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Our Crusaders Guide is an aid to help our Counselors teach and direct our young men. The Guide is design to give the overall programs of the Crusaders Department and basic operating instructions. All the information, such as, how to organize, goal, motto, watchword, etc. are all designed to unify young Christian men in the State of Alabama.

Our Theme this year is “Crusaders With Courage, Confidence, And The Power Of Love.” We believe that God has given us everything necessary for us to win the battle. Therefore we will move forward with courage, confidence, and the power of Love. With a common goal and a steadfast purpose, we will be able to overcome any obstacle in our way.

This Guide includes a structured mentoring program that can be used to instill a sense of manhood for our young men. This mentoring process builds strong relationships among our Crusaders and our Counselors.

The Crusader Training and Development Curriculum, along with the Weekly Lessons, offers a Bible centered approach to youth development. With this consistent and comprehensive effort to train our young men, we can give them the tools that are necessary for them to succeed.

Finally, a guide can only give guidance when it is followed. Therefore we encourage our Counselor to use the information and ideas put forth in this guide. Keep in mind that it is only a guide to aid and not a law book to dictate. Feel free to use some individual creativity as you teach and carry out your Crusaders program. The rewards are always great.

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State Crusaders Counselor
PURPOSE
The purpose of the crusaders’ organization is to provide organized and attractive programs where boys and young men can grow spiritually, morally, socially, educationally, and physically.

OBJECTIVES
1. Each crusader will accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.
2. Each crusader will acquire a meaningful knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.
3. Each crusader will be able to apply the Word of God to his every day living.
4. That each crusader will be actively involved in the mission and ministry of the church.

METHOD
1. Bible study will be conducted weekly or bi-weekly.
2. Training in Christian principles will be done through various activities.
3. Recreational and sports activities will be held regularly.
4. Missionary projects will be planned and implemented.
5. Crusaders will be involved in local, state, and national assemblies.

AGES
There are four units of the Crusaders’ Department, which may meet together for devotion, business, and fellowship but later separate for studies, activities, and outreach ministries. The units are as follows:
   Junior Unit 9-11
   Intermediate Unit 12-14
   Senior Unit 15-17
   Young Men’s Auxiliary, Ages 18-35
(Boys younger than nine may be included as trainees)

COLORS: Blue and White

CRUSADER UNIFORM
(To wear for various programs)
   Boys and male counselors: white shirt, navy blue tie, and dark pants
   Female counselors: navy blue dress and red corsage
   Chapter Princess: white dress
How to Organize a Crusader Chapter

1. The president of the missionary society should get the consent of the pastor.
2. The pastor along with the sponsoring group should appoint a well-qualified adult person as the Chapter Counselor.
3. Call a meeting of all the boys and young men of the church.
4. Discuss the goals and objectives of the chapter.
5. Elect officers.
6. Invite the District Counselor or a Local Counselor to help in the initial planning.
7. Send the name of the Chapter, along with the name, address, and phone number of the Chapter Counselor to the State Counselor.
8. Proceed with regular meetings and activities, using the Crusader Guide for directions.

Crusader’s Goal
A Crusader Chapter in every church; every boy a crusader

Motto
“Once a Crusader, always a Crusader”

Watchword
For with God nothing shall be impossible (Luke 1:37)

Scripture
Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, oh Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Prayer
Oh, that you would wonderfully bless me and help me in my work; please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all evil and disaster!
I Chronicles 4:10 (TLB)

Crusader’s Creed
I would be true for there are those who trust me
I would be pure for there are those who care
I would be strong for there is much to suffer
I would be brave for there is much to dare
I would be a friend to all, the foe, the friendless
I would be giving and forget the gift
I would be humble for I know my weakness
I would look up and laugh, and love and lift
DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. CRUSADER-IN-CHIEF – shall preside at all of the chapter meetings. He shall strive for the success of the chapter and shall direct the overall business.

2. FIRST ASST. CHIEF – shall preside in the absence of the Chief, or at his directions. He shall serve as chairman of the Membership Committee.

3. SECOND ASST. CHIEF – shall preside in case his two major officers are absent. He shall serve as chairman of the Recreation Committee.

4. THIRD ASST. CHIEF – shall preside when all other Chiefs are absent. He shall serve as chairman of the Benevolence Committee.

5. CHAPTER RECORDER – shall record the minutes of each meeting and any other records designated by the Chapter. He will need to be accurate, regular in attendance and neat in order to keep records well.

6. CHAPTER SCRIBE – shall correspond with other chapters and State Officers, and report as directed. He shall perform the duties of the recording secretary in the absence of the recorder.

7. CHAPTER STEWARD – shall keep account of all monies received and spent and report the same to the organization. He shall aid in the teaching of stewardship of money and enlist every member in the principles of tithing.

8. HISTORIAN – shall keep records and keep the chapter informed of the past achievements of the Crusader program.

9. PARLIAMENTARIAN – shall know basic rules of how to conduct the meeting and shall keep the meetings in order.

10. CHAPLAIN/DEVOTIONAL LEADER – shall carefully plan the music and devotion for each meeting. He should involve others in the devotion.

11. OUTREACH LEADER – shall plan witnessing activities to bring others to Christ.

12. CHAPTER HERALD – announces meetings and heads the Publicity Committee.
ORDER OF MEETINGS

OPENING SONG
SCRIPTURE
PRAYER
GOAL, MOTTO, AND PLEDGES

(What is our goal? -- What is our motto? – Pledges)

DISMISS TO UNITS
BIBLE LESSON
MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

ACTIVITIES: Projects, handicrafts, memory drills, sports, etc.

OFFERING
REASSEMBLE
REMARKS
CLOSE WITH THE WATCHWORD

THE PLEDGE SERVICE

Attention Position  Salute-Pledge Position  Holding Bible  Salute-Pledge Position

PLEDGES

Note: Director will say, “Attention! Salute! Pledge!” before each pledge.
**Pledge To The Bible**

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God’s Holy Word and will make it a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path and hide its word in my heart that I might not sin against God.

**Pledge To The Christian Flag**

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one brotherhood, uniting all mankind into service and love.

**Pledge To The United States Flag**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

**The Crusader’s Pledge**

I pledge myself:
To do all the good I can,
By all the means I can,
In all the ways I can,
In all the places I can,
At all the times I can,
To all the people I can,
As long as ever I can,
As a Crusader for Christ.

**The Flag Ceremony**

“The Pledges For Christians”

What is the definition for ‘Pledge’? A pledge is a promise or vow. What is a vow? A vow is a solemn promise to do something or to live, or act a certain way. When we accept Christ as our personal Savior, we make a commitment to turn from the old way that we lived and to live life a new way. Often the minister will ask you how long are you willing to serve Him, and most often your reply is, “for the rest of my life”. There you have made a promise or a vow to live a life, which would be pleasing to God.
TO CARRY OUT A MOTION

1. Motion is made.
2. Motion is seconded
3. Motion is restated by president.
4. Is there any discussion?
5. Discussion.
6. Are you ready to vote?
7. Ready / Not Ready.
8. Restate the motion.
9. Those in favor say, “Yes”; those opposed say, “No”.
10. Motion approved; Motion not approved

THE CRUSADER PRINCESS

The Crusader Princess for your chapter can be chosen from either the Red Circle or the Sunbeam Band. She is an honorary member of the chapter, but has no vote. She is elected bi-annually and graces the platform on all special Crusader programs.

The Crusader Princess represents all that is pure, gracious, and beautiful in womanhood. Each Crusader Princess attending the Annual State Convention will be honored in the State Princess Court. Each will march in the Grand Procession and will be seated with their various escorts during the featured presentation. She will wear a white dress.

CRUSADER PARENT COUNCIL (CPC)

Much effort should be made to involve parents in the Crusaders’ Program. A good approach is to organize a Crusader Parent Council. The purpose of the council will be to:

- Provide assistance to the counselor in promoting the crusaders’ program.
- Provide direct involvement of parents with their children.

Follow these steps in organizing the council:

1. Discuss with the Missionary President and Pastor and secure their approval.
2. Call together as many parents of crusaders as possible for an organizational meeting and presentation of purposes.
3. Select a Chairperson and task Force workers. Task Force Workers will be responsible for assisting the counselor with various needs of the chapter like transportation, convention trips, socials, money, refreshment, recreation, etc.
4. Decide on frequency of CPC meetings. (Also plan periodic chapter meetings with parents.)
5. Set up any other guidelines or procedures appropriate for your chapter.

Use the council extensively in helping to promote a full and rich program for the chapter.
MISSION AS A CRUSADER

The book of Acts is the first flaming missionary report of a world crusade. The twelve who followed Jesus through Galilee were typical representatives of the missionary movements that were to follow down to this present day. The 12 were chosen for fellowship and training that He might send them forth to make the whole world spiritually, mentally, and physically fit. This flaming evangelical spirit of the missionary crusade also characterized the life of Christians who fought infidels for Palestine. The sacred places of the church were profaned or destroyed and to the Christians of Europe, Jerusalem was to be a holy spot. The tomb of Jesus, the Mount of Olives, and the life and death of Christ were sacred. Splendid heroism, religious self-sacrifice, and Christian devotion led many to join this missionary crusade to keep Jerusalem holy.

The Children’s Crusade, which took place in 1212, was one of the strangest happenings in history. An army of French children, led by a peasant boy named Nicholas, crossed the Alps by a more eastern route. This band of children and young people called for the quest of Jerusalem. They marched from town to town in search of the Holy Land. Out of this background of comradeship and understanding of shared failures and successes, we call upon you to join this noble company of pathfinders of the World Missionary Crusade.

What is a Crusader?

A crusader is a disciple of Christ.

Disciple: one who accepts not only the views of the teacher, but also attempts to put them into practice. What does this mean, “A Disciple of Christ”? That means that first of all, I have to accept Christ as my Lord and Savior. I’ve got to believe that Christ died for me and that He wants me to live my life according to His instructions, which are found in the Holy Bible.

As a Disciple of Christ, I must read His Word everyday. He has clear instructions how He wants us to live. He wants us to treat everybody with love and kindness. When there is an elderly person who needs help, He wants us to help them. Whenever there are classmates who seems to be alone, He wants us to be a friend to them.

A crusader is to always show the character of Christ, since we are made in His image. And His image is an image of love, peace, and holiness. A crusader tries to live a life that will glorify God. In other words, he tries to do those things, which will make God Happy.
CRUSADER TRAINING

And

DEVELOPMENT CURRICULUM

Leading to
Rites of Passage
At age 17

This curriculum has incorporated the previous Crusader Standards and the Christian Development Curriculum. It is designed for crusaders to begin at an early age, but boys who enter the program later can still complete the necessary phases of the program. The most important thing is that each boy accepts Christ as his personal Savior and that he understands and practices the Seven Rites of Passage principles. The District Counselor, State Counselor, or the State Counselor’s designee will conduct a brief comprehensive training and evaluation on the seven principles when the crusader reaches the age of 17. Following successful completion of the program, the crusader will be honored in a prestigious “Rites of Passage Ceremony”.

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Boys under nine (9) are considered candidates to become crusaders. They can begin training in the crusaders’ department if approved by their local church. Often times boys want to participate with other boys in activities more suited and appropriate for them. In addition to the activities listed below, have them study from the Bible Lessons for the current year at their level.

**Memory Activities**
1. Learn the 23\textsuperscript{rd} Psalm
2. Learn the Model Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

**Who Is God?**
God is our Heavenly Father, the creator of everything. (Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:22-30) God made all things by the power of His word. (Genesis 1:31; John 1:1-5)

**Memory Verse:** Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”

**Who Is Jesus?**
Jesus is the Son of God who came into this world for our salvation. (John 1:1-14; 3:16) In other words He came down to earth in human form to bring man back to God since man had grown out of fellowship with God through sin. The Christmas Story is all about Jesus. Without Christ, there would be no Christmas. The Christmas Story is found in the second chapter of Luke.

**Memory Verse:** John 3:16 - “For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

**Sports and Recreational Activities**
Begin a basketball program. Teach basketball skills paired with Bible skills.

**Basketball Training**
- Dribbling
- Passing Off
- Team Concept
- Warm up Routine
- Free Throw
- Positions in Basketball
- Types of Defense
Memory Activities
1. Memorize the four pledges.
2. Learn the Crusader’s Goal, Motto, Watchword, Scripture, and Prayer.
3. Memorize the Eight Psalm.

Study Rites of Passage Principle One
*** Crusaders are Saved Men ***

Saved means to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. We accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior when we believe in our hearts that Jesus went to the cross for us, bled and died and on the third day He arose from the dead. When we believe this in our hearts and confess this with our mouth, Jesus becomes our Savior. At this point we are then saved from going to Hell when we leave this world. There is nothing more important than accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. This is a serious commitment because it is a matter of life or death. Romans 6:23

Memory Verse: Romans 10:9 – “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

Study Rites of Passage Principle Two
*** Crusaders are men in the Word ***

It is very important for Christians to understand and have faith in the fact that the Bible is God’s Word. The Bible is considered to be the most important book in the world, simply because it is God’s Word. When you read the Bible, you read a message from God Himself. When the Bible speaks, God speaks. The Bible is useful in our daily life, because it teaches us how to live a life that is pleasing to God. We should read the Bible daily. It is our road map for life. A good Bible for young men is “Every Man’s Bible”, Tyndale House Publishers.

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:105 – “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Sports and Recreational Activities
Participate in a local basketball league or baseball league, or the sports or recreational activity of your choice. You may choose bowling or golf or any safe sports. Your coach or counselor should discuss one of these lessons with you each week before each practice.
Sports / Recreational Lessons
R-E-S-P-E-C-T
Learn the important of Respect in order to be successful in life.

Week 1:
R – Respect and Reverence for God
The big question is “Who is God?” and why should we respect Him? God is our Heavenly Father, the creator of everything. He made us and loves us and wants us to honor Him. God sent His Son to die for us, which has paid the debt for our sins. So we should praise Him and give Him Glory for all the things He does for us daily.

Week 2:
E – Respect for our Elders and our Parents
The Bible instructs us to show respect for the elderly, (Leviticus 19:32). There is nothing wrong with saying, “No Sir, Yes Sir, No Ma’am, Yes Ma’am.” We are instructed to honor our fathers and mothers, Ephesians 6:1-3. There are two promises if we respect our parents. One is that it will be well with us. Second, we will live a long life.

Week 3:
S – Self Respect
The first step to having self-respect is knowing that you were created by God. (Colossians 1:16) We must first respect God to respect ourselves. God made your body and your body is considered the Temple of God, so respect your body as you represent God. The way we speak, dress, and carry ourselves are hints of how much respect we have for God and for ourselves.

Week 4:
E – Respect for Each Other
The key to respecting your peers is the realization that God made everyone and we all are individually and collectively important to Him. We should not think of ourselves as being better than others. God loves us all the same. We should treat others the way we want to be treated.

Week 5:
C – Respect for those in Charge (Authority)
We are to respect those people who hold authority in our lives. Examples of persons who hold authority are teachers, school administrators, parents, police officers, and pastors. Youth should know the proper way to handle situations where they are in conflict with an adult. They should respect authority even while in conflict and allow their parents to resolve the conflict in a respectful way.

Week 6:
T – Respect for Things (Property)
“Thou shall not steal” – The 8th Commandment of the Ten Commandments is very plain. Respecting other’s property also means that it is not appropriate to touch or use other people’s property without their permission. Again, think about how you would want someone to treat you or treat your belongings. (Exodus 20:150)
Memory Activities
1. Memorize the 13th Chapter of First Corinthians.
2. Be able to recite the Crusader’s Creed.
3. Learn the Books of the Bible.

Study Rites of Passage Principle Three
** Crusaders are Drug and Alcohol Free Men **

Crusaders should try hard not to start using drugs or alcohol. Once you start using drugs and alcohol at an early age, your chances of becoming addicted are great. What does the Bible have to say about using drugs? I Peter 5:8, “Be sober (don’t use drugs or alcohol), be vigilant (alert, wise); because your adversary (enemy) the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour (destroy).”

Memory Verse: Proverbs 20:1 – “Wine is a mocker; strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.”

Study Rites of Passage Principle Four
*** Crusaders are sexually pure men ***

God has designed sex for marriage! Our body is the personal dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. Our body belongs to God and we must never defile it with impurity and evil. Do not copy the behaviors and customs of this world, but be a new and different person, standing on what you know is right.

There also is another issue of sexual purity relative to homosexuality. This is definitely not the plan of God. The original plan from the beginning is being perverted by the enemy’s attack on men and on the family. God created man and then He created woman and thereby instituted the family. It was never designed for man to be with another man, or women to be with another woman.

There are definite steps you can take to avoid sexual sin. First, guard your mind. Do not read books, look at pictures, or encourage fantasies that simulate the wrong desires. Second, keep away from settings and friends that tempt you to sin. Third, do not think only on the moment – focus on the future. Today’s thrill may lead to tomorrow’s ruin. An excellent book for young men is “Every Young Man’s Battle” by Stephen Arterburn and Fred Stocker.

Memory Verse: I Corinthians 6:19 – “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”
Sports or Recreational Activities

Participate in a local basketball league or baseball league, or the sports or recreational activity of your choice. You may choose bowling or golf. Your coach or counselor should discuss one of these lessons with you each week before practice.

Sports / Recreational Lessons
CC
Common Courtesies

Begin to practice common courtesies. They will carry you a long way.

Week 1:
CC – Greetings

Sharp, intelligent, and Christian young men know how to speak when they approach people. It makes the person to whom you are approaching feel warmly received and welcomed. How you greet a new comer can determine whether or not they will come back. The rule for greeting is for the person who is approaching to speak first. However, if you are there and the person does not speak, then you speak.

Week 2:
CC – Thanks

First of all we should thank God everyday for the blessings He gives us daily. Especially, should we thank God at each mealtime, because there are so many in the world who do not have food to eat daily. Then we should thank people when they do things for us. Don’t take people’s kindness for granted, because they don’t have to do for you. Always tell a person, “Thank You” for whatever they do for you or whatever they give you.

Week 3:
CC – Responding

The way we respond to each other and to adults is a direct reflection of our character. Learn to respond with kind respectful words. Answer adults with “No Sir”, “Yes Sir”, “No Ma’am”, “Yes Ma’am”. Respond to your friends in a kind way. A negative or ugly response can cause ill feelings. Responding in a kind way is always better for keeping a good relationship with others.
Week 4:
CC – Helping

It is so good when someone comes to you and says, “May I help? This is just a common courtesy. To hold the door for someone coming behind you is the highest level of a gentleman. Volunteer to be helpful where you can and later the same help will come to you. We should especially help elderly people when we see them in distress of carrying a package or trying to walk. Always remember our pledge, “to do all the good we can”.

Week 5:
CC – Listening

How many times have we continued to talk when someone is talking to us? Learn to listen when others are talking to you and don’t interrupt until they have finished. Then you can talk. Listening is an art, which is not often practiced. We tend to want to do all the talking and dominate the conversation. But learn to listen more and talk less.

Week 6:
CC – Ladies

Men should treat ladies with courtesy. It is still appropriate for men to open the door for ladies, to help them with their coats, and to offer them their seat if they are standing. These simple courtesies don’t cost a penny, but they are wonderful ways of showing a lady respect and making her feel special. Although there are some ladies who do not want men to treat them special, but there are quite a few who still like to be treated like a lady.

Becoming A Christian Athlete

1. Make Jesus the head of your life.
2. Always follow the rules.
3. Be a team player.
4. Work hard to maintain your physical gift.
5. Trust your teammates.
6. Respect others and their roles.
7. Pick a sport and work hard to accomplish your goals.
Memory Activities

1. Memorize the 17th Chapter of St John
2. Learn the Articles of Faith
3. Learn your Church Covenant

Missionary Project
Complete a special missionary project approved by the senior Counselor and your Pastor. Complete a short write-up about the project and submit to the designated person for evaluation of your “Rites of Passage”.

Study Rites of Passage Principle Five

*** Crusaders Are Career Focused Men ***

Each crusader should explore careers and set goals to reach his chosen career. Doing this will help you stay focused in school. Because education is the key to getting a good job by which you can take care of your future family. Every crusader should have in mind what he wants to become by the 9th Grade. The Internet is a good vehicle by which you can explore all kinds of careers. Even if you change later on, you still should have explored all the possibilities about your future career. Explore careers based on your likes and aptitude. Have fun in school but take it serious, because what you learn in school will be the basis for how successful you will be in securing profitable employment. Read “Gifted Hands – The Ben Carson Story”, about an excellent career focused man.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 28:19 -- Hard work brings prosperity; playing around brings poverty (Living Bible)
Study Rites of Passage Principle Six

*** Crusaders are Dressed For Success Men ***

There are some who say that dress does not matter and that it’s the heart, which God looks at and not the clothes. That is true, but there is a certain way in which we as crusaders should present ourselves. Christian young men should not walk in public with their pants down and their underwear showing. We represent Christ and His principles and our dress should reflect that.

As Christian young men our dress should be modest and representative of who we are. Learn appropriate dress for all occasions. Church attire can be dressy or casual, but not too casual. Every young man should have at least one dark suit and he should learn how to tie a tie. When you step out of your door, you should be appropriately dressed for whatever the occasion is. Your dress says something about you.

Memory Verse: Romans 12:2 – “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Study Rites of Passage Principle Seven

*** Crusaders Are Purposed Driven Men ***

In Rick Warren’s “Purpose Driven Life” he said, “the purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment. If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born by His purpose and for His purpose, Colossians 1:16. What are we saying? We are not in this world for our own personal gratification but as we move and achieve, all that we do should have God in mind. Whatever I do, God should get the Glory. So with this in mind, I should always want to please God in all that I do. That is the purpose by which our lives should be driven, with a purpose to please God and to let Him use my life to Glorify Him.

Memory Verse: I Peter 2:9 – But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.
Sports and Recreation
Participate in a local basketball league or baseball league, or the sports or recreational activity of your choice. You may choose bowling or golf. Your coach or counselor should discuss one of these scenarios with you each week during your participation.

“Everyday Life”
What Is Your Game Plan?

To be successful in any type competition, you must have a Game Plan. Coaches and athletes always go into the game with a plan to win. The same should hold true in our life’s situations. There will be many things presented to you and many temptations laid at your feet where you must make a decision. Your decisions determine in a large part on your success or failure in life.

Presented theses six weeks will be different scenarios (Possible situations), which could come up in your life. Discuss your Game Plan for each scenario.

Week 1: The Exam -- You are taking your final exam in Math and the person sitting next to you has all the answers on a card and wants to share them with you.

What’s your Game Plan?

Week 2: Sex Connection -- Your girl friend calls you and tells you that her parents are out of town for the day. She invites you over for sex.

What’s your Game Plan?

Week 3: The Car -- Your parents go out of town and the keys to the car are left on the table. Your best friend encourages you to get the car key and the two of you go joy riding. Your parents have not given permission for you to drive their car.

What’s your Game Plan?

Week 4: Hookup -- Your girl friend works at Targets and wants to hook you up with those sneakers you’ve been wanting.

What’s your Game Plan?

Week 5: Drugs -- You are at a friend’s house and his big brother offers you free marijuana. What’s your Game Plan?

Week 6: Gay -- A close friend of yours tells you, “I’m Gay.”

What’s your Game Plan?
Rites of Passage Ceremony
(Age 16 or above)

Dress: Dark suits, dark ties, and white shirts
Coordinator of ceremony to be State Counselor, District Counselor, or local designated counselor. Ceremony can be done in the local church, local or wing district, or state convention.

- March in singing, “We Are Soldiers” (A Mentor is on the side of each crusader.) (Mentors will sit behind each crusader)
- Introduction by the Coordinator
- Young men called up for drill
  Seven Principles (individual responses)
  1. Crusaders are saved men
  2. Men in the Word
  3. Drug and Alcohol Free Men
  4. Sexuality Pure Men
  5. Career Focused Men
  6. Dressed For Success Men
  7. Purposed Driven Men
- The Crusaders recite the Crusaders’ Pledge in unison.
- The Crusaders sing the commitment song, “I Surrender All”.
- Mentors are called up to stand behind each crusader.
- The crusaders kneel and the mentors place their hands on their shoulders.
- Prayer of Dedication to the Lord is offered.
- The crusaders stand up and face their Mentors. The mentors then place a scarf or medallion on the crusaders.
- The mentors hug the crusaders in demonstration of love and congratulations.
- The crusaders return facing the front with mentors standing behind them.
- The coordinator gives final charge.
- Coordinator’s Declaration: “I here by declare that you have successfully passed the Rites of Passage from boyhood to Manhood. Each crusader is given a certificate and handshake.
- Recessional: The crusaders march out with music and the mentors by their sides.
SONGS FOR RITES OF PASSAGE CEREMONY

“We are Soldiers”
We are soldiers in the army.
We have to fight although we have to cry.
We’ve got to hold up the blood – stained banner.
We’ve got to hold it up until we die!

Verse
My father was a soldier
He had his hand on the Gospel plow.
But One day he got old
He couldn’t stand any more
He had to stand
And fight anyhow.

My mother was a soldier

I am a soldier

“I Surrender All”
All to Jesus I surrender, All to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, In his presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly thine; Let me feel thy Holy Spirit, Truly know that thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee; Fill me with thy love and power, Let thy blessing fall on me.

I surrender all
I surrender all;
I surrender all
I surrender all;

All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.
ORGANIZATION OF YOUNG MEN’S AUXILIARY

The Young Men’s Auxiliary was organized on a State level at the 1985 session of the Alabama Baptist Crusaders’ Convention in Selma, Alabama. This organization will be the young adult arm of the Crusaders’ Department and will be a part of the missionary society.

Purpose

The purpose of the YMA is to provide an organized channel for young men ages 18-35 to develop and perpetuate their own spiritual growth and touch the lives of others through outreach ministries.

Objectives

1. To practice a closer commitment to Christ.
2. To regularly engage in Bible study.
3. To study the issues dealing with young adult life.
4. To develop a fuller outreach ministry.
5. To assist in promoting the Boys Crusaders organization.

Organizational Structure

Each YMA can decide on its officers, meeting time, meeting place, format, frequency of meetings, and plans for spiritual growth and outreach. Secure approval from your pastor and missionary president. Once organized send the State Crusader Counselor information on your organization and the names and addresses of officers.

Rank IV-VII – Young Men’s Auxiliary – ages 18-35

Rank IV – Man of Promise

1. Complete the Rites of Passage Ceremony.
2. Complete post secondary school plans.
3. Attend at least two local or state conventions.

Rank V – Man of Standard

1. Attend two Christian training Workshops or conferences.
2. Mentor at least five crusaders in learning their memory work.
3. Demonstrate the attributes of a true Christian Leader. (To be verified by your pastor and missionary president)

Rank VI – Junior Counselor

1. Plan a recreational program for the year for your chapter approved by the senior counselor, missionary president, and pastor.
2. Supervise a group of crusaders at two annual meetings.
3. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the Word of God. (To be verified by your pastor and missionary president)

Rank VII -- Counselor

Successfully serve as Junior Counselor for three years.
Science, Technology & Theology Competition

The Science, Technology and Theology Competition is the latest addition to our events line up. It gives our youth an opportunity to perform the necessary research to lead to the creation of a project in the area of science and technology with a theological theme. It seeks to draw on a crusader's Biblical knowledge and relating it to science and technology. It will also allow them an opportunity to briefly demonstrate their communication skills.

Rules & Guidelines

- **Age Divisions are**: (Juniors; 13-15 and Seniors; 16-18)
- Each church may enter one participant or a team for each age division
- A juniors may be on a senior’s team but no seniors can be on a junior’s team.
- If a team is entered, then only one member will explain the project.
- Each team or individual must submit one technical exhibit designed and constructed by the youth. (Counselors may supervise but not work on projects)
- A one-page narrative must accompany the project. The format will include the following areas:
  A. **Project Area** (Choose From ONE of these:
     Biology, History, Chemistry, Earth Science, Nutritional or Space Science, Geology, Math, Physics)
  B. **Project Title**
  C. **Related Scripture**
  D. **Summary** (A written explanation of the project and it's relevance to the chosen Scriptures.)

**EXAMPLE:**

**PROJECT AREA:** Space Science  
**PROJECT TITLE:** The Phases of the Moon  
**RELATED SCRIPTURE:** (Genesis 1:16) – And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night  
**SUMMARY:** (Explain project in rest of the page)

- The topic must relate to a passage of scripture.
- The youth must explain the project within 3 to 5 minutes. Exceeding five minutes will result in penalty. (-5 points)
- The project must be self-contained, including power, if needed. No electrical outlets will be provided.
- Awards will be given to winners and all participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

**Judging & Points**

Creativity, Neatness & Design Of Project = 25  
Scripture Relevance to Project = 25  
Written Report Summery = 25  
Oral Presentation (3-5 min.) = 25  

**Based upon 100 points Maximum**
ORATORICAL CONTEST

1. Each church may enter one participant for each division (Junior 9-11, Intermediate 12-14, Senior 15-17). (The 23rd Psalm for crusaders under nine)
2. Only the King James Version of the Bible will be used.
3. A contestant can only win first place once in each division.
4. Judging is based on:

   **POINTS**

   Knowledge of subject (How well he knows and recites the entire chapter).  50

   Pronunciation and enunciation (Pronouncing words correctly, clearly, and distinctly).  20

   Articulation (The smooth flow of words – not blundering)  10

   Volume (Being head throughout the room)  10

   Eye contact (Keeping head up – looking at the Audience or judges).  5

   Posture (Standing erect, unless there are physical problems)  5

State Awards for Oratorical Contest

**23rd Psalm (Ages 8 and under)**
Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners

**8th Psalm (Ages 9-11)**
T.E. Woods Loving Cup – For 1st place winner
Trophies for 2nd and 3rd Place winners

**I Corinthians 13th Chapter (Ages 12-14)**
S.J. Audrey Loving Cup – For 1st Place winner
Trophies for 2nd and 3rd Place winners

**St. John 17th Chapter (Ages 15–17)**
A.B. Blevins Loving Cup – For 1st Place winner
Trophies for 2nd and 3rd Place winners

Note: All participants will receive a certificate of participation.
STATE ARTS AND CRAFTS COMPETITION

The Arts and Crafts Competition gives youth an opportunity to express their talent through drawings, sketches, paintings, woodwork, ceramics, needlepoint, and any creative artistic ideas. The exhibit will also allow youth to demonstrate their knowledge of God, the Bible, and their spiritual make-up. Through this activity God will be glorified as our youth express the wonderful talents with which the Lord has blessed them.

Rules

1. Each chapter can submit one exhibit for each age category.
2. Exhibit must be completed from start to finish by the youth. Counselors must verify that the exhibit was done by the youth.
3. Exhibit must be based on the theme for the current year.
4. A drawing, painting, sketch, etc. must not be smaller than 9x12 and no larger than 24x36.

Age Categories

Juniors: Ages 9-11  Intermediates: Ages 12-14  Seniors: Ages 15-17
College: Ages 18-21  Crusader Trainees: Ages 8 and Under

Judging Criteria

20 Theme Interpretation
20 Creativity (Original ideas)
21 Time Element (How much time was involved in completion)
22 Craftsmanship (Skill involved)
20 Neatness (Very neat and not messy work)
100 Total Points

Awards

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place trophies will be presented in each age category.
- An A.B. Melton Trophy will be presented to one winner for “Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme.”
- Honorable Mention Ribbons will be presented to 4th Place winners.
- All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.
- Group exhibits may consist of all ages and are judged by the same criteria. A separate award will be given for a group project.
THE TOPICAL ESSAY CONTEST

The Topical Essay Contest will give crusaders an opportunity to research religious and societal topics and not only write on the topic of their choosing, but, if selected, present their writing before the convention body. This activity seeks to draw on crusaders’ Biblical knowledge and background for interpreting the issues of life. It will also allow those selected an opportunity to demonstrate their oratory skills.

Rules

1. Each year a topic will be selected and sent out in a Newsletter.
2. Participants should type a one page Essay on the topic (single space).
3. Participants should submit their Essay to the State Counselor by May 1.
4. Essays will be submitted to the Coordinator of this competition for judging.
5. The five top Essays will be selected and participants will present their Essay before the convention body.
6. Awards will be given to winners and all participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Age Categories

All ages can participate. Depending on the number of Essays received and the age span, judging may be done using these categories: Juniors: Ages 9-11; Intermediates: Ages 12-14; Seniors: Ages 15-17; College: Ages 18-21

Judging Criteria

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Awards

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive trophies. The fourth and fifth place winners will receive Honorable Mention Awards.
STATE BIBLE DRILL

Session I – Book Drill (Juniors: Ages 9-11) (And younger)
In this session, the books of the Bible will be called. The participant must locate the book, place his index finger on the book’s name, and step forward within 15 seconds. The Line Judge will check each to verify that they have the correct Book.

Administering of Points
5 pts – to all participants who locate the book and step forward within the 15-second allotment
5 pts – to the first participant who locates the book and steps forward within the 15-second allotment

Session II – Scripture Drill (Ages 12-17)
In this session, Scriptures of the Bible will be called. The participant must locate the exact Scripture (book, chapter, verse). He has to place his index finger on the Scripture and step forward within 15 seconds. The Line Judge will check participants who stepped forward to verify that they have their finger on the exact verse called.

Administering of Points
5 pts – to all participants who locate the scripture and step forward within the 15-second allotment
5 pts – to the first participant who locates the scripture and steps forward within the 15-second allotment

Participant must follow the Drill Command:
Attention – stand straight, eyes on caller and Bible at side.

Present Bible – Bible at waistline with Genesis downward.
Right hand on top of Bible and left hand on bottom.

The Call – the call is stated twice.

Start – begin searching and step forward when Scripture is located.

Awards
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Trophies will be given for each drill.
STATE BIBLE OLYMPICS
(All Ages)

The Bible Olympics is designed to see how sharp our youth are in Bible knowledge. All questions are taken from the King James Version. The questions will come from a difference Book of the Bible each year. You will be notified each year, which book, or books to study.

GAME RULES

The top three scholars from your Chapter can enter this competition. Each player on a team will be numbered. (Player 1; Player 2; and Player 3) The conductor will ask the first round of questions to each player on each team. The player must answer the question in 10 seconds. If the question is answered correctly, the player will be awarded 10 points. If it is answered incorrectly, 5 points will be deducted. If you do not know, it would be better to say, “I don’t know”. Each player is asked a different question. At the end of the first round, the scores will be tallied for each team. The top two teams will play in the championship round. If there is a tie with the top teams, a tiebreaker question will be asked each team until there are only two top teams for the championship round. At the end of this round, the team with the highest score wins.

An award will be given to the winning team and to individual top scorers.

The Bessie M. Washington Scholarship

Mr. Harold Washington has established the Bessie M. Washington Scholarship in memory of his mother and the founder of the Crusaders’ Department, Dr. Bessie M. Washington.

Criteria
Must have a letter of recommendation from your pastor. Submit a list of your church and community involvement. Submit a one page typed essay on your ‘Educational/Career Goals’. Must be between the ages of 17-21 and enrolled in an institution of higher learning prior to receiving the scholarship.
The Spelling Bee is designed to sharpen our boys’ skills on pronouncing and spelling Biblical characters, places, and events. This event will take place in two days at the state convention in Selma. On Wednesday will be the eliminations and on Thursday will be the Spelling Bee Finalists. Depending on the number of participants, the competition may be completed on Wednesday. Counselors are encouraged to conduct a local Spelling Bee at their church and in their district. Then send your top speller for each age category to the state.

**Procedures**

The Spelling Bee will be conducted according to age groups: Juniors, ages 9-11; Intermediates, ages 12-14; and Seniors, ages 15-17.

All words are taken from the Bible, King James Version.

Words start with an easy level and progress to the more difficult.

The caller will call the word twice.

Once the word has been called, the participant must repeat the word and spell the word.

The participant may ask for clarity of the word or for the word to be used in a sentence.

The participant must spell the word straight through without stopping.

Participants are eliminated if they miss two words.

The finalist will be the top three spellers for each age category.

Winners will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places for each age category.

**Awards will be given to winners and certificates to all participants**
CRUSADER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Mr. Curtis Robinson, State Athletic Director

PURPOSE
The purpose of the Athletic Association is to provide organized recreation and sports activities for youth, ages 9-17 in a Christian atmosphere where positive guidance can be given. (Boys younger than nine can also participate as well as the Young Men’s Auxiliary.)

OBJECTIVES
To develop athletic skills in youth.
To guide youth in developing a meaningful relationship with God.
To develop good sportsman like conduct.
To develop the team concept.
To help build confidence.
To help youth develop good relationships in family, school, community, and with their peers.
To help build character.

METHOD
Each local church or local group will organize athletic activities based on the State guidelines.

Each local church or group will participate in district competitions on a scheduled bases.

A State tournament will be held annually.

The State tournament will consist of two teams from each Wing.

There should be a ten-minute Religious teaching period at each practice.

Religious materials will be disseminated at competitions.

The beginning season for each sports activity will begin with a jamboree and end with a district tournament.

A banquet will be held annually to recognize achievements.
Bible Lessons

2015 - 2016

Crusaders Conquering
With
Courage
Confidence
And The Power Of Love

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The lessons for this year focuses on “Crusaders With Courage, Confidence, And The Power Of Love.” Too often we allow the adversary to frighten us out of the blessings that God has preordained for us. As crusaders from Christ we should be cautious but we should never live in fear of tomorrow. Fear has a way of trying to intimidating us so that we will not even show up for the battle. When we come to realize that the battle is not ours but the Lord’s, then we will have the courage to show up and also fight until the victory is won.

Our Crusader’s Champion Jesus Christ always faced whatever was before him with “Courage, Confidence, And The Power Of Love.” Even when he faced the future of being crucified on the Cross, the bible says “He set his face like a flint” toward the city of Jerusalem. In Jesus’s day a flint was a stone that was used to start a fire. The flint rock had to be struck so that hot sparks could come off and start the fire. Jesus was determined to complete the task that was given to him by his heavenly Father. He would not let anything stop him or stand in his way.

What was it that allowed Jesus to face the future with such courage and confidence? The bible states it quite clearly, it was “the power of Love”. This power is also available to us. It can only be achieved by the power of God’s Spirit dwelling in us who believe. When we come to realize God’s love for us personally, seek to love him with all our heart, and strive to love others as we love ourselves, then we have some real spiritual power!

It is our hope that these lessons will help us to realize the spiritual Power that we have dwelling within us. With the help of Almighty God, we will live the rest of our lives as “Crusaders With Courage, Confidence, And The Power Of Love.”

Johnny R. Davis
July – Lesson

Scripture: Ephesians 6:1,2)

Topic: “Love And Obey“

It should be clear from reading this scripture that it is God’s desire for children to love and obey their parents. God has given you a promise that when you love and obey your parents you will receive a blessing. When you obey it is a demonstration of love. When you disobey it shows that you do not care. The opposite of love is not hate but the opposite of love is when you do not care. You should always ask God to show you how to love by the power of the holy spirit. When you yield your will over to the Holy Spirit then we will be able to love and obey better. The more you love and obey the more you will be able to love and obey. When you love and obey it shows the power of God in a number of ways. First of all it shows the power of God in your heart. It will also have a positive affect on all those around you. This is truly powerful. As a crusader for Christ, you should always have confidence and obey those who are in authority over you. This is true love.

Q - Do you consider yourself as a loving and obedient person?

Q - What do you think will happen if you ask God to help you to love and obey?
August- Lesson

Scripture: (John 14:16 – 18)

Topic: “The Holy Spirit As Our Helper And Comforter“

A critical yet wonderful ministry of the Holy Spirit is as a Comforter and Helper. Jesus told His disciples that He would send the Holy Spirit to them once Jesus Himself had left them. The Holy Spirit would then be comforting and helping them the disciples. Just as Christ told His disciples when He was on the earth that He was a messenger and servant, even so, the Holy Spirit also serves and ministers to us in such a way as to give us wisdom, lead us, convict us when necessary, and bring comfort to us in the midst of difficulty when we call out to Him. In John 16:13, Jesus told His disciples that the Holy Spirit would also guide us into all truth. Life can be difficult, whether we live in a free nation, or within a nation where our brothers and sisters in Christ are oppressed for their faith in Jesus. Whenever we face a difficult circumstance or need direction, we can call out to the Lord and know that His Holy Spirit is there, working in our lives, just as He promised. While we may not always “feel” the comfort the Holy Spirit brings, we can know that He is bringing it none the less, and is working in us. As 2 Corinthians 4:16 & 17 tells us “Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison…”

Q – 1 Have you faced moments or long durations of sorrow or need?

Q – 2 Do you ask the Lord to bring you comfort in the midst of these times?
September - Lesson

Scripture: (Romans 5:1 – 8)


Do you ever think about what life was like, or would have been like, before you put your faith in Christ Jesus? Isn’t it wonderful that even before we were born, Christ paid the price for our sins that we could not pay, because we were helpless to do so? Christ died for us, paying the price for all our sins so that we might be set free, and have a relationship with Him, both now and in eternity. We have now been justified by faith when we put our trust in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As a result, God’s love is poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit that He has given us, just as He promised. We can know that the Holy Spirit will work through the tribulations we experience in our lives to bring about perseverance in us, and then proven character, and each day develop in us a greater faith as we put our hope more deeply in Christ Jesus. We can rest and have such a peace in Christ Jesus as His Holy Spirit works in us through every circumstance in life; He will use all things to make us more like Jesus, and draw us nearer to Him each day if we allow Him to. (Romans 8:28&29)

Q – 1 Have you ever made bad decisions that resulted in things that caused you sorrow and pain?

Q – 2 Isn’t it wonderful to know that Christ died even for those bad decisions we have made, and that His Holy Spirit will work in us to make us more like Jesus?
October - Lesson

Scripture: (Acts 1:8; John 5:12)

**Topic:** “Being A Real Witness “

Have you ever talked with a friend about who Jesus is to you? Not what you have read or been taught, but what you have seen and heard yourself. That is what a witness does. He tells his own story, and how Jesus has changed his life as the Holy Spirit has enabled him. But, sadly, those who tell their story without Jesus in it are usually satisfied with their own ways and have no true life in them. You will either develop character or become one.

Q1 - Have you ever told a friend who Jesus is to you?

Q2 - Are you living by your own rules or His?
November - Lesson

Scripture: (John 14:26, 27)

Topic: “Power To Be A Witness“

What keeps us silent when the name of Jesus is mocked or made fun of? Most often the reason is fear. Fear of what our friends might think, fear of standing alone against opinions of others, and being made fun of ourselves.

But, you are not alone! “for I will send you a helper which is the Holy Ghost. And He will bring peace instead of fear; so let not your heart be troubled or afraid.”

Always stand up and speak up for what is right. You can be sure that the Holy Spirit will be there with you all the way. Don’t allow fear to make you be silent but obey the Holy Spirit to speak up and move forward.

Q. Have you ever been afraid to let others know that you have accepted Jesus as your Lord?

Q. Do you know that the Holy Spirit can bring out of you the words of the Lord that you have put in?
Topic:  The Love of Christ

When we take into account what true love is we see that is more than words or being flattered by someone with beauty or stature. The text says that God commanded His love toward us, while we were yet sinners. The word commanded mean to demonstrate, to show to be true by reasoning or evidence. So while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 1 John 4:9-10, “in this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Q – 1  How can we demonstrate just how much we love Christ?

Q – 2  What does love mean to you?
January - Lesson

Scripture: (Acts 2:1-4)


The day of Pentecost was an important time for the early church. before our Lord Jesus went away He said that He would pray to the father to send us a another comforter. This comforter would not just be near us but He would be in those who accept Him and believe. This is what is called the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit. It is God who dwells with us in a personal way which gives us the power to live a holy life. The disciples were praying together in an upper room in Jerusalem. Suddenly they heard the sound of a great rushing wind and saw what looked like flames of fire upon the head of each of them. And they all had the feeling that something wonderful was happening in their hearts. As Crusaders, we believe in God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Q - Have you ever asked God to come into your heart and life?

Q-What do you think it would be like if everyone had the Holy Spirit?
February - Lesson

Scriptures: (James 4:7,8) (John 10:10)

Topic: “The Holy Spirit - Real Talk”

There is an enemy in the world today whose is determined to 'take you out'. The bible says that the thief/devil come to steal and to kill and to destroy. The devil does not want you to know your true identity in Christ as a child of God. He does not want you to be a person of impact for Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is spiritual warfare. As we submit and draw near to God, He will draw near to us, then we can resist the devil and he will flee from us. Be encouraged!!!!! You are of God, little children and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Q  Who is the real enemy?
Q  Who wins this war?

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Scriptures: (Galatians 5:22)
(Colossians 1:26,27)

Topic: “The Holy Spirit And The Fruit “

One of the goals of discipleship is helping each other mature in Christ, this is both outward and inward. The Holy Spirit in us is the greatest miracle of God's power in our lives:

"People will be convinced about Jesus through what they see in our lives. The greatest miracle of God's power is how the Holy Spirit is changing us - from arrogant to humble; self centered to caring; from blaming to responsible; from extremes to balance; from dogmatic and demanding to reasonable and considerate. When others can see that Jesus makes that much difference, they will know there really is something to Him."
Dr. B. Handt

Q  What does it mean, fruit of the Spirit?
Q  Does the Spirit give us power to change?
March - Lesson

Scriptures:  (Ephesians 6:18)  
(Phillippians 4: 6,7)  
(Hebrews 7: 25)  


As Christians we are admonished to be persistent in prayer. It has been said that prayer should be our first response and not our last resort when we face a problem or challenge in life. We are reminded in I Peter 5: 7 to cast all our care upon Him for He cares for you. Now when you have a problem and don't know how to pray, the bible says in Romans 8:26 that the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Let us give thanks for divine prayer support from the Holy Spirit because even when we don't know what to say, He prays for us.

Q  Why is prayer important?  
Q  Who prays for you when you don't know how?

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Scriptures:  (Acts 1:4-8)  
(Acts 2:38)  
(II Corinthians 5: 15-21)  

Topic: “ We Need Divine Help”

Jesus knew his disciples would need help in order to minister after His ascension or return to heaven. He left instructions for them to wait for the Promise of the Father to empower them to witness and represent Him on earth. As Christians today, we need to understand our own story of repentance for the forgiveness of sin and how the Holy Spirit is given to us to be effective ambassadors for Christ.

Q  Before witnessing to others about Jesus, what should you understand?  
Q  What is another name in scripture for the Holy Spirit?
April - Lesson

Scriptures: (1 John 3:18–24)

Topic: “Spiritual Love“

Love is such a misused and abused word in many areas of our society today. Spiritual Love is that Divine Love that comes down to us from Heaven. We would not have known it unless God had reveal it to us. If we are true Crusaders in Christ then we have access to this Divine Spiritual Love. Or as some call it Agopa. Although we have full access to it, I venture to say that This Spiritual Love does not always have full access of us, however. If we feel ourselves to be lacking in this Spiritual Love we can ask our Heavenly Father who gives to us liberally. (Phil 2:13) For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Yet this Spiritual Love can not come without a price of self denial on our part. A total surrender to God’s will.

Q - What will it cost you to love?

Q - Do you believe that God Loves you?

Q - How does God’s love make you feel?
May - Lesson

Scripture: (Ephesians 2:4,5,6)

Topic: “Sitting With Christ“

We always get into trouble when we attempt to live the Christian life on our own steam. Our self efforts are doomed to failure. God's formula for success requires dependency on his might. Only then can we live victoriously and be effective stewards and witnesses.

As Crusaders, we should recognize that we are “Seated with Christ in Heavenly places”. We are a part of Him and He is a part of us. The Church is a body of believers who are to be witnesses of God’s Kingdom.

We must always depend on Him as our source of power. God’s power within us will keep us from being enslaved by fear and turn us away from our destructive habits.

We can count on our heavenly resources whenever we need them. Those who are raised up to sit with Christ possess some other advantages. We have all the necessary equipment to do battle with the forces of Satan and win.

Q - Do you feel that you are sitting close to Jesus?

Q - How can you get closer to Him?
June - Lesson

Scriptures: (Eph 4:1-16)

Topic “A Call to Serve, A Call to Love“

Paul is speaking to us and the church at Ephesus about our calling to be saved Christians. We are all called to love, live holy, and to serve. Each one of us have a general call that is common to each of us and then we all have a more specific calling or vocation. All of us may not have been called to do the same things in the body of Christ but we’ve all been called to serve and Love.

Paul says “I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, “To walk it means to LIVE it. To pass one's life in doing it. To make use of every opportunities to live, love and serve like Jesus did. How should we walk, live, and serve?

“With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love.”

When we are called to serve and love we can get a lot done when we have “Unity of the Spirit”. When we do not have unity we do not have peace and when we don’t have peace it is hard to get anything done. Therefore, be a Crusader who walk, live and love like Jesus.

Q - What do you think God has called you?

Q - Which one is harder for, to love or to serve?
Suggested Monthly Activities

JULY
- Go on a swimming trip.
- Participate in a softball league.
- Go to a Theme Park (Vision Land in Bessemer or Six Flags).
- Participate in a Christian Retreat or Christian Camp.
- Invite all boys of your church to become members of the chapter.
- Elect officers for the next two years.

AUGUST
- Sponsor a ‘Back to School’ Rally. Have music, games, speakers, and give school supplies.
- Have the crusaders sign a contract for the academic and behavior grades they pledge to earn. Provide incentives in this contract.
- Send letters and care packages to anyone that you know who is in prison.

SEPTEMBER
- Go to a football game together.
- Sponsor a ‘Night at the Movies’. Show a good Christian movie. Serve popcorn and drinks.
- Counselors visit your crusaders at their schools.

OCTOBER
- Sponsor a Fall Festival along with the other youth auxiliaries.
- Participate in a Fall Basketball League.
- Invite your pastor to one of your meetings this month.
- Sponsor a canned food drive for a soup kitchen or food bank.

NOVEMBER
- Prepare at least two baskets for needed families.
- Rake leaves for an elderly member of your church.
- Invite your missionary president to one of your meetings this month.
- Sponsor a church clean-up project.

DECEMBER
- Go caroling to the sick and shut-in. Take them a basket of fruit.
- Participate in a Winter Bowling league.
- Participate in a Christmas project for children.
**JANUARY**
- Recruit new members. Send out cards to all the boys in the church who are not crusaders.
- Go to a basketball game together.
- Help this month with keeping the church grounds free of trash.
- Go out with your church’s Evangelism Team after being trained.

**FEBRUARY**
- Sponsor a Crusader’s Banquet or a Valentine’s Social.
- Crusaders give valentine cards to your mothers.
- Invite a guest speaker to speak on “Love or Infatuation”. Have the speaker cover the sexual revolution and same sex relationships.

**MARCH**
- Sponsor a ‘Sleep in for Christ’ at the church. Have food, fun, and Hot Topics.
- Sponsor a kite competition. Invite other churches to participate.
- Sponsor a Spring clean-up project for the church

**APRIL**
- Participate in a Spring Basketball League.
- Conduct a Crusader Beautillion Militaire.
- Send a letter to a church member or community person in the military. Send a care packages to those in the military.

**MAY**
- Complete two missionary projects this month.
- Eat out at a restaurant together.
- Have eliminations for State competitions.

**JUNE**
- Attend the State Convention.
- Go on a fishing trip.
- Have a picnic or cook out at the church.
- Participate in a Summer Bowling League
The God Squad should march in military style and be called to attention.

**Leader: God Squad!**  
**Crusaders: Sir, yes, Sir!**

- What is your crusader’s goal? Respond correctly
- What is your motto?
- What is your Watchword?
- What is the Crusader Scripture?
- What is the Crusader Prayer?

**Pledge to the Bible**

**Pledge to the Christian Flag**

**Pledge the United States Flag**

**Crusader’s Pledge**

How many Law Books are there? Say them.  
(Call each category separately)


Assign each crusader one of the Ten Commandments.

- What is a crusader? A crusader is a Disciple of Christ.
- Do crusaders steal? No Sir!
- Do crusaders lie? No Sir!
- What do crusaders do? Praise God, Sir!

(The God Squad then marches out.)
**BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**

The Bible is divided into two main divisions. The Old Testament, which contains 39 books and the New Testament, which contains 27 books.

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Articles of Faith of the Baptist Church

The Bible - We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired of God and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instructions.

The True God – We believe that there is one and only one living God, an intelligent, spiritual and personal Being, the Creator, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe, infinite in holiness and all other perfections to whom we owe the highest love, reverence and obedience.

The Fall of Man – We believe that man was created in holiness, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners; not by constraint, but choice.

The Way of Salvation – We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through Jesus Christ, who by the Holy Spirit was born of the Virgin Mary, took upon himself our nature, and by His death made a full atonement for our sins.

Justification – We believe that justification is God’s gracious and full acquittal of all sinners who believe in Christ. That justification includes the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life.

Regeneration – We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated or born again.

A Gospel Church – We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith.

Baptism and the Lord’s Supper – We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; to show forth our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior. This demonstrates our death to sin and resurrection to a new life. Baptism is a prerequisite to the privilege of a church relation; and to the Lord’s Supper, in which the members by sacred use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love for Christ; proceeded always by solemn self-examination.

The Christian Sabbath – We believe that the first day of the week (Sunday) is the Lord’s Day. It is to be kept sacred for religious purposes.
Crusader’s Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
   O Thou of God and Man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
   Thou my soul’s glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
   Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
   Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
   Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight
   And all the twinkling, starry host;
   Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
   Than all the angels heav’n can boast.

“We Are Crusaders For Christ”
(Tune: We Shall Overcome)
We are Crusaders for Christ;
   We are Crusaders for Christ;
   We are Crusaders for Christ, our Lord.
   We pledge our life, to live for Him.
   We are Crusaders for Christ, our Lord.

   Hand in hand together;
   Hand in hand together;
   Hand in hand together, now.
   We pledge our life, to live for Him.
   We are Crusaders for Christ, our Lord.

   We’ll stand up for right;
   We’ll stand up for right;
   We’ll stand up for right, always.
   We pledge our life, to live for Him.
   We are Crusaders for Christ, Our Lord.

“Crusaders For Christ”
(Tune: Follower of Christ)
I want to be a Crusader for Christ.
   I want to be one of His disciples.
   I want to walk in the new-ness of life.
   So, let me be a Crusader for Christ.

   What do I have to do – what do I have to say?
   How do I have to walk – Each and every-day?
   Tell me what does it cost – If I carry the Cross?
   So, let me be a Crusader for Christ.
8 – YEAR ROTATION FOR ELECTED OFFICERS

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2017 – 2019
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