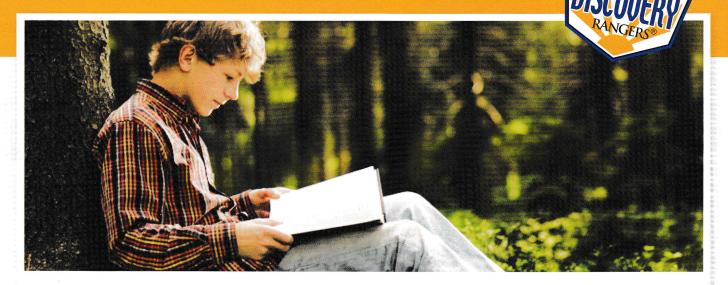
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Bible Merit 2012 Update

Since their first introduction in 2002, Bible merits have been earned when all five lessons associated with a particular book of the Bible were completed. Merits bore the name

of the book on which the lessons were based.

In 2012, the structure of the Bible merits for Discovery and Adventure Rangers was

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Letter From Doug Have you ever heard someone say this? "He's a man with a plan!" We admire men with purpose and direction.

To be a man who makes things happen, you need two things: 1) a well thought out *plan* and 2) the *determination* to work hard until you reach your goals.

People follow confident

men who know where they are going and how to get there.

The most important plan you can develop is how to become the man God designed you to be.

To that end, I've written a book I'd like you to read. It's called *A Guy's Journey to Manhood*. It describes what a real man looks like and

how to become that man.

I hope you will determine to read the book and take the journey to godly manhood with me. After all, that's what being a Ranger is all about.

Doug MarshNational Director
Royal Rangers

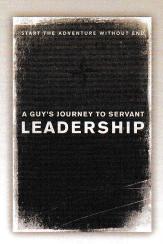
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changed to provide greater flexibility and more complete recognition for boys. This new system of Bible merit recognition is reflected in the 2012 *Discovery Rangers Handbook* and 2012 *Adventure Rangers Handbook*. Bible merits used in this new system are referred to as "numbered" Bible merits (represented by merit patches bearing a sequential number) as opposed to those of the previous system now referred to as "named" Bible merits (bearing the name of a specific book of the Bible).

Under the new system, boys complete eight lessons for each numbered Bible merit rather than five lessons for a named Bible merit. However, only one numbered Bible merit will be required for each advancement step rather than two named merits. Furthermore, the eight lessons required for each numbered merit may come from any "lesson set" (previously referred to as a merit) in the appropriate color category (i.e., brown or orange) for the group. In addition, up to two of these lessons may be "lesson alternatives" chosen by the group leader.

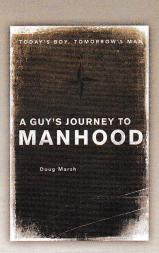
For more information on transitioning from named to numbered Bible merits, visit: RoyalRangers.com and search for the Bible Merits page.

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Fundraising 2.0

Tave you ever done a **⊥** fundraiser for your school or church before? You probably had to go door-todoor and ask your neighbors to buy what you were selling. The problem with this is that every time you need more money, you have to go doorto-door again. What if you could sell something to one person one time and get money all year long? That's exactly what Royal Rangers is doing with "Make The Case" Hands First hand sanitizer.

The secret to this new fundraiser is that you sell a case of hand sanitizers to a local business that already is buying a hand sanitizer. They already know they need it, so now you simply ask them

to buy your hand sanitizer, which is a better product and supports a worthy cause at the same time. The business will use the hand sanitizer

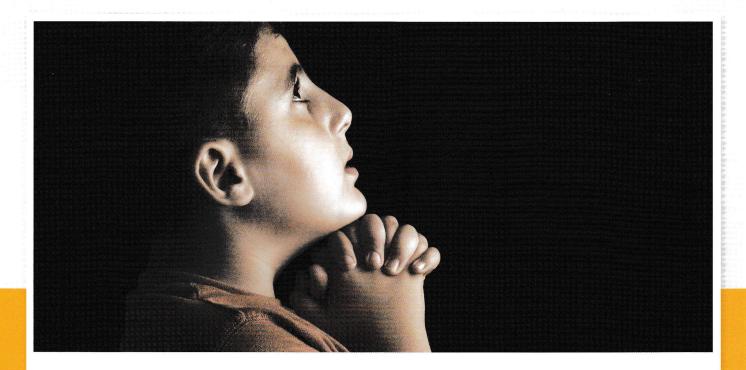


all year long, and when they run out, they will buy it from you again and again.

So how do you start selling Hands First in your outpost?

The first thing you can do is ask your Royal Rangers leader or a parent to download the information packet from RoyalRangers.com/MakeTheCase.

The second thing you can do is to think which businesses could possibly buy your hand sanitizer. There are three places to start. The first is your church. Most churches use hand sanitizer, so talk to your pastor about your fundraiser and how it will help your outpost. The second place to look is for a business owner in your church. Third is to ask your parents to think of someone they know in a business. Once you find the businesses, you'll never have to go door-to-door again.



Teach Us To Pray

Hey guys! Has your Mom ever made you eat your veggies before having dessert? Do you know why? Our bodies need a well-balanced diet each day to keep us healthy and active. Did you know our prayer life needs to be balanced as well?

If we only ask God for things when we pray, we might start thinking He is like Santa Clause, giving us whatever we wish for. God wants us to talk to Him every day and not only when we want something. Here is a simple sentence to help you keep a balanced prayer life:

"Wait and See with C & WAIT" (It sounds like "wait and see with see and wait.")

I know it sounds funny, but this line actually contains all six elements we use to communicate with God: C=Confess,W=Worship, A=Ask (We are good that this one!), I=Intercede (to pray for other people), and T=Thank.

But wait, that is only five! Correct. These are the five elements we use to talk with God. Remember, prayer is communication with God. Have you ever had a phone conversation where you did all the talking and the other person did all the listening? Of course not! Communication is a two way action with each person taking turns talking and listening.

The final element is to "Wait and See." In other words, we need to be patient, stop "talking" to God, and start listening. Sometimes God answers our prayers right away, but sometimes we need to wait a little longer. No matter the case, take time to "listen" to God each day!



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