

MARVEL AT GOD'S WORD SWORDSMAN CLUB

2026-2027



YOSEMITE

NATIONAL PARK



● EXPLORE YOSEMITE

● STAY THE COURSE

● LEARN GOD'S WORD

● **YOUR MISSION**

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The Swordsman Club is the Bible Memory Program at Calvary Chapel Star. During this program, your child will learn many portions of Scripture that will help shape their faith and ultimately encourage them to surrender their lives to Christ.

We have selected key Bible passages that focus on God's love, salvation, prayer, obedience and praise. It is our hope that you and your child can work together as a family to memorize Scripture.

We pray that we will be able to build on the foundation you are laying at home. As your child memorizes God's Word, he/she will be able to live out 2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the Word of God." It is our earnest desire that you participate with us by encouraging your child to learn the Scripture and that God may richly bless your family as you study together.

OUR DESTINATION

Our destination is more than memorizing verses—it's hiding God's Word in our hearts, following Jesus faithfully, and helping every young explorer discover the joy of walking with Him.

DATES

SEPT. 6 2026
THROUGH
MAY 16, 2027

MEDAL CEREMONY

WEEKLY VERSES

Verses are assigned weekly for children and parents to work on together. Children who recite all the weekly verses will be awarded with a **bronze medal**. Children who recite weekly verses will earn \$5 Bible bucks. If parents recite the weekly verse, children will earn an additional \$5 Bible bucks.

SILVER & GOLD BONUS CHALLENGE

Children who complete four bonus passages, in addition to the weekly verses, will be awarded a **silver medal**.

Children who complete six bonus passages, in addition to the weekly verses, will be awarded a **gold medal**. Children can recite bonus passages any Sunday throughout the year. All bonus passages must be completed by Sunday, May 16, 2027.

Children will earn \$15 Bible bucks for every completed bonus passage. If parents recite the Bonus Passage, children will earn an additional \$15 Bible bucks.

STAR CHALLENGE

The Star Swordsman adds an extra challenge, requiring children to memorize the weekly verses, the 6 bonus passages, and an additional 6 challenge passages! Children who complete this challenge will be awarded a star medal. Children can recite bonus passages any Sunday throughout the year. All bonus and challenge passages must be completed by Sunday, May 16, 2027.

Children will earn \$20 Bible Bucks for every completed challenge passage. If parents recite the challenge passage, children will earn an additional 20 Bible bucks.

ARMOR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:10-18 NKJV

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

RANGER'S THOUGHTS

YOU WERE NOT MADE TO FIGHT ALONE.
GOD HAS GIVEN YOU HIS ARMOR TO HELP
YOU STAND STRONG EVERYDAY!



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3,000 FEET HIGH!

DAILY GEAR UP CHALLENGE

CHECK YOUR ARMOR TODAY:



DID I TELL THE TRUTH TODAY?



DID I MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES
TODAY?



DID I WALK IN GOD'S PEACE
TODAY?



DID I TRUST GOD WITH MY
WORRIES TODAY?



DID I REMEMBER I'M SAVED BY
JESUS TODAY?



DID I READ GOD'S WORD TODAY?



DID I PRAY TODAY?

Just like the mighty
cliffs (like El Capitan)
in Yosemite stand firm
through every season,
God gives us
everything we need
to stand firm in Him—
truth, righteousness,
peace, faith,
salvation, His Word,
and prayer.

DATES

○ 9/6 Ephesians 6:10

○ 9/13 Ephesians 6:11

○ 9/20 Ephesians 6:12

○ 9/27 Ephesians 6:13

○ 10/4 Review Eph 6:10-13

○ 10/11 Ephesians 6:14

○ 10/18 Ephesians 6:15

○ 10/25 Ephesians 6:16

○ 11/1 Ephesians 6:17

○ 11/8 Ephesians 6:18

○ 11/15 Review Eph 6:10-18

CHRISTIAN BAR OF SOAP

1 JOHN 1:9 NKJV



1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

RANGER TIPS



WRONG TURN?



CONFESS IT.

FORGIVEN?



GET BACK ON THE TRAIL & WALK WITH HIM!

RANGER'S THOUGHTS

SOMETIMES HIKERS TAKE A WRONG TURN. WE MIGHT REALIZE, "OOPS! I'M GOING THE WRONG WAY." THE BEST THING TO DO IS STOP, TURN AROUND, AND GET BACK ON THE RIGHT TRAIL. SIN IS A LITTLE LIKE TAKING THE WRONG TRAIL. BUT WHEN WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD, HE DOESN'T TELL US TO HIDE OR GIVE UP. HE FORGIVES US AND MAKES US CLEAN!



PHILIPPIANS 4:4-8

NKJV

- 4** Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!
- 5** Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.
- 6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
- 7** and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- 8** Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

DATES

- 11/22 1 John 1:9
- 11/29 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/6 Philippians 4:4-5
- 12/13 Philippians 4:6
- 12/20 Christmas Break
- 12/27 Christmas Break
- 1/3 Philippians 4:7
- 1/10 Philippians 4:8
- 1/17 Review Philippians 4:4-8

UNDER CERTAIN WINTER CONDITIONS,
HORSETAIL FALL CAN GLOW ORANGE
AROUND SUNSET, MAKING IT LOOK LIKE
A WATERFALL OF FIRE!



HORSETAIL FALL

NAMES OF THE APOSTLES

MATTHEW 10:2-4 NKJV

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

WHY SHOULD WE REMEMBER THEIR NAMES?

THE APOSTLES WEREN'T CHARACTERS IN A STORY—THEY WERE REAL MEN WHO WALKED, TALKED, LEARNED, AND SERVED ALONGSIDE JESUS. THE APOSTLES WEREN'T ALL FAMOUS, POWERFUL, OR PERFECT. JESUS CHOSE ORDINARY PEOPLE AND GAVE THEM AN IMPORTANT MISSION.

Just as Mirror Lake reflects the mountains, we can reflect Christ when we spend time looking to Him and following His Word, just like the Apostles did.

ROMANS ROAD

ROMANS NKJV

Romans 3:23

23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:9-10

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:13

13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

DATES

- 1/24 Matthew 10:2
- 1/31 Matthew 10:3-4
- 2/7 Review Matthew
- 2/14 Romans 3:23
- 2/21 Romans 6:23
- 2/28 Romans 5:8
- 3/7 Romans 10:9-10
- 3/14 Romans 10:13
- 3/21 Review All Romans Road Verses
- 3/28 Resurrection Sunday Break



RANGER'S THOUGHTS

EVERY TRAIL HAS A DESTINATION, AND THE ROMANS ROAD POINTS US TO THE GREATEST DESTINATION OF ALL: SALVATION THROUGH JESUS! WE ALL GET LOST IN SIN, BUT GOD LOVED US ENOUGH TO MAKE A WAY BACK TO HIM.

PSALM 23

NKJV

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

3 He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

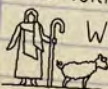
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever.



RANGER TIPS

A SHEEP NEEDS TO KNOW ITS SHEPHERD AND FOLLOW HIS VOICE. PSALM 23 REMINDS US THAT GOD IS OUR SHEPHERD. HE PROVIDES FOR US, LEADS US, RESTORES US, PROTECTS US, AND STAYS WITH US—EVEN WHEN THE TRAIL GETS DARK. WE MAY NOT KNOW WHAT TOMORROW'S TRAIL WILL LOOK LIKE. BUT WE KNOW WHO IS LEADING US.



DATES

- 4/4 Psalm 23:1-2
- 4/11 Psalm 23:3
- 4/18 Psalm 23:4
- 4/25 Psalm 23:5
- 5/2 Psalm 23:6
- 5/9 Review Psalm 23:1-6
- 5/16 Bonus week - last day to recite verses

SILVER & GOLD BONUS PASSAGES

- Creation - Genesis 1:1-5
- John 1:1-5
- Genesis 1:26&27
- Love - 1 John 4:7-11
- Faith - Hebrews 11:1-3
- 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

STAR CHALLENGE PASSAGES

- Proverbs 3:5-8
- Psalm 117
- James 1:19-22
- James 3:17&18
- Romans 8:28-31
- The Beatitudes -
Matthew 5:3-10

**THINK YOU'RE READY
FOR MORE? EARN A
MEDAL FOR GOING THE
EXTRA MILE AND
MEMORIZE EXTRA
PASSAGES!**

DID YOU KNOW?!

El Capitan rises about 3,000 feet above Yosemite Valley! That's like stacking **10 football fields** end-to-end going straight up! God's creation is **AMAZING!**



MARIPOSA GROVE

Giant sequoias have thick bark that helps protect them from fire and insects. God gave these incredible trees their own kind of protection! Just like the sequoia has protection, God gives us His armor to help us stand strong.



TALLEST WATERFALL IN THE NORTH AMERICA

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Yosemite Falls drops about 2,425 feet from top to bottom, making it one of the tallest waterfalls in North America.

RANGER'S FINAL THOUGHTS

YOSEMITE IS FILLED WITH INCREDIBLE THINGS TO DISCOVER—GIANT TREES, TOWERING MOUNTAINS, RUSHING WATERFALLS, WILD ANIMALS, AND TRAILS WAITING TO BE EXPLORED.

BUT THE GREATEST ADVENTURE ISN'T FOUND ON A MAP. IT'S FOUND IN KNOWING GOD'S WORD AND FOLLOWING JESUS. EVERY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE YOU'VE MEMORIZED IS LIKE ANOTHER TOOL IN YOUR RANGER'S PACK. WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY, GOD'S WORD CAN ENCOURAGE YOU. WHEN YOU'RE AFRAID, IT CAN REMIND YOU THAT GOD IS WITH YOU. WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO GO, IT CAN SHOW YOU THE RIGHT PATH.



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