4. Bible Study

Obeying Rules: 1 Timothy 3:14,15; 4:12,13

Set Up: Give each boy a piece of paper. Tell the boys that you will give them specific directions, and they are to follow them as exactly as possible. First, give the directions orally, and see how well they do. If they have trouble, show them on the board what you mean and let them copy.

Commander Says: On the center of the paper, write the number twenty-five. Next to the left side of the two, draw a line going up and down, no taller than the number itself.

Draw a baseball cap on top of the twenty-five. The top line of the five should be the cap's bill.

On the rounded part of the five (on the outside), draw a tiny circle. Draw a dot between the two and the five, just under the baseball cap. Color in the left side of the two and the tiny circle by the five. The final picture should look like a dog with a baseball cap. (See Drawing to the right)

If you obeyed my instructions, you were rewarded with a picture of a dog that you can color. To get this picture, you had to follow the rules I gave you. (As the boys color their dog pictures, ask these questions.)

What kinds of rules do you have to obey? (*Allow responses.*) The Bible gives us the Ten Commandments to help us be good people. Soccer, base-ball, biking, writing, and parents also have rules.

What would happen if there were no rules? (*There would be disorder, and people would get hurt.*) Why is it important for everyone to obey the rules? (So we can be safe and happy.)

(*Read 1 Timothy 3:14,15; 4:12,13.*) The writer of these verses is saying that it is important for Christians to know how to talk and act both in church and every other place where they are. Obeying the rules of behavior tells other people that we love God and try to act as He wants. Obeying rules is one way to live by the Ranger Code. Even though you are young, you should always be a good example to others in what you say and do.

Review: Ask: "Why do we need rules?" (*For safety and order.*) "Why should we obey rules?" (*To be a good example.*) "What are some rules we should obey?" (*Answers will vary.*)

Repeat the Ranger Code.

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