

# BOY SCOUTS



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## SANTA'S WORK

"Well, Boy of the North, I'm off again. I've got a great deal to do tonight, you know." Boy of the North is Santa's pet dog. "Bow-wow, I understand," said Boy of the North. So off went Santa Claus to visit the shops as he had many things to do which he had promised to take to them.



"In a Row."

Sometimes he got letters later on asking for the things that boys and girls saw in the shops, but that was all right, as he had an arrangement with every store where he took toys that some of these things in the shops he was to take on Christmas eve to the children.

## PATROL UNIT IN SCOUTING

So frequently it is stated by scout executives in reply to the question why more churches in the community do not have Boy scout troops, that many of the churches are too small to have a troop, writes John M. Gore, Scout Executive, Knoxville, Tenn. They haven't enough boys of scout age. Is not such a reply based upon the conception of a troop of from 24 to 32 boys? True, there are many of the smaller churches which find it hard to muster that many boys above twelve years of age, and because of this some scout leaders consider such a church as lacking the opportunity for troop organization, many suggesting that several such churches combine and form a troop. The latter plan, however, seldom works out satisfactorily because the troop lacks the identity it should have in the church of which the boy is a member or with which he is identified.

The error in assuming that the church which cannot supply a sufficient number of boys to make up a full troop cannot organize for scouting is due in part at least to a failure to emphasize the patrol as the real unit of organization. A patrol of eight constitutes a large enough group to provide excellent opportunity for good scouting. In fact, the smaller number has particular advantages. There is more likelihood of success in securing a leader and more chances of an efficient program. There are men willing and competent to lead eight boys who are not willing and who are not competent to handle a larger number. With this point of view can there not be organized groups of boys in many churches where they are not now organized and where it has been thought impossible to organize them?

This leads us to declare that in other ways the patrol has not been adequately emphasized. A troop is no stronger than the patrols which compose it. The patrols offer excellent opportunities for training within the troops. They afford the maximum opportunity for developing older boy leadership. The patrol leader is a very important factor in the management of a troop. We should be more concerned with his selection and provide special opportunities for his training. They are, as a rule, older boys. The cultivation and utilization of the patrol leader constitutes one of our largest opportunities for holding the older boy. The real appeal to the older boy is not along the line of selfishness through the proffer of privileges, but through the appeal to service. He is impressed by being given responsibilities. He loves to be a leader. Patrol leaders conferences, patrol leaders training courses, organization of prospective patrol leaders should receive much greater attention than they now receive. Here is a way, at least in part, to meet the older boy problem.

And further, has enough attention been given to the actual program of the patrol? Here is where we may learn much from our English scout friends. Baden-Powell is always referring to the patrol, its leadership and program. He seeks constantly to evaluate its work, to emphasize its program, to harmonize its objectives, to declare its importance.

The patrol is the real unit of scouting. It brings the program of scouting close to the boy. As go the patrols so goes scouting. May we improve the quality of their program?

## VARIOUS GOODS TURNS

Here are a few good turns reported from different sources all over the country. "Shovelled snow from the school house three times; took two blind ladies to doctor three times a week and supplied crippled boy with scout literature; found lost child; cleaned town of Mexican sandbars; provided scout uniform for boy who had to give all his own earnings to support of mother and little sister; cleaned alleys, built sidewalks, removed debris after fire, dug ditches for draining, gave wood to poor widow."

## ANNIVERSARY PLANS STARTING

Plans are going forward among local councils for the observance of the twentieth scout birthday, which will occur the week of February 8 to the 14. Various rallies and mass meetings will take place in the different scout centers throughout the country.

## A LEGION TROOP

The Kayser Legion is organizing a troop of 25 boys to be known as the Legion Troop. David G. Haasman will be scoutmaster and Guy K. Hargrett will be assistant.

## HONOR OF BELLEAU BOY

Chateau Thierry is being held in honor of the boy who was the first to scale the heights of that battle. The American Legion of that town has organized a troop in his honor. You have to be...

# IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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## LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 5

### ELIJAH TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN

LESSON TEXT—II Kings 2:1-18.  
GOLDEN TEXT—So thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.—Rev. 2:10.  
EXERCISE MATERIAL—Mark 13:4-9. Luke 12:1-5.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—God Takes Elijah to Heaven.  
JUNIOR TOPIC—Elijah Taken Up Into Heaven.  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jehovah's Champion Exalted.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Divine Approval of Faithful Service.

1. God Reveals to Elijah His Approaching Rapture (v. 1). It was made known to Elijah that he was to go to heaven by a whirlwind. There is a striking correspondence between his life and his home-going. Much of his life was characterized with the rush of the storm, so God chose to take him home to himself in the whirlwind. As a reward for his faithfulness, God lifted the prophet ever death into heaven. Elijah did not choose the time of his home-going, but was ready.

2. Elijah's Closing Ministry (vv. 2-8). Knowing that the time of his home-going was near, he did not change his manner or method of life, but thoughtfully and calmly pursued his customary duties.

1. Visits the schools of the prophets (vv. 2-8). At the Lord's direction he went to give his far-reaching counsels to the young students whom he had been training and upon whom the future of the nation politically and religiously so largely depended. He made regular rounds in visitation and instruction. Schools were located at Gilgal, Bethel and Jericho. His educational work shows him to have been not merely an iconoclast, but a statesman of a high order.

2. Trains Elisha to be his successor (vv. 9-14). There was a real friendship between Elijah and Elisha, though the one was old and the other young. Elisha came into the life of Elijah in the field when Elijah called him from the plow (I Kings 19:19-21). Elisha clung to his master to the very last in spite of three urgent requests for him to remain behind. These tests were somewhat like those of the Master with Peter (John 21:15-17). The great object was to get him ready to take up the work which Elijah was to lay down. The order of progress of the journey indicates, says Scofield, "the experience of every child of God who enters into a vital experience of God's best. That walk began at Gilgal. The typical significance of Gilgal cannot be mistaken by any reader of Joshua. Gilgal was the place where a redeemed people rolled away the reproach of Egypt (Josh. 5:1-11).

The next stage was Bethel—house of God—the place of vision, of spiritual insight, for Bethel was the place where Jehovah gave Jacob the great ladder vision (Gen. 28:1-18). He must go on from Bethel to Jordan. Jordan stands for the New Testament truth, crucified with Christ. There, on the resurrection side of Jordan, the gift of power awaited the prophet."

III. Elijah's Rapture (vv. 9-11). 1. Elisha's request of Elijah (v. 9). The walk of Elisha with Elijah from Gilgal to Jordan has prepared him for the final question of Elijah before his rapture. Elisha now knew that it was safe to allow Elisha to choose for himself. Elisha made a noble request—did not ask for riches, honor or position. He supremely desired the qualifications which would enable him to worthily succeed Elijah. Curiously enough, however, Elisha performed twice as many miracles as Elijah.

2. The condition of receiving was steadfastness and perseverance (v. 10). He must have faith in the invisible life in order to have power for public ministry.

3. Elijah's rapture (v. 11). It seems that he went to heaven in a chariot of fire enveloped by the whirlwind. Elijah underwent that change which all believers shall experience at the appearing of Christ (I Cor. 15:51-53).

IV. The Spirit of Elijah Upon Elisha (vv. 12-15). 1. Elisha's cry (v. 12). He cried after Elijah. "The chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof." This shows the value of a godly man to his country. It implies that Elijah was the true national defense. Godliness and character are more important than armies and navies.

2. Elisha uses the power (vv. 13, 14). He had faith to put a power to test.

3. The spirit of Elijah on Elisha (v. 16). This was confirmed by the sign of the prophets.

Death of Abraham. And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.—Genesis 25:7-9.  
The Mourning Declaration. And the Lord gave unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, How long shall I bear with this congregation which hath gathered against me, saying, 'Why do we fast, and we mourn, and we do not eat, and we do not drink, because of the Lord our God?'—Isaiah 65:13-14.

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### SEW-MOURNING, AS IT WERE

Offer of That Red Skirt Made Caroline Reconsider Her Demonstration of Sorrow.

Every Saturday Caroline used to go forth on a cleaning job. One day she appeared robed in black.

"What's the matter?" her employer asked.

"Oh, Miss Sophy," she moaned, "my uncle he is dead, and I've gwine to mourn. I've gwine to mourn for him four months."

The lady expressed sympathy and added:

"I had out that red skirt of mine for you. I thought you might like it; but of course you won't want it now."

"No, Miss Sophy; I've gwine to mourn four whole months."

Next week brought Caroline as usual.

"I been thinkin' 'bout that red skirt, Miss Sophy," she said. "It's just the kind of a red skirt I like, and I believe from now on I'll mourn from the waist up."—Everybody's Magazine.

At She Am Spoke.

"Lisa, I hear at yeh daughtr's church wedding was some sho'uff skrumphus function."

"I'll say 'twas. At 'ere gal on mine flunk a wicked nuptial, ef I does say it myself."

Not Really Remarkable.

"Do you know anything about palmistry, Herbert?" she asked. "Oh, not much," he answered, "although I had an experience last night which might be considered a remarkable example of palmistry. I happened to glance at the hand of a friend, and I immediately predicted he would presently become the possessor of a considerable amount of money. Before he left the room he had a nice little sum handed to him." "And you foretold that from his hand?" "Yes, it had four aces in it."

Taking a Firm Scene.

"Shoot!" cried a stern voice at the side of the road.

"And then?"

"I threw on the emergency brake and my wife fainted."

"Highwayman!"

"No, a movie director was issuing an order to his camera squad."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

His Own Place.

Mr. Brown was until recently a deacon in the Methodist church in his town. But recently he not only withdrew from his honored position, but ceased to be as regular an attendant at church as formerly. The minister, who came to call at the Brown home, demanded the reason for this failure.

"My rheumatism is much worse than it has been for years," Mr. Brown began, "and I cannot walk so far."

"Tut, tut!" laughed the minister. "I believe it is a lack of religion."

"Sir," Mr. Brown drew himself up firmly, "my religion is in my heart—not in my legs."—Indianapolis News.

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