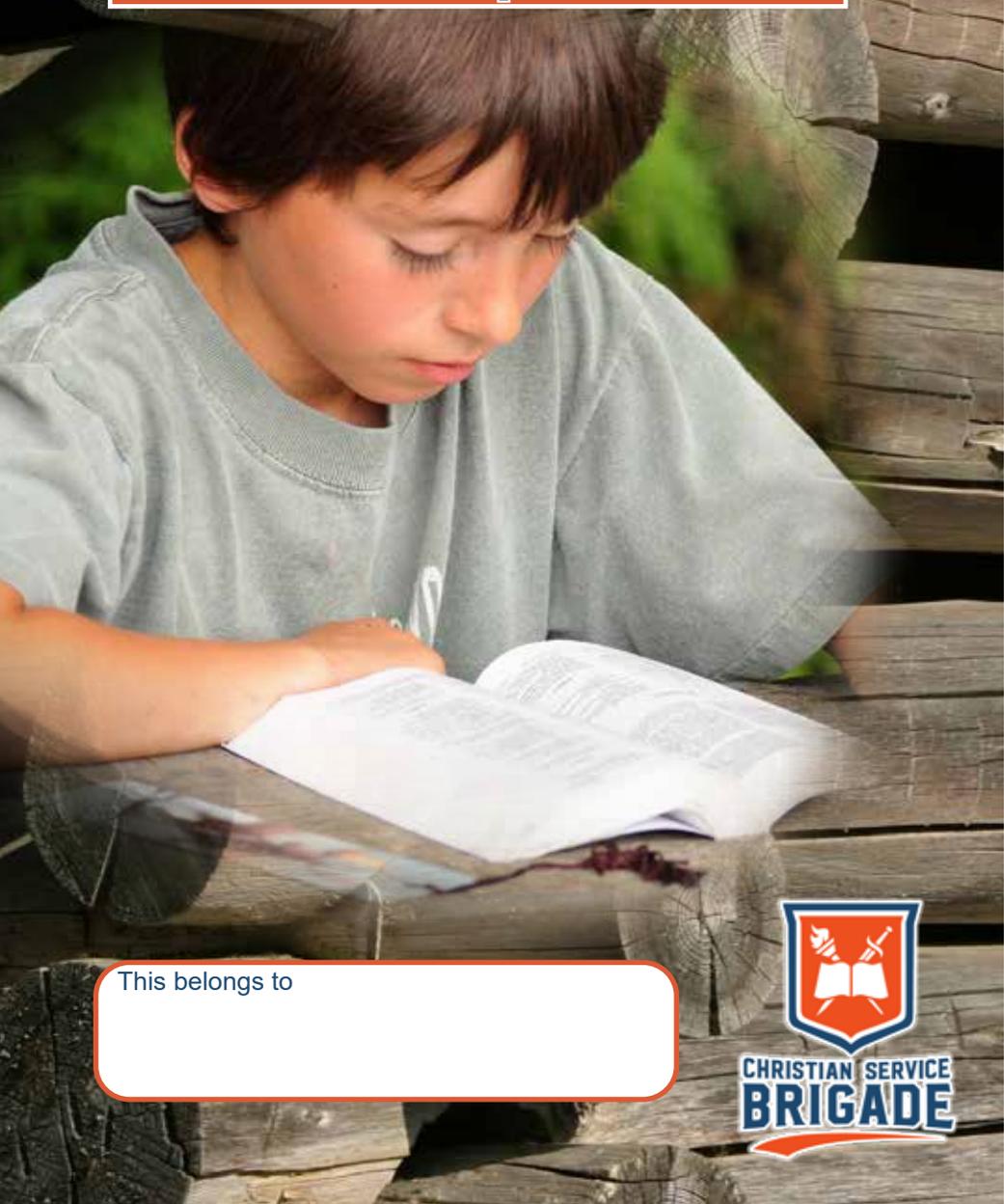


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Stockade Camp Devotional



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The GOOD News From GOD

Looking at Bible verses from the Book of Romans helps us understand God's Good News of salvation.

What Does GOD Want You to Know? >>>>

Admit that everybody has sinned.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." - (Romans 3:23)

No one can be good enough to reach Heaven on his own. All of us have sinned.

Realize that sin has a penalty.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." - (Romans 6:23). The penalty for sin is death and eternal separation from God. But, He has provided a solution for us.

Believe that Jesus paid the penalty.

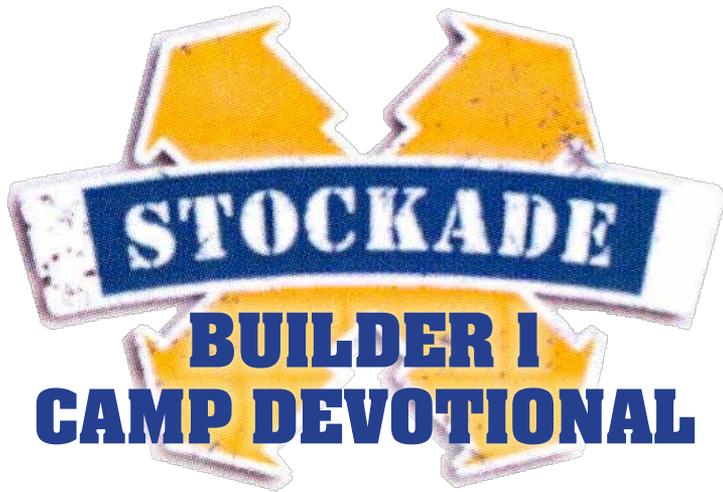
"But God shows His love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - (Romans 5:8). Jesus died in your place for you, even before you knew about Him.

Invite Jesus Christ to be your Savior and Lord.

"Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved." - (Romans 10:9-10). Thank Jesus for taking away the penalty of your sin.

Talk to God, telling Him something like this,

"Dear Jesus, I'm sorry for my sins. Thank you for dying for me. Please come into my heart and be my Savior. I surrender all of my life to you; please be the Lord of my life."

The logo features two yellow arrows pointing upwards, one on the left and one on the right. A blue banner with white text is positioned across the middle of the arrows. Below the banner, the words "BUILDER 1" and "CAMP DEVOTIONAL" are written in large, bold, blue capital letters. The entire graphic has a white outline and a slight drop shadow.

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CAMP DEVOTIONAL

The purpose of this Camp Devotional is to provide the 8 to 11 year old boy with a fun and exciting Bible experience based on the Builder 1 Trail Guide of the Stockade Achievement program of Christian Service Brigade.

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BLOCKHOUSE 1

Courier



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Trail Sign: 1 Samuel 2:26

“Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and also with man.”

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When pioneers first moved across this continent, Stockades were a place of security in the wilderness. They are part of our history, but God’s Word declares, “I will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’” (Psalm 91:2). This remains true. There is

a Stockade that is being built today. It is a place of safety and refuge where boys and men serve Jesus Christ as He expands His Kingdom into new territory.



A Blockhouse is a fortified tower that was built at the corners of a Stockade. Usually there were four, one in each corner, but sometimes just two. The lower floor was used for keeping people and supplies, while the upper floor was used for defense.

The VOICE

in the NIGHT

1 Samuel 3:1-19



All was quiet.

All except for the gentle snoring of old Eli.

He had lived for many years in the place where the people worshipped God.

Samuel was asleep in a nearby room. He was a boy not much older than you, but he didn't live at home.

His special duty was to help old Eli take care of God's house. It was a very high honor for a boy his age. Often he got tired from polishing metal jars, dusting tables and running to the market. It was hard work, so Samuel didn't complain about going to bed.

Suddenly a voice sounded clearly in the darkness, "SAMUEL." Samuel leaped from his bed. Eli must have called.

Samuel hurried to the old man. "Here I am, sir. What do you want?"

Eli stirred sleepily in the dark. "Want? I don't want anything. I didn't call you. You must have been dreaming. Go back to bed."

"Dreaming? But it was so real," thought Samuel. But he obeyed and went back to his bed. Again he began to fall asleep.

"SAMUEL!"

"That was no dream," thought Samuel as he hurried again to Eli's side. "What is it, sir, that you called me?"

“Nothing! And I didn’t call you. Now go back to bed and stop waking me.”

“Eli sounded upset,” thought Samuel as he slipped quietly into his bed. He shook his head. The voice was so real. “Could someone be hiding in my room? But who?” Samuel wondered. “What would anyone want in the middle of the night? And how would he know my name? Why would he call me and not Eli?”

Samuel was almost asleep when it happened again. “SAMUEL!”

“Someone did call me! I know they did. “He was at Eli’s side in a moment. “Here I am. Surely you called me this time!”

Eli had known God for many years, but it had been a long time since anyone had heard God speak aloud. Few people would have listened anyway, but now Eli knew God was speaking to Samuel. “It must be God speaking to you, Samuel. He wants to talk to you because He loves you. Go back to bed, my boy. If the voice calls again, say, ‘Speak, Lord, your servant hears.’”

Samuel paused for a moment. He could hardly believe Eli’s words. “Why would God want to talk to a boy? And why to me?” Samuel thought to himself as he walked slowly to his room. He slipped under the blankets and waited. He couldn’t sleep now.

And then he heard the voice again. “SAMUEL! SAMUEL!”

“Sp-sp-sp-sp-speak, for your servant hears,” Samuel answered, his voice trembling. There in his room, he felt the presence of God.

And God did speak to Samuel. He gave him a very important message for Eli. Samuel listened and obeyed. And, because he did obey God, he grew up to be one of the greatest men of ancient times.

† **What does this story tell you about God?**

† **What does it tell you about yourself?**

† **Can God speak to you?**

† **How would you answer?**

Growing Up God's Way



There's more to Samuel's story...

The Tabernacle was a fantastic tent and meeting area designed by God to be His house where people could come and worship Him. This was the place where Samuel grew up and helped Eli with his duties as the High Priest. He was just a young boy when his family dedicated him to the Lord. It was hard for them to allow Samuel to stay there, but it was for the best. Everybody thought very well of Samuel, and all the people loved him even after he grew old and died.

Look at today's Trail Sign, 1 Samuel 2:26, on the first page of this devotion.

Using the verse, fill in the missing letters, then discuss what each line means:

In **S** _____

In favour with the **L** _____

In favour with **M** _____

How should you grow? _____

DAY 2

Lookout

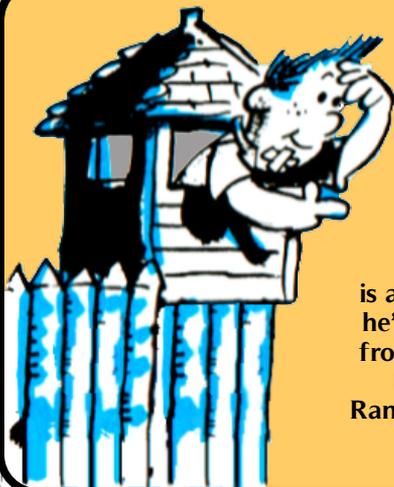
BLOCKHOUSE I



Trail Sign: Luke 2:52

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.”

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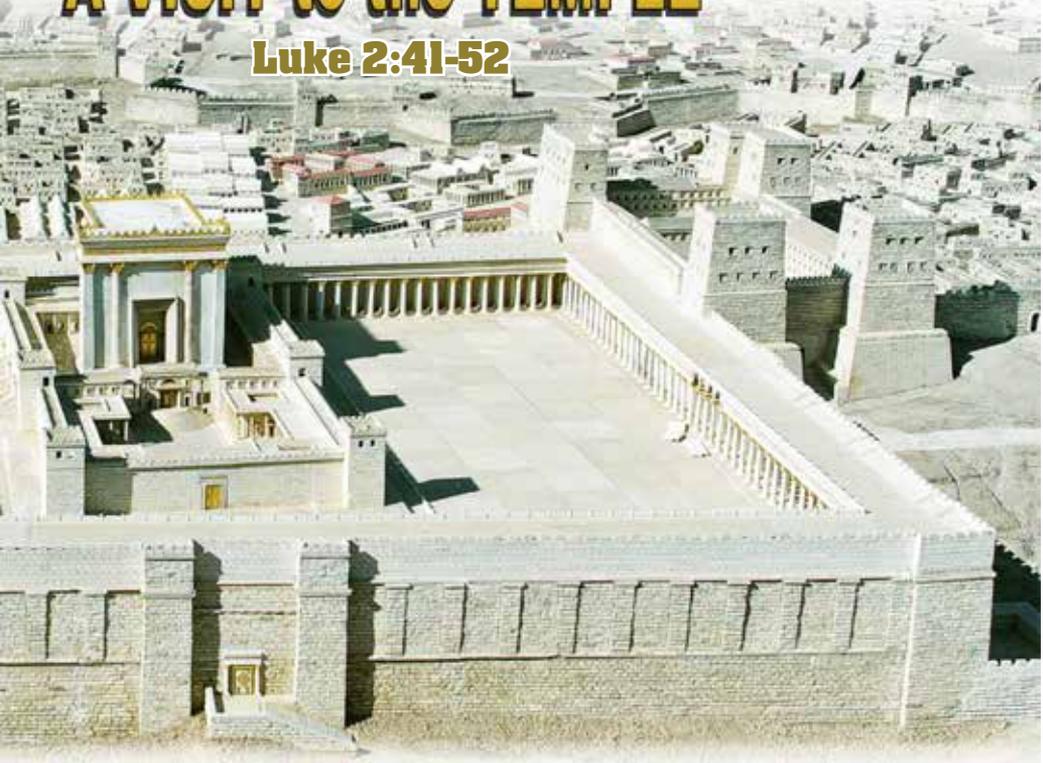
The **LOOKOUT** watches for ways that he can help. In the Stockade, he is on the look out for danger, but he is always looking for ways that he can help others accomplish their goals, especially the Rangers. Being the **LOOKOUT** is a very important job.

The **COURIER** is another helper. In the Stockade, he's the one who runs the reports from the **LOOKOUT** to the **CHIEF RANGER**, but he also helps the Rangers. He holds the Post Banner.



A VISIT to the TEMPLE

Luke 2:41-52



Mary and Joseph went to Jerusalem every year

at the Feast of the Passover. So when Jesus was twelve years old, they travelled there according to their tradition. And when the feast was over, as they were returning to Nazareth, the boy decided to stay behind. His parents didn't know it, but supposing Him to be somewhere in the camel caravan, they went a day's journey before they began to look for Him among their relatives and friends. When they couldn't find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him throughout the city.

After three whole days they found Him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and at His answers. And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. Mary, His mother, marched right up to Him and said, "Son, why



have you treated us this way, taking off on your own like this? Look, your father and I have been frantically searching for you. I was very worried!”

Jesus said to them, “Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father’s house taking care of His business?” But, they did not understand what He was saying to them. So He went home with them back to Nazareth and was

obedient to their authority over Him. And His mother treasured up all the things that she saw Jesus do and all that He said and hid them in her heart, thinking about them often. After all, He was the Son of God.

And Jesus, well, He grew in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

- ✝ **Why would Jesus think that being in the Temple was the place where He should be doing His Father’s business?**
- ✝ **So, who is Jesus’ Father?**
- ✝ **What does His example mean to you?**

Know the Letter

Know the Word

From “A” to “Z”, letters are characters. So are numbers. Spaces, commas and periods are characters, too. And since this is true, use this knowledge to solve the following puzzle.

Start with the first clue “Character #9” and count out characters in the verse until the 9th one. Write the character (“B”) in the oval beside the clue. Do this for each clue for the verse in each of the two boxes below, then answer this question: **How should you live?**

I Samuel 2:26

Now _ the _ boy _ Samuel
_ continued _ to _ grow
_ both _ in _ stature
_ and _ in _ favor _ with
_ the _ Lord _ and _ also
_ with _ man .

Character #9 B

Character #74

Character #42

Character #18

Character #24

The letter “K” K

Character #52

Character #94

Luke 2:52

And _ Jesus _ increased
_ in _ wisdom _ and
_ in _ stature _ and
_ in _ favor _ with _ God
_ and _ man .

Character #5

Character #44

Character #26

Character #42

Character #38

Character #75

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