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LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 1



FOR THE LEADER

KEY POINT

With God's help I will do my best to obey God's Word.

KEY VERSE

"To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams." **1 Samuel 15:22**

Note: Boys are not required to memorize the Key Point or Key Verse to receive completion credit for this lesson.

In this lesson, we will examine how God has rules for our life to protect us from the harmful consequences of disobedience. For information on how to use Bible merits in a Royal Rangers meeting, refer to the TRaCclub Support section or the *Royal Rangers Leader Manual*.

REFLECT ANSWERS

These answers match the questions in the Reflect section of the boys' sheet.

- · God gave us His rules in the Bible.
- He died because he was unfaithful to the Lord.
- Answers will vary. Make sure the boys understand that God forgives us when we confess our sins. See 1 John 1:9.



MATERIALS & PREP

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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 1



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READ

Saul died because he was unfaithful to the LORD; he did not keep the word of the LORD and even consulted a medium for guidance and did not inquire of the LORD. So the LORD put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse. 1 Chronicles 10:13,14

Do you like playing board games? What are your favorite games? Monopoly? Chutes and Ladders? Sorry? What about card games like Uno or Phase 10? Do you like chess or checkers? Games are fun, especially when you are playing with friends. Video games are a lot of fun too. A lot of people like role playing games because you can play with or against your friends in a whole bunch of different maps and missions.

In order to play any game, however, you have to have rules because they tell everyone how to play. Rules also show how to keep the game fair and in order. Without the rules, no one would play. Games would not be fun. Some people try to break the rules of games. They cheat to try

to win. If they are caught, they will usually be disqualified.

Just like in games, life has rules too. Those rules come from God. He has given us those rules in the Bible. He gives us these rules for a number of reasons. Some rules are there to keep us safe. Other rules help us to love and treat other people well. Rules like, "Don't lie," and "Don't steal," keep us in good relationship with people. God's rules also help us to love Him more. The very first rule He ever gave His people in the Ten Commandments was to "Have no other gods" but Him.

As we saw in the Scripture, Saul did not follow God's rules. God made Saul the very first king of Israel. For a while, Saul was a good king, having a right heart before God and following God's rules. Eventually that changed. Saul allowed his heart to grow away from God, which caused him to be selfish and not want to follow the rules God had set. Saul disobeyed God's instructions a number of times. He disobeyed what the prophet told him to do. He even went and talked

to a witch, asked her about the future, and asked her to speak to a dead person. Broken rules!

There are consequences for allowing our heart to fall out of love with God and breaking God's rules. Because Saul disobeyed, he died in battle. Not only that, but Saul's sons were killed, and none of Saul's descendants became king, which is what normally would have happened. Saul was punished for breaking God's rules. We too may be punished if we disobey. If we do not live our life with our heart connected to God and obey His rules, we will be punished. If we die without our relationship with God in good standing, we will spend the rest of time separated from God.

Breaking God's rules starts by allowing our relationship with Him to not be strong. When we stop praying and worshipping God, our relationship with Him suffers. As long as our heart is right with God and our relationship with Him is strong, we don't have to worry. We will want to follow God's rules. After all, following God's rules is just a demonstration of how much we love Him and that our heart is right with Him.

One of the best things about God is that when we break His rules we can ask Him to forgive us. That is why He sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus came to die so that we could be forgiven and we would not have to be punished. This doesn't mean that we can just go around breaking God's rules and asking forgiveness. God wants us to live our life following His rules the best we can, and, when we occasionally break a rule, we can ask and God will forgive us. He even gives us the Holy Spirit to help us be strong and obey Him.

As Royal Rangers, we should live each day trying to obey God's rules. It shows God how much we love Him. And more than anything, God wants to know that you love Him. He loves us very much and shows us all the time. Read

God's Word each day and find out all the ways you can live better by obeying God. Talk to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to help you make the right choices and do the right things. Take the challenge and be faithful to God and His rules for life. You will be glad you did!



As a group, discuss the following questions.

- Where do the rules for life come from?
- What happened to Saul?
- What do you think happens to modern-day people who disobey God?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, please help me to be someone who always tries to follow Your rules. I know the only way for me to win in life is for me to live like You want me to live. Give me strength to follow You always. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Before coming back to Rangers next week, play a game with your family or with friends. Follow the rules and don't cheat. Remember that breaking the rules can cause us to lose it all.

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LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 2



FOR THE LEADER

KEY POINT

I will show honor to my parents and those in authority.

KEY VERSE

Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. 1 Peter 2:17

Note: Boys are not required to memorize the Key Point or Key Verse to receive completion credit for this lesson.

In this lesson we will learn that we need to show honor to those God expects us to honor.

For information on how to use Bible merits in a Royal Rangers meeting, refer to the TRaCclub Support section or the Royal Rangers Leader Manual.

REFLECT ANSWERS

These answers match the questions in the Reflect section of the boys' sheet.

- God, pastors, teachers, parents, quardians.
- They crossed behind enemy lines to get David water from a particular well.
- Answers will vary. You may wish to discuss 1 Peter 2:13–19 or Romans 13:1–5.



MATERIALS & PREP

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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 2



KEY THOUGHTS

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READ

Three of the thirty chiefs came down to David to the rock at the cave of Adullam. while a band of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. At that time David was in the stronghold, and the Philistine garrison was at Bethlehem. David longed for water and said. "Oh. that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!" So the Three broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David. But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out to the LORD. "God forbid that I should do this!" he said. "Should I drink the blood of these men who went at the risk of their lives?" Because they risked their lives to bring it back, David would not drink it.

Such were the exploits of the three mighty warriors. 1 Chronicles 11:15–19

The dictionary uses these definitions of honor: honesty, fairness, or integrity in one's beliefs and actions; a source of credit or distinction; high respect, as for worth, merit, or rank

David was a king of Israel. During a Philistine invasion, three of David's soldiers heard him say he wanted a drink of water from the well in his hometown.

The soldiers understood David was king. They understood the king deserved honor. So they decided to get David the water he wanted. To do that, they had to break through the enemy's lines, get the water, and fight their way back to David's fortress. They honored David, their king and leader, so much that they risked their lives to get him what he wanted.

When they got back to the fortress, they gave David the water. He was so moved by what his men had done that he refused to drink the water. Instead, he poured it out as an offering to God. He honored his men and their sacrifice by giving the water to God.

Honoring others seems to be a strange concept to most people today. Do your friends honor the people around them? What about the people you see on TV? Do they show honor and respect to their leaders as they should? Can you think a time when people have taught about honoring others?

Even if we have not been taught to do so, there are people we should honor. We should honor our parents and any other guardians we may have. God has placed them in our life to be our first level of leaders on earth. They show us love. They provide us with food, clothes, and a place to live. They care for us and protect us.

God has also given us teachers and pastors to honor. Your schoolteachers deserve to be obeyed and listened to. They need to be treated well. As a Christian, you should be the best behaved student in your class. There are also teachers like your Royal Rangers leader or Sunday School teacher. You also have pastors who help you grow spiritually. Your children's pastor teaches you about Jesus and how to grow spiritually. Show them honor and respect.

The most important person we must honor is God! We honor God in a couple of ways. First, we honor God by accepting His Son, Jesus, as our Savior. Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins and to give us the opportunity to have a relationship with God.

We also honor God by doing what is right and not sinning. In James 4:17, the Bible says that when we know something is right and don't do it, we sin.

We need to honor God by doing what is right. We honor God by telling others about His Son and His love for us. God wants to have a relationship with everyone. He uses us to tell others this good news. We honor God when we share all the great things He does for us.

Let's decide that we will honor the people in our life that we should honor. We will honor our parents teachers, pastors, and most of all, God. We will do what is right, be obedient, and show love.



REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- · Whom should we honor?
- · How did David's soldiers honor him?
- How do you think we should interact with authority figures who seem to make our life difficult?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, please help me to show honor to others. Make me a man of honor. Help me to honor my parents, my teachers, and others. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



RESPOND

During the next week, honor your parents, teachers, pastors, and God. Do something nice for your parents, teachers, and pastors to honor them. Obey your parents without arguing, even when you don't agree. Honor God by telling someone about His Son, Jesus.

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The Ark of the Covenant

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LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 3



FOR THE LEADER

KEY POINT

I will practice holiness in everything I say, think, and do.

KEY VERSE

Just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do. 1 Peter 1:15

Note: Boys are not required to memorize the Key Point or Key Verse to receive completion credit for this lesson.

In this lesson we will see that the presence of God can be just as real in our life as the ark of the covenant was for the Israelites.

For information on how to use Bible merits in a Royal Rangers meeting, refer to the TRaCclub

Support section or the Royal Rangers Leader Manual.

REFLECT ANSWERS

These answers match the questions in the Reflect section of the boys' sheet.

- A gold-covered box that held the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, Aaron's rod, and a pot of manna.
- He touched the ark.
- Answers will vary. Things to consider include these: God has forgiven us and our sins against Him outweigh others' sins against us. See Matthew 18:21–35. Jesus said we are to love others just as we love ourselves (Mark 12:31). It's difficult, if not impossible, to do that while holding a grudge. God says vengeance belongs to Him. See Romans 12:17–19.



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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 3



KEY THOUGHTS

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KEY VERSE

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READ

So David assembled all Israel, from the Shihor River in Egypt to Lebo Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath Jearim. David and all Israel went to Baalah of Judah (Kiriath Jearim) to bring up from there the ark of God the LORD, who is enthroned between the cherubim—the ark that is called by the Name.

They moved the ark of God from Abinadab's house on a new cart, with Uzzah and Ahio guiding it. David and all the Israelites were celebrating with all their might before God, with songs and with harps, lyres, timbrels, cymbals and trumpets.

When they came to the threshing floor of Kidon, Uzzah reached out his hand to steady the ark, because the oxen stumbled. The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah, and he struck him down because he had put his hand on the ark. So he died there before God.

Then David was angry because the Lord's wrath had broken out against Uzzah, and to this day that place is called Perez Uzzah.

David was afraid of God that day and asked, "How can I ever bring the ark of God to me?" He did not take the ark to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. The ark of God remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house for three months, and the LORD blessed his household and everything he had. 1 Chronicles 13:5–14

Have you ever been around someone and you were like, "Whoa!" Maybe the person was a famous athlete who looked bigger in person than on TV. Maybe it was a movie star or someone from your favorite TV show. Maybe you didn't know what to say, and you had this feeling of "wow!" Are there people who regularly make you feel this way? We all have someone in our life whose presence is overwhelming.

In the OldTestament, God had the people of Israel build something called the ark of the covenant. The ark was a gold-covered box that contained the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, a pot of manna, and Aaron's rod. It signified the presence of God among the people.

The Israelites worshipped in a big tent called the tabernacle. When they set up the tabernacle, the ark sat in the Most Holy Place. God's Spirit would hover over the ark. When the Israelites went to battle, the ark went in front of them. But the presence of the ark didn't mean that God always blessed the Israelites. They still had to keep God's commands and love Him to have His blessings.

The Israelites were trying to move the ark to Jerusalem. Unfortunately, they were not completely following what God wanted them to do. They tried to bring the ark back on a cart, but God had specific instructions on how to move the ark. Those instructions didn't include a cart. When the cart nearly tipped over, a man named Uzzah touched the ark. For this, God killed Uzzah. The Israelites got scared and left the ark at someone's house for three months. While the ark was at the man's house, everything he owned was blessed. Eventually, the Israelites remembered the right way to do things, repented, and moved the ark to Jerusalem.

God wants to be real in our life and to bless us. For that to happen, we have to do things the right way, the way God wants us to do them. Being obedient to Him affects how we look at justice and how we treat other people. Mercy and forgiveness should be normal parts of our life. Jesus said that if we do not forgive others, God will not forgive us. We need to love other people. We cannot love God if we do not love people. Our obedience to God and love for others impacts our entire life.

From the spiritual side, God wants us to accept His Son Jesus as our Savior. We need to ask Jesus to forgive us of the bad things we do. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to show us the right things to do. We need to read the Bible and discover the right way to live, the way that Jesus showed us. Our obedience to God needs to be the result of a real relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ.

If we do these things, God's presence will be real in our life and He will bless us. That is a great thing!



REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- · What was the ark of the covenant?
- Why was Uzzah killed?
- Why do you think God requires us to forgive others?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, please help me to live like You want me to live. Forgive me of the sins I have done, and give me the Holy Spirit to be my guide. Let Your presence be around me every day and bless me. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



RESPOND

During the next week, work on areas of your life where the presence of God can be stronger. Pray every day that God will forgive you for the sins you commit. Also pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you, and that you will treat people with the love of God.

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LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 4



FOR THE LEADER

KEY POINT

I will be brave in spite of danger, criticism, or

KEY VERSE

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Note: Boys are not required to memorize the Key Point or Key Verse to receive completion credit for this lesson.

In this lesson we will see that as godly men, we should follow the example of David's mighty men and be brave in all that we do.

For information on how to use Bible merits in a Royal Rangers meeting, refer to the TRaCclub Support section or the *Royal Rangers Leader Manual*.

REFLECT ANSWERS

These answers match the questions in the Reflect section of the boys' sheet.

- Benaiah
- He killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day. He killed Moab's two greatest warriors. Armed only with a club, he fought and killed an Egyptian who was five cubits tall and armed with a spear. A cubit is about eighteen inches long. Therefore the Egyptian was about seven and a half feet tall.
- · Answers will vary.



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TITLE

Bravery

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1 Chronicles 11:22-25

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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 4



KEY THOUGHTS

KEY POINT

Biblical Manhood

I will be brave in spite of danger, criticism, or threats.

KEY VERSE

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9



READ

Benaiah son of Jehoiada, a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, performed great exploits. He struck down Moab's two mightiest warriors. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion. And he struck down an Egyptian who was five cubits tall. Although the Egyptian had a spear like a weaver's rod in his hand, Benaiah went against him with a club. He snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear. Such were the exploits of Benaiah son of Jehoiada; he too was as famous as the three mighty warriors. He was held in greater honor than any of the Thirty, but he was not included among the Three. And David put him in charge of his bodyguard. 1 Chronicles 11:22-25

Who is your favorite superhero? Is it Batman, Superman, Spiderman, or Wolverine? What makes that character a hero? Is it his cool clothes or the gadgets he has? Is it his strange abilities? Or is it the fact that he is brave in spite of danger and goes out of his way to help people?

What makes a person a hero is whether they are brave. Valiance is bravery. It is courage when you know you may lose. Today, there are heroes like this all around us. Firefighters, police officers, and EMTs all give of themselves for other people and regularly put themselves in danger to help others.

In this story from 1 Chronicles, we read about Benaiah who was one of King David's mighty men. He was so mighty, so brave, that David put Benaiah in charge of his own personal bodyguards. Look at all the amazing things that Benaiah did. He killed the strongest and best fighters from the nation of Moab. On a snowy day, he got into a pit with a lion and killed it. There is no way he could have had very good footing on the slope of the pit in the snow, and yet he still killed the lion. He killed a huge Egyptian warrior who had a huge spear when Benaiah had only a club! Benaiah was a very brave man!

God wants all of us to be brave men too. That means that we act courageously. It means that

when we see someone getting picked on at school, we stand up for them. We go and tell a teacher and don't just pass by. It also means that we never pick on or bully other people.

A man of God never treats others with disrespect. A brave man stands up for people who cannot stand up for themselves. A brave man helps people who cannot help themselves.

The Royal Rangers Code says, "A Royal Ranger is Courageous: He is brave in spite of danger, criticism, or threats." That is valor. That is being like Benaiah! We should try each day to be brave when we face things that challenge us. If we pray, the Holy Spirit will help us be brave. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to us to help us be a witness of all that Jesus does. Sometimes telling others requires bravery. We should pray each day for the Holy Spirit to help us to be brave!



As a group, discuss the following questions.

- Who was in charge of David's bodyguard?
- Name three things done by the man who commanded David's bodyguard.
- How do you define bravery?

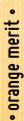
Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, please help me to be a brave man. Holy Spirit, please help me every day to be brave. Help me to stand up for people who cannot stand up for themselves. I want to be the godly man You want me to be! In Jesus' name. Amen.



Integrity

Family Ties



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LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 5



FOR THE LEADER

KEY POINT

I will pursue personal integrity in all my relationships.

KEY VERSE

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. **Philippians 4:8**

Note: Boys are not required to memorize the Key Point or Key Verse to receive completion credit for this lesson. In this lesson we will discover that if we are not careful to guard our sexuality, our choices can have serious consequences for generations to come.

For information on how to use Bible merits in a Royal Rangers meeting, refer to the TRaCclub Support section or the *Royal Rangers Leader Manual*.

REFLECT ANSWERS

These answers match the questions in the Reflect section of the boys' sheet.

- King David's
- We and our families can be.
- · Answers will vary.



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Family Ties

1 Chronicles 2:1-17

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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 5



KEY THOUGHTS

KEY POINT

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KEY VERSE

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READ

These were the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad and Asher.

The sons of Judah: Er, Onan and Shelah. These three were born to him by a Canaanite woman, the daughter of Shua. Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the Lord's sight; so the Lord put him to death. Judah's daughter-in-law Tamar bore Perez and Zerah to Judah. He had five sons in all.

The sons of Perez: Hezron and Hamul.

The sons of Zerah: Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Kalkol and Darda—five in all.

The son of Karmi: Achar, who brought trouble on Israel by violating the ban on taking devoted things.

The son of Ethan: Azariah.

The sons born to Hezron were: Jerahmeel, Ram and Caleb.

Ram was the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, the leader of the people of Judah. Nahshon was the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, Boaz the father of Obed and Obed the father of Jesse.

Jesse was the father of Eliab his firstborn; the second son was Abinadab, the third Shimea, the fourth Nethanel, the fifth Raddai, the sixth Ozem and the seventh David. Their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. Zeruiah's three sons were Abishai, Joab and Asahel. Abigail was the mother of Amasa, whose father was Jether the Ishmaelite. 1 Chronicles 2:1–17

All families are different. Some kids live with both parents, some with one. Some kids live with

grandparents, uncles, aunts, or foster parents. Some kids have siblings, and some don't.

This passage in 1 Chronicles outlines the family tree of King David. It starts with Israel, the grandson of Abraham. Some people were only named, while others were mentioned in connection with something. Sometimes, that was a bad deed they had done.

As we get older, there are more temptations to do bad things. When we choose to do things that we know God would not want us to do, our decisions can hurt us and our families. This is particularly true when we commit sexual sins. As Discovery Rangers, you are a long way away from being ready to be dads, but that time will come. So we need to commit to doing the right things in life. Sin is like a wildfire that can burn us and those around us.

God wants us to be under control. He wants us to resist temptation. Sexual sin often starts with looking at something you know you shouldn't. If you think your friends are looking at things they shouldn't, don't join them. When you hear someone talking about sexual stuff, go away. You don't want to sin and have it impact you and your family for a long time!



As a group, discuss the following questions.

- Whose family tree is outlined in 1 Chronicles 2:1–17?
- Who can be hurt by our decisions?
- How can our decisions hurt others?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

PRAYER: Dear God, thank You for the family you have given me. Help me to be careful and not sin in any way. I don't want to hurt my family or You. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



Talk to your parents/guardians about your family tree. Create a family tree of both sides of your family. Go as far back as you can remember. Make sure to include your brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, and grandparents if you know them.