



## Rangers Is the Life!

I've been a Royal Ranger from age 6. 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!

Rangers 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 boys only dream of, and you are prepared to *lead* the charge, to serve others well.



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

As I look back, Rangers built my confidence. I 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 Rangers 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!

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**Doug Marsh** 

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# Welcome to the P

by John Hicks, National Communications Coordinator

Ibert Einstein is commonly thought of as one of the greatest scientists who ever lived. Einstein was a physicist, meaning that he studied physics, an advanced system of mathematics that examines the ways in which energy and objects move

and relate with one another through space and time. Einstein published the results of over 300 experiments from which he had made a number of amazing discoveries. Many of his discoveries led to the development of

new technologies that we continue to use today.

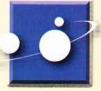
continue to use today. Einstein was a genius, and many of his discoveries were direct results of his great intelligence. However, much of his success was also the result of long, hard effort and a determination to succeed. You can accomplish great things in life if you are willing to work hard, do your best, and never give up. In Royal Rangers, you will have the opportunity to make great discoveries of your own as you learn new skills and experience new things. In the process, you will grow into the young man God created you to be, strong and brave, ready to face any challenge for Christ!

**Jesus** Grew In Four Ways - Me

# **Process of**

Luke 2:52 says, "And Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and men." According to this verse, Jesus grew in four ways: mentally (grew in wisdom), physically (grew in stature), spiritually (grew in favor with God), and socially (grew in favor with men). The goal of Royal Rangers is to help you grow into a full and complete man, just like Jesus. Through Royal Rangers, you, too, will grow in these four ways.

**Mentally** – Your mind will grow stronger by reading, learning, and experiencing new skills.



**Physically** – Your body will grow stronger as you practice good health habits, proper diet, and exercise.

**Spiritually** – Your spirit will grow stronger as you develop the basic Christian disciplines of prayer, Bible reading, church attendance, and telling others about Christ (evangelism).





Socially – Your relationships with others will grow as you make new friends, work together in teams, and experience leadership opportunities in your patrol and outpost.

Just as Albert Einstein's discoveries changed the world in his time and in the future, you can change your world as you grow into a Christlike young man through the process of discovery that is Royal Rangers!







## Ready to face any challenge for Christ.

The meaning of the **EMBLEM** 

#### Four Gold Points

Four phases of a boy's development:

PHYSICAL **SPIRITUAL** M'ENTAL

#### Four Red Points

SOCIAL

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

**Golden Rule** 

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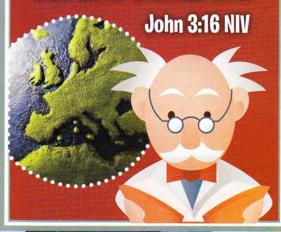


### **Seven Promises**

tor Boys

**Goals & Boundaries for Daily Living** 

"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."



"In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."

MATTHEW 7:12,NIV

I promise to give "HONOR" to everyone at all times.

I will honor Jesus Christ, my parents, my family, my friends, and those in authority.

- I promise to "PRAY AND READ THE BIBLE" a minimum of three times a week.

  I will strive for the goal to pray, read the Bible, and worship each day.
- I promise to practice "PURITY" in my thoughts and moral behavior.

  I vow not to participate in drugs, cigarettes, alcohol, foul language, and pornography.

  I promise God to keep myself sexually pure for marriage.
- I promise to attend "CHURCH" regularly.

  I recognize that a key element in keeping these promises will be my commitment to regular participation in church and Christian activities.
- I promise to promote the "GREAT COMMISSION" as stated in Matthew 28:18-20.

  I will spread the good news of God's love by telling my family, friends, neighbors, and others that Jesus died for us and wants to be our personal Savior.
- I promise to "BE THE BEST I CAN BE" in everything I do.
- I promise to "ASK FOR FORGIVENESS" when I fail.

  If I fail in any of the above promises or sin and
- If I fail in any of the above promises or sin against God's Word, I will ask for forgivness and forgive those who sin against me. I will never give up but will always trust God to help me to become more like Christ.

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SEVEN PROMISES for Boys

Goals & Boundaries for Daily Living Carry this handy card in your Bible or wallet to remind you of the promises you've made. Call GPH at 1-800-641-4310 and ask for ITEM #06HU5500.





By Ryan Beaty, National Program & Outreach Coordinator

#### What's going on, Discovery Rangers?!

We have some great news about some new things happening in your age group!

#### **New Vests Color for All!**

Have you heard the Discovery Rangers 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, Discovery Rangers vests will be navy blue, which is the same color as the other Royal Rangers groups. It will still display your patches and medals; it will just be navy blue.

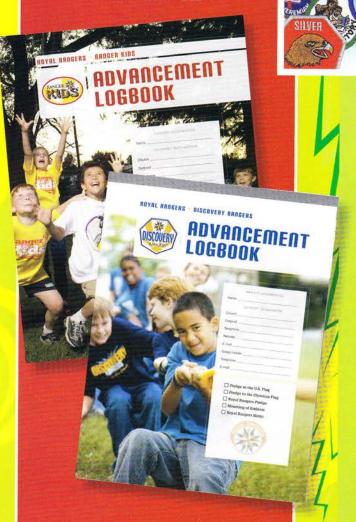
#### **Cool New Utility Uniform Available!**

There is a new uniform option available, called the utility uniform. The shirt is a tan, utility shirt that has vents in the back to keep you cool and sleeves that roll-up and button. The shirt is lightweight and tear resistant, perfect for any activity. With this shirt, you can wear the new RangerTac pants or blue jeans. RangerTac pants are rugged, navy blue cargo pants that have the Royal Rangers emblem embroidered on the back right hip pocket, a cell phone pocket, and other

cool Rangers features.

#### **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 full-color, 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.



#### **New Leadership Merits** Pack a Punch!

Royal Rangers has created new leadership merits. These merits are designed to help you grow as a servant leader and as a responsible member of your local church and community. They are complete with fun and exciting service projects that get you out into the community and allow you to show the love of God to others.

#### **Skill Merits Designed** with FUN in Mind!

Royal Rangers is revising all of the skill merits so they are more fun and hands on. We are eliminating all the unnecessary writing and giving you a chance to hear about new skills, see the skills

demonstrated, do the skills yourself, and then teach the skills to others. These revised merits will be another reason you will want to invite your friends to Royal Rangers!

#### **Bible Merits Making** a Man Out of You!

Very soon, Royal Rangers will have new and improved Bible merits. They will focus on building you into a Christlike man through five major themes: doctrine, biblical worldview, sexuality, Christlike manhood, and cultural issues. These new merits will be fun yet challenge you to grow deeper in your faith with Christ!

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## Sharing Christ IN A COMIC BOOK World

by John Hicks, National Communications Coordinator

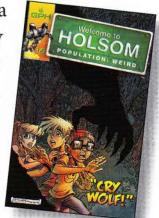
ne of the great things about Royal Rangers is the variety of activities we can all enjoy. From camping and hiking to skateboarding and Pinewood Derbies, Rangers get to do a lot of really fun stuff. In the process of having fun, we learn new things about ourselves and the world around us. We develop new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





read in Marvel®, Disney Adventures magazine, or Archie® Comics. He's currently working on a Sonic™ the Hedgehog series! Is that cool or what? He's also illustrated several Christian comic book projects, such as PowerMark and Welcome to Holsom®, and some children's books with Bible story themes.

Steven says, "Many of the projects I work on these days have biblical lessons and truths as their core message. It's entertainment, for sure, but the main objective in doing these types of books is to get the message of the gospel out there in a new and different way. Most of my work is geared for kids, 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

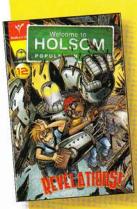
CRAIG SCHUTT

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is all there, and we get to see it through the lives of the kids in these stories. It's definitely one of my alltime 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???

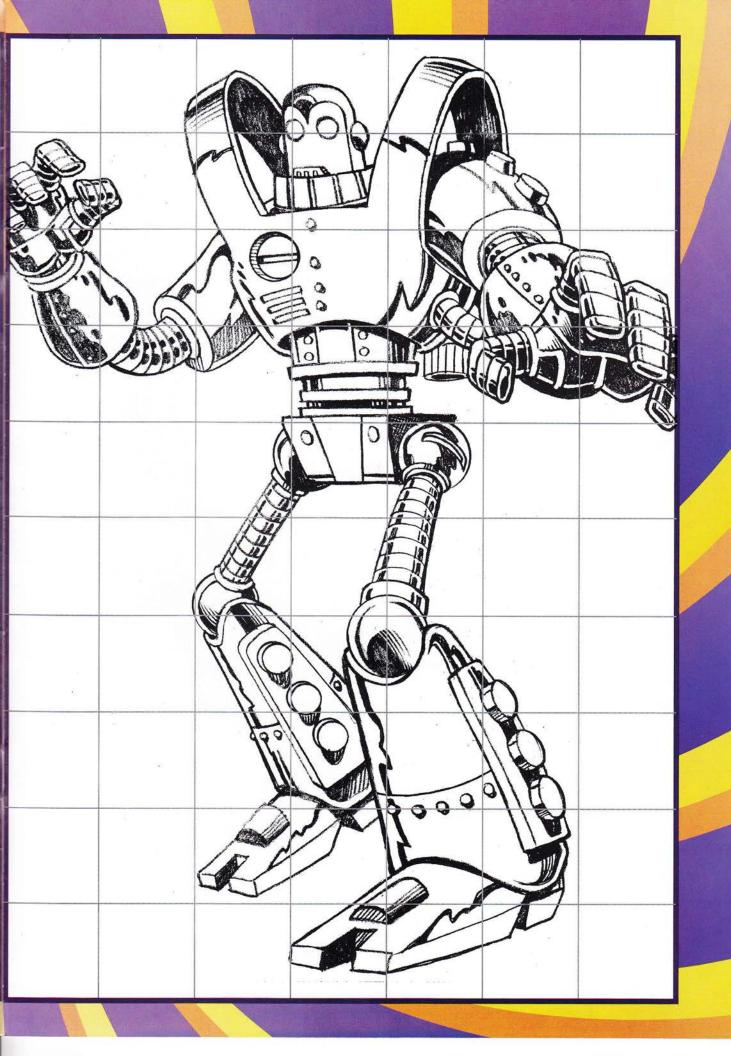
P.S. If you draw it on your bedroom wall, please don't send us your house. Our mail box isn't that big. Just send us a picture.

#### 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







# INSIGE Fitness for Discovery Rangers

By Charlie Getty, Strength Training Coach, Evangel University

**Keeping your** body healthy and in good shape can make your daily life much more enjoyable in many different ways!

or many years, Royal Rangers have sought to grow in four different ways—mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. These four areas of growth are represented by the four gold points in the Royal Rangers emblem. Although all four areas are important, physical growth can at times be an important factor that affects growth in the other areas. If our bodies are in good shape, we tend to feel better about ourselves and our abilities to accomplish other tasks. However, if our bodies are in poor shape, we often tend to avoid physical activity and don't get involved in things that could help us to make new friends, learn new things, or enjoy great times with others.

For these reasons, physical fitness is something every Discovery Ranger should strive for. Keeping your body healthy and in good shape can make your daily life much more enjoyable in many different ways. But staying fit doesn't have to be a costly, time consuming experience. In fact, growing a healthy body is something you can do at home with things you probably already have around the house.



#### **Discovery Exercise Routine**

For boys in Discovery Rangers, the goal of a good exercise routine should be to improve balance, general leg strength, and basic athletic stance. A good way to accomplish this is through a basic jump rope routine. Jumping rope is a great way to strengthen your legs and improve your balance. Although a good routine will be different for each athlete and should develop as his skill level increases, the following simple format can be a great way to start.

To begin, make sure your jump rope is the proper length. Stand on the rope with one foot on the center. If it's the right length, the handle should touch your arm pit. Once you've checked your rope size, begin with this simple routine:



Warm up - jump in place for one minute at slow speed



**Ali Shuffle** - jump while moving one foot forward and one foot back.

Then jump again switching your legs forward and backward for 30 seconds.



Speed rope - fast as you can go for 10 seconds



(4) Single leg jump - 20 seconds each leg



Double jump - advanced - 10 seconds



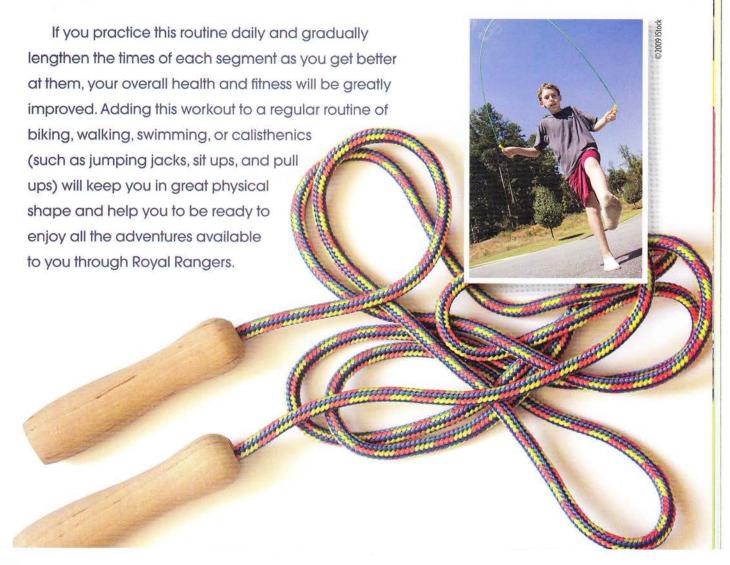
Speed rope - 10 seconds



Run in place - while jumping - 30 seconds, repeat twice



Cool down - same as warm up followed by a light stretch of the legs





#### **ROYAL RANGERS**

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#### 2009 Translation Projects

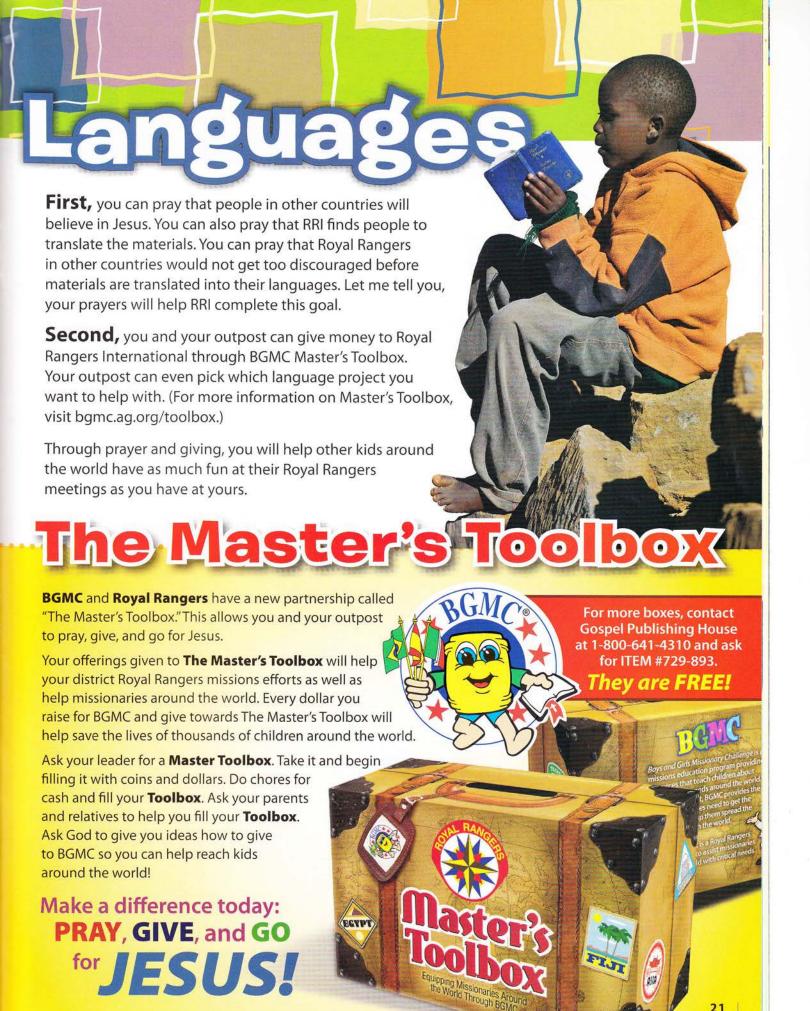
by Andy Whitman - RRI Director of Communications

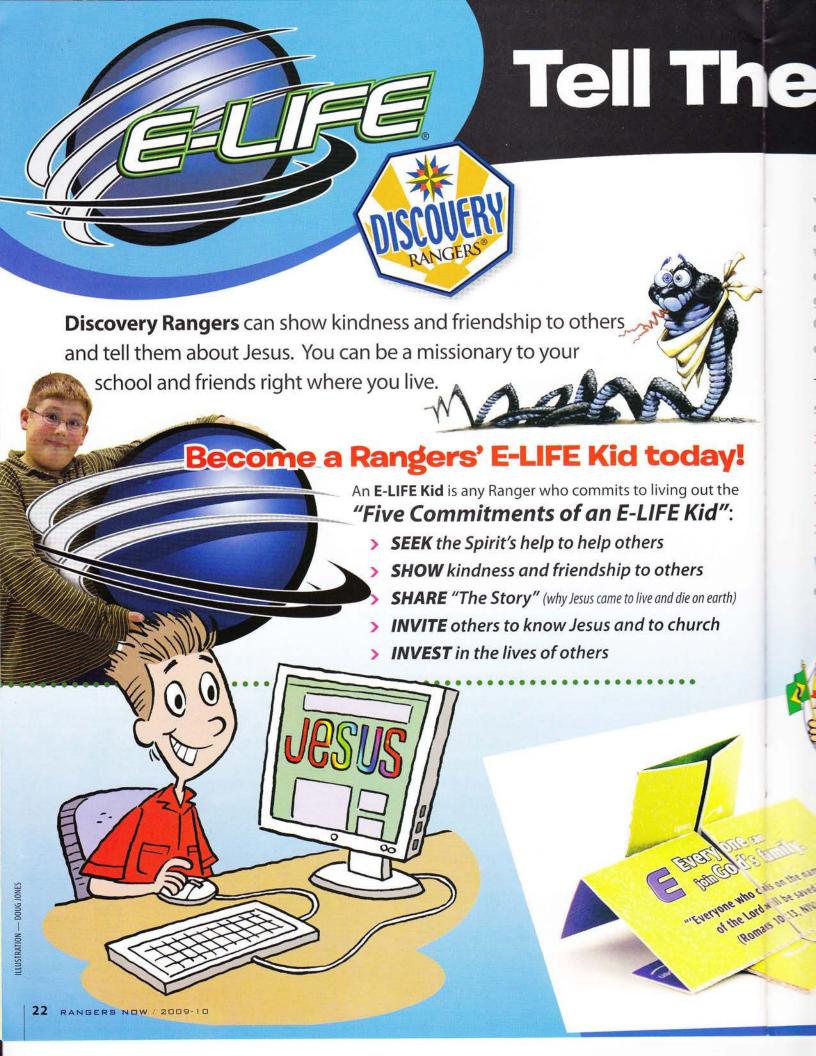
**Did you know** that Royal Rangers is in other countries? Royal Rangers is in seventy-eight (78) countries all around the world. How do you suppose it got there? Royal Rangers International (RRI) helps other countries start Royal Rangers and has written a global curriculum and other materials in English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





## 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)

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# Mau's Message

"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.

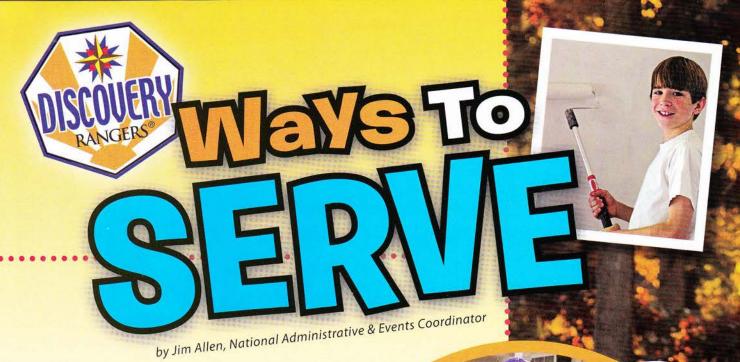
God's love touched Pablo's heart. Soon he was helping the missionary at Puerta del Sol too. He is learning all he can about Jesus so he can work for God in ministry.



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

images may come to mind. When you read the Bible,

put the ball in play. Many

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!

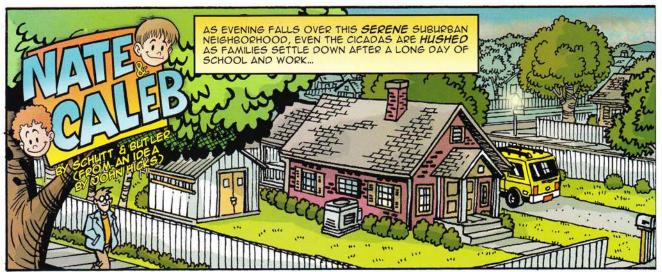
One day you are helping your family by shoveling snow from your driveway. How about shoveling the next door



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.













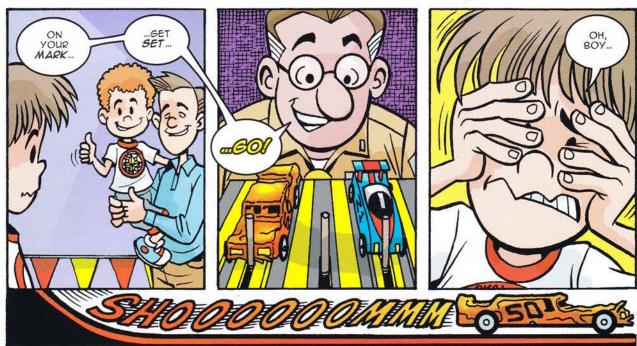










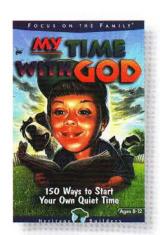






"BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER, FORGVING EACH OTHER, JUST AS IN CHRIST GOD FORGAVE YOU." -- EPHESIANS 4:32 (NIV)

# Bookworm **SUPER SELECTIO** of Favorite Books



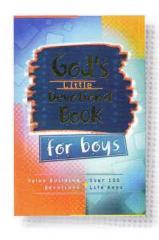
## My Time with God

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.



**JOUG JONES ILLUSTRATION** 

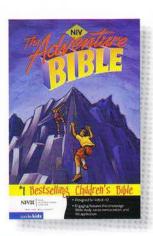


#### The Adventures of Average Boy: **Growing Up Super Average**

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-andanswer pages, a dictionary-concordance and other fascinating information tools. With the NIV Adventure Bible, your kids will want to become Bible experts!



Find these and other interesting books at your local Christian bookstore or online at www.christianbook.com.



# 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.

More information about Royal Rangers, the uniform, advancements, and other topics can be found on the Royal Rangers web site at www.royalrangers. ag.org and in the Discovery Rangers

Handbook (ITEM 02HU2126), available from Gospel Publishing House at www.gospelpublishing.com or by calling 1-800-641-4310.

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## Royal Rangers PLEDCE

With God's help, I will do my best to serve God, my church, and my fellowman; to live by the Ranger Code; to make the Golden Rule my daily rule.



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