the most rewarding series for me personally to have worked on because it has all the elements that make a truly entertaining

comic book story (drama, comedy, action, cliffhanger endings, and, last but not least, giant robots!), as well as having a core Christian

message that runs
through the entire
series, from
beginning to
end. The plan
of salvation, the
consequences of
sin, having one's
faith tested, the true
value of friendship

CRAIG SCHUTT

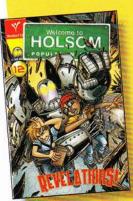
"I feel incredibly blessed to be able to share my gifts in this way, I know this is what God wants me to do."



is all there, and we get to see it through the lives of the kids in these stories. It's definitely one of my all-time favorite series to have had the pleasure to work on."

With all his great work in the area of Christian comics, Steven still says Royal Rangers plays a big, big role in helping him grow spiritually and use his talents to reach others.

"Royal Rangers helps me to be more real in my relationship with Christ. For both me and my boys, Rangers helps us to grow stronger in our faith and be better prepared to share His message with others. Kids today need to know the real deal—that Jesus is alive and working in our lives NOW and that He desires a RELATIONSHIP with us. That's a responsibility our outpost doesn't take lightly, and we want it to show in everything we do."



For more information on

Steven Butler's and Craig Schutt's
work or the Welcome to Holsom®
series, visit the national
Royal Rangers web site at
royalrangers.ag.org/connect/features.

To purchase Holsom comics visit www.welcometoholsom.com or call 1.800.641.4310.

CRAIG & STEVE'S CARTOONARAMA

hink you've got the skills to be a great cartoonist? Craig & Steve, the creators of the Welcome to Holsom comic series, would love to see what you can do. Try testing your skills on this. Draw the image of Rover, shown on the next page, on a separate sheet of paper using the grid work provided.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

On a blank piece of paper, lightly draw the same grid as shown on the opposite page. Then, in each box draw only the parts of the image showing in that box, being careful to start and end your lines on the edges in the same place as the lines in the main picture. If you do everything right, you should end up with a picture of Rover just like the one shown here. And the great thing about this process is that you can use it to draw the Rover as big or as small as you like! (Just don't do it on your bedroom wall unless mom says it's OK.)

Give it a try! And if you think you did well, send it in to us, and we'll put it on our web site for the whole world to see. You'll be FAMOUS!!! How cool is that???

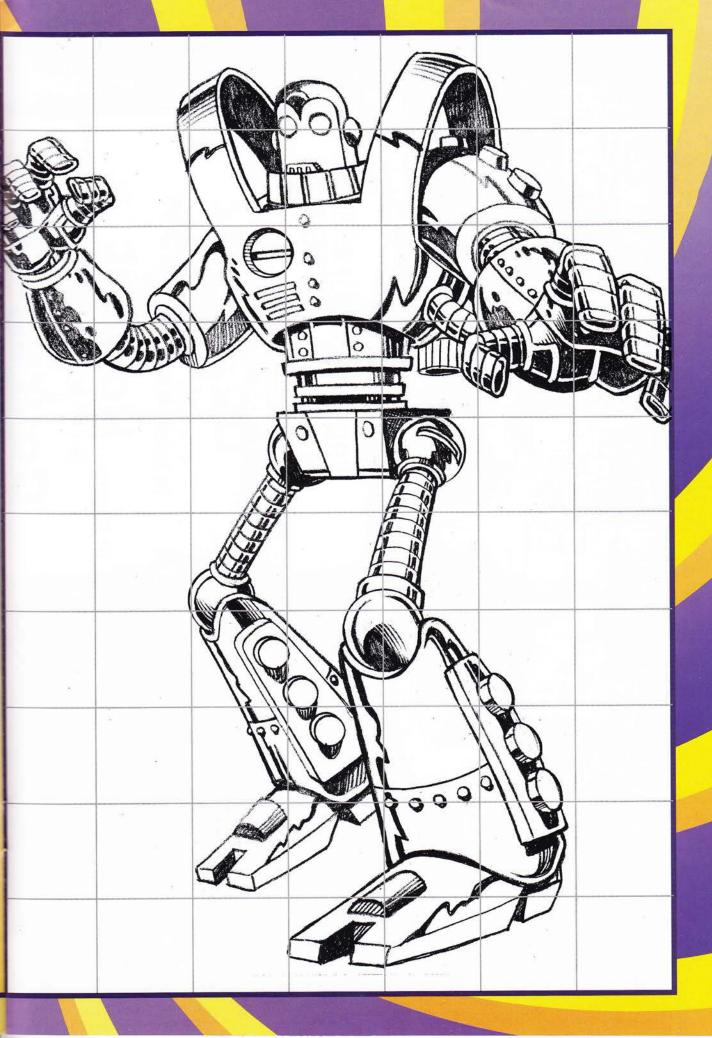
P.S. If you draw it on your bedroom wall, please don't send us your house. Our mail box isn't that big. Just send us a picture.

THANKS!

Send your pictures to:

Royal Rangers – Rangers NOW 1445 N. Boonville Avenue Springfield, MO 65802-1894

Or send it by email to jhicks@ag.org







Physical Filmess for Ranger Kids

By Charlie Getty, Strength Training Coach, Evangel University

skateboarding

biking



swinging

In Royal Rangers, we know it's very important to keep our bodies in good shape. God gave us our bodies to use as we "work, play, serve, worship, live, and obey God's Word" like our motto says, and we can do that a lot better if our bodies are in good shape.

Keeping your body in shape takes some work. You have to be careful about what you eat, make sure you get enough sleep, and do stuff that gets your body working hard (exercise). Here are some good examples of things a Ranger Kid can do to exercise his body using stuff you probably already have around your house.





All of these activities help to make your heart and lungs stronger and healthier, and when you do them with friends, they can be a whole lot of fun! So get out there and work your body, grow stronger, and have a great time doing it with friends. Let's get started today!

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ROYAL RANGERS

-INTERNATIONAL-



2009 Translation Projects

by Andy Whitman - RRI Director of Communications

Did you know that Royal Rangers is in other countries? Royal Rangers is in seventy-eight (78) countries all around the world. How do you suppose it got there? Royal Rangers International (RRI) helps other countries start Royal Rangers and has written a global curriculum and other materials in English and Spanish.

Did you know that everyone in the world does not speak the same language? Imagine attending your Royal Rangers meeting, opening your workbook, and finding everything written in Greek. Would you have a hard time completing your merits? Of course, you would. You would have to study the pictures in the book carefully. Your leaders would have to look up words in an English/Greek dictionary to understand what they were supposed to teach. You would be upset and confused with this process.

Many Royal Rangers have the same experience with their English materials because they don't understand the language. RRI wants to rewrite, or translate, the materials into Chinese, Malagasy, Portuguese, and Russian so Royal Rangers in Africa, Asia, and Europe can use them and have fun.

Did you know that you could help?



First, you can pray that people in other countries will believe in Jesus. You can also pray that RRI finds people to translate the materials. You can pray that Royal Rangers in other countries would not get too discouraged before materials are translated into their languages. Let me tell you, your prayers will help RRI complete this goal.

Second, you and your outpost can give money to Royal Rangers International through BGMC Master's Toolbox. Your outpost can even pick which language project you want to help with. (For more information on Master's Toolbox, visit bgmc.ag.org/toolbox.)

Through prayer and giving, you will help other kids around the world have as much fun at their Royal Rangers meetings as you have at yours.

The Master's Toolbox

BGMC and **Royal Rangers** have a new partnership called "The Master's Toolbox." This allows you and your outpost to pray, give, and go for Jesus.

Your offerings given to **The Master's Toolbox** will help your district Royal Rangers missions efforts as well as help missionaries around the world. Every dollar you raise for BGMC and give towards The Master's Toolbox will help save the lives of thousands of children around the world.

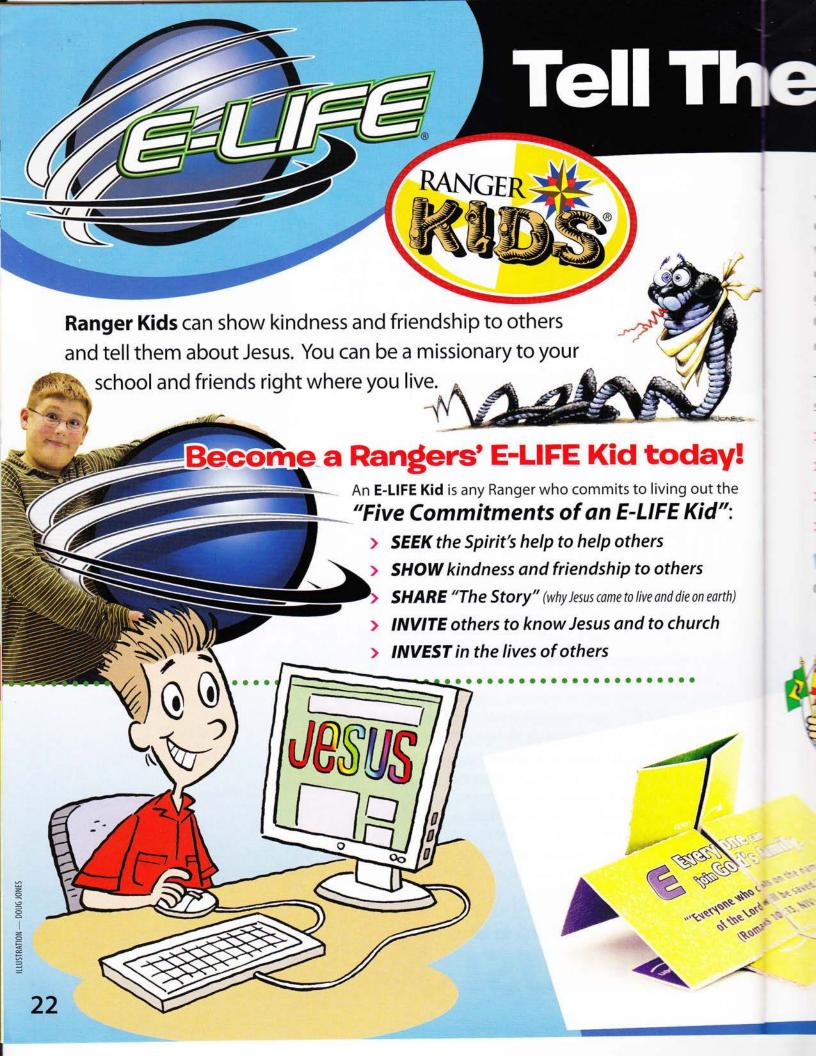
Ask your leader for a **Master Toolbox**. Take it and begin filling it with coins and dollars. Do chores for cash and fill your **Toolbox**. Ask your parents and relatives to help you fill your **Toolbox**. Ask God to give you ideas how to give to BGMC so you can help reach kids around the world!

Make a difference today: PRAY, GIVE, and GO for JESUS!



For more boxes, contact

Gospel Publishing House



em About Jesus

by Marshall Bruner, BGMC

You can learn to share about Jesus through games, devotionals, skits, and other cool ways on the E-LIFE web site. You can do many of the fun activities listed on the web site at home, with a friend, or with a group. Get on the Internet with your parent's help. Go to www.bgmckids.ag.org. Click on the icon called "Just Share It."

These "Go 3-D" activities help you make friends and show you how to share Jesus with others.

- Get Real: stories and role-plays
- > E-xtreme Fun: games > High Octane: devotionals and object lessons
- > SnapShots: Scripture pictures that can be decoded and are easy to remember
- > Instant Replay: illustrated stories and Bible stories that can be read or done as skits

What are you waiting for?

Get online and begin to learn how to "tell them about Jesus!"





You can share the plan of salvation with this pocket-sized tool that's available through GPH. It's easy. It's a blast.

Eternal life is given through Jesus. (John 3:16)

Life eternal is a gift from God. (Romans 6:23)

If we confess, He will forgive. (1 John 1:9)

Forgiveness is free. (Acts 10:43)

Everyone can join God's family. (Romans 10:13)

Call Gospel Publishing House at 1-800-641-4310 and request ITEM #197-913.



"Mau, I need someone to help me share about Jesus at the city square this week," missionary Jacob Bock said. "Would you like to tell the people what God has done for you?"

Mau looked at the missionary with wide eyes. "No way," he said firmly. "I could never do that."

Five nights a week missionary
Bock and people from about 20
churches in the area go to the heart
of Madrid, Spain, to tell people
about Jesus. They head to the city
square—called Puerta del Sol—to
sing, preach and testify. Mau, a shy
college student from Mexico, asked
Jesus to be his Savior at one of the
services. But the thought of giving
his testimony in front of a crowd
filled his heart with fear.

Weeks later, Mau came to missionary Bock with a problem. He wanted to be baptized in water. His church did not have a place to baptize people, and the weather was too cold to go to a river.

"Why don't we baptize you in the fountain at Puerta del Sol?" missionary Bock joked.

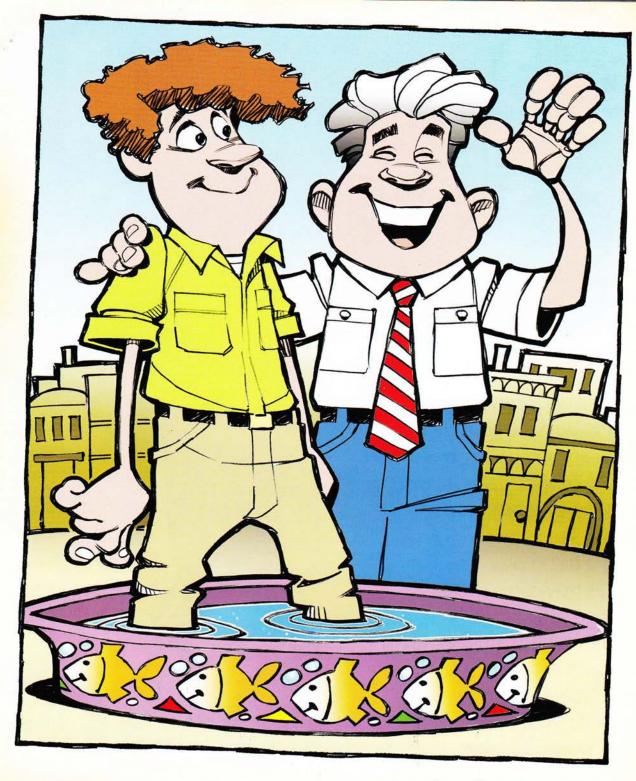
Mau knew the police did not allow

people to get into the fountain, but he soon had another idea. With the help of his friends, he filled a children's swimming pool with jugs full of water. Time after time for about an hour, the team poured containers of water into the pool until it was full. While they worked, curious people gathered to see the strange site.

When the time came, missionary Bock announced that Mau had filled the swimming pool for a special purpose. Mau told the crowd about Jesus' love for him; then missionary Bock baptized him. Cameras clicked as people took pictures of the exciting event. Everyone cheered and clapped.

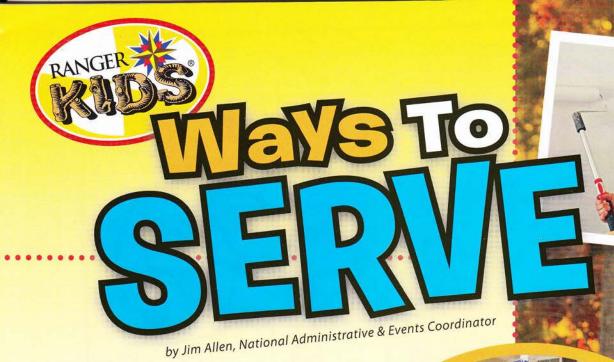
Everyone except one person, that is. One man, Pablo, sat on the ground, crying. Another missionary, Dan West, went to talk to him and discovered that he was very sad and depressed. He wanted the joy that Mau had.

God's love touched Pablo's heart. Soon he was helping the missionary at Puerta del Sol too. He is learning all he can about Jesus so he can work for God in ministry.



And what about Mau? The onceshy young man now helps design Web pages and printed material that tells people about Jesus. He preaches at Puerta del Sol at least three times a week. His booming voice tells people how they can have their sins forgiven. Because of Mau's testimony, Pablo found Jesus. Now both of them are telling others about Him. They know that Jesus wants everyone to hear about His love.

Information for this story was supplied by Jacob and Julie Bock, missionaries to Spain.



What do you think of when you hear the word *serve*? Maybe you think of going to your favorite restaurant and being served by a waitress or waiter. Maybe you think of sports; serving

a ball in sports means you put the ball in play. Many images may come to mind.

When you read the Bible, you find that serving others means putting their needs above your own. Well, what does that mean? Jesus explains this in Matthew 20:28 when He says, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." Jesus served others not because He had to but because He wanted to. Let's look at a few ways you can serve others!

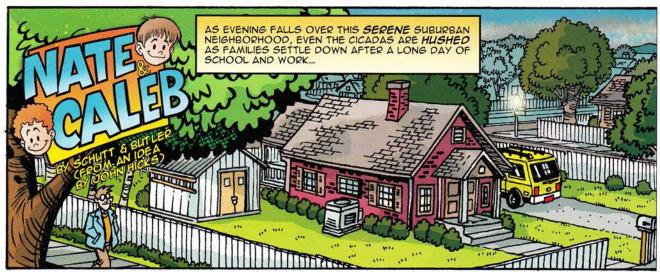
One day you are helping your family by shoveling snow from your driveway. How about shoveling the next door



neighbors' sidewalks or driveway? Perhaps your neighbor needs some help cleaning out a room in their house or raking their leaves. This is another great opportunity to serve others.









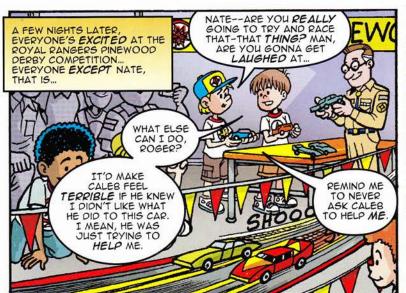




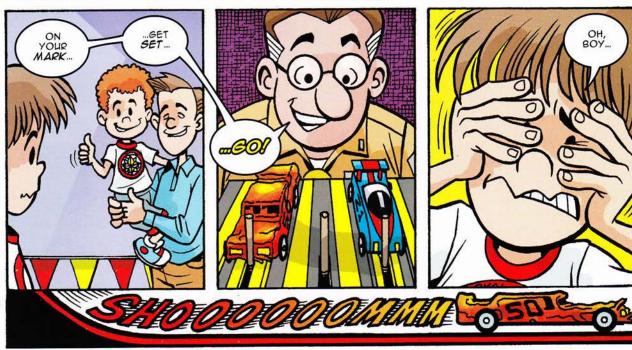


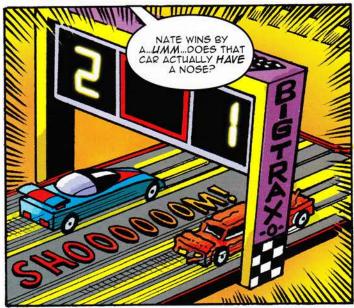














"BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER, FORGIVING EACH OTHER, JUST AS IN CHRIST GOD FORGAVE YOU." -- EPHESIANS 4:32 (NIV)





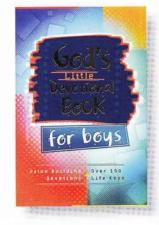
My Time with God

Getting to know God in a personal way can be fun and definitely

not boring! My Time With God helps kids create their own devotional time. Filled with fascinating facts trivia, this is a great way to build a strong foundation of faith in young lives in ways that hold their interest day after day.



It only takes a few minutes every day to discover the God who loves you. He knows you and wants the very best for you. These pages are filled with fun devotions and stories along with powerful scriptures for boys just like you. This cool book will help you find the road to an exciting, power-packed life with God! Recommended for ages 8 to 12.



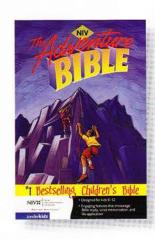


The Adventures of Average Boy: Growing Up Super Average

Average Boy is . . . well . . . your average boy! But he's super average when it comes to loving God and showing others how to do the same. In a world where it seems everyone has to be perfect, let a regular guy teach your kids about relationships with family and friends, doing well in school, understanding their changing bodies, growing in their relationship with God, and much, much more.

The NIV Adventure Bible

This NIV children's study Bible features eye-grabbing and colorful design, easy-to-read print, maps, question-and-answer pages, a dictionary-concordance and other fascinating information tools. With the NIV Adventure Bible, your kids will want to become Bible experts!





Just For Parents

Our Mission & Methods

Bringing It All Together









Royal Rangers is a Bible-based program for boys, created for the central purpose of developing the total boy for Christ—mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. The mission of Royal Rangers is to evangelize the world, equip the next generation of Christlike men, and empower them to be lifelong servant leaders. This mission is achieved through seven methods.

1. Friendship

Royal Rangers provides boys with the opportunity to develop lasting positive relationships with other boys and with dedicated leaders. These relationships can have a powerful effect in shaping boys' values and behavior during these important developmental years.

2. Activities

Activities form the core of the Royal Rangers program. Through a variety of age-appropriate activities, boys learn outdoor skills, cooperation, leadership, and self-confidence. Many activities also include opportunities to complete requirements for a variety of awards.

3. Patrol System

The patrol system is a method of outpost leadership in which boys lead the various activities of the outpost. Each patrol (a group of 5 to 8 boys) selects its own leader (known as a patrol guide) and assistant. Under their leadership in cooperation with the adult leaders, the patrol works together on different projects, assignments, and activities in class and while on outings.

4. Advancement System

Boys have many opportunities to grow and learn in Royal Rangers. As they develop new skills and knowledge through meetings and activities, their progress is rewarded through a system of advancements and awards.

5. Service & Ministry Projects

Learning to serve others and put their needs ahead of our own is an important part of being a Christian. Boys in Royal Rangers have many opportunities to work with their outpost on projects that will benefit their church and community, providing opportunities for others to hear the good news of God's love.

6. Interactive Learning

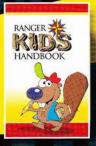
The best way for a boy to learn a new skill is to practice it. Royal Rangers meetings and activities are structured to maximize the amount of time boys spend in physical, interactive activity while learning.

7. Uniform

Boys need to experience the value of being part of an effort that transcends their individual needs or concerns. They need the opportunity to identify themselves with a winning team or an exciting experience. Boys in Royal Rangers identify with their outposts and the program as a whole by wearing uniforms. These uniforms are available in a variety of styles, enabling the local outpost to select a style that best suits their interests and budget.

By effectively employing these methods, the Royal Rangers program seeks to bring boys into a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to develop within them the principles of Christlike character that will serve as a firm foundation as they daily live out their faith.

Additional information about Royal Rangers, uniforms, advancements, and other topics can be found on the Royal Rangers web site and in the Ranger Kids Handbook, (ITEM 02HU2115) available from GPH at www.gospelpublishing.com or by calling 1-800-641-4310.





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