

The cover features a background image of a campsite. In the foreground, a large tree trunk is on the left, with a brown and red gear bag and a blue book resting against its base. In the middle ground, a green tent is pitched on a grassy area. The background shows a river and a wooded hillside. The title 'Campcraft' is written in large, bold, white and orange letters with a black outline, and 'Outdoor Living Skills' is written in smaller white letters below it.

# Campcraft

Outdoor Living Skills

A Manual for  
Royal Ambassadors,  
Challengers and Adults

## How to become a Christian:

A Christian is a follower of Jesus Christ. A Christian has a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, tries to obey Him in all things, and draws on His strength to help with problems. God made us for Himself and our souls are restless until they find rest in Him. The answer to your search is accepting Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of your life. To become a Christian, you need to know these basic facts from the Bible:

1. God loves you. "For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Because of God's love for all, He desires to have a relationship with you.
2. You are a sinner. "We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished Him for the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6) "There is no one righteous, not even one." (Romans 3:10) To sin is to "miss the mark." To sin is to disobey God and choose to go your own way and do your own thing instead of being obedient.
3. Sin separates you from God. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) God cannot allow sin into His heaven. Sin separates us from God.
4. You can't save yourself. "For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift – not from works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9) People often think that they can earn their way to heaven or if they are "good" enough they will make it. There is nothing you can do to earn God's salvation.
5. God sent His Son Jesus. "But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us!" (Romans 5:8) The death of Jesus on the cross bridges the gap between you and God. Jesus died for your sins, making it possible to restore a right relationship with God.
6. You can receive Jesus Christ through faith. "If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. With the heart one believes, resulting in righteousness and with the mouth one confesses, resulting in salvation." (Romans 10:9-10) To have faith is to trust in Christ and what He has done for you. You must give Christ full control of your life.
7. Through prayer you can trust in Jesus Christ. "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call to Him while He is near. Let the wicked one abandon his way, and the sinful one his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, so He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will freely forgive." (Isaiah 55:6-7) Pray this prayer:

"Dear Lord Jesus, I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and that You arose from the grave. I now ask You to forgive me of my sins and to save me.  
Amen."

Accepting Christ is the beginning. After accepting Him, be obedient by following Christ in baptism and by uniting with a church. When you do, you will find that your life truly does have purpose and meaning. Talk with another Christian about your decision for Christ. There is more information on the inside back cover to help you tell others about your relationship with Jesus Christ.

## Sharing Your Personal Christian Experience

To witness, literally, means to tell what you have seen or heard from first-hand experience. When witnessing, you are sharing your personal experience and relationship with Jesus Christ. This is called sharing your personal testimony. Your testimony will explain how you personally talk with Jesus through prayer, what it feels like to have the Holy Spirit working inside you, how Jesus speaks to you, how He helps you in everyday life, what it means to give Him control of your life, and how you value His friendship and guidance.

To develop your own personal testimony, use the following simple outline.

- Before – What your life was like before you accepted Christ.
- How – How you received Christ.
- After – What your life is like after receiving Christ.

Every Christian has a testimony and every testimony is special. After all, it is yours and nobody else's. Have you shared your testimony lately?

## Sharing the Message of Christ

As a leader you will have the opportunity to share with boys and young men what it means to be a Christian. Every leader needs to become aware of age-appropriate ways they can share the message of Christ. Children and youth are inquisitive creatures by nature, and they will inquire about what it means to be a Christian and what they have to do to become a Christian.



Leaders need to exercise prayer and great care in the matter of sharing answers concerning spiritual matters. Our role is that of seed planters, allowing the Holy Spirit to water the seeds of faith. We are called to lift Jesus Christ up and allow Him to draw all men unto Himself. We need to become spiritually sensitive to the activity of God, and not hinder the children from coming to Him. Knowing that the invitation never ends for those whom the Father draws to Christ, it is important to be able to tell how you came to know Christ personally. Developing a personal relationship with a child provides the best opportunity to share this witness in a meaningful way.

