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I Timothy 4:15

Ten Minutes With Your Son Can Help Him Grow!

What’s That in Your Hand?

Moses lacked confidence at the burning bush when the Great I AM called on him to be the leader of His people. (See Exodus 4:1-4). Moses doubted the Israelites would believe his message was from God. But the LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?”, and Moses replied incredulously, “A staff”. “Throw it down!”, God spoke as He changed this object into a tool with miraculous signs. Moses used it repeatedly over the years as he led His people toward the Promised Land. Is that interesting? The same staff that Moses used for many years as a shepherd, leading those flocks in the desert. Moses’ staff was a tool that was already his. A useful object transformed into God’s sign of leading through His chosen servant.

Parents, You Too Have a Tool in Your Hands!

Suddenly, households with children have a lot of unscheduled time! What can you as a parent do to encourage growth in your son(s)? You may already have a good answer in your hands. It's called a CSB Stockade *Trails* book! It’s a useful tool for helping you in Christian discipleship of your boy(s) at home!

In Stockade, your son has a guidebook called *Builder* or *Sentinel Trails*. Its main purpose is to show him his progress in growing! These are markers for his physical, mental, spiritual and social growth! As his parent, you can show your interest in his growth by engaging with him in some simple Bible stories. Practice some of the action steps to help him walk and grow to be a real disciple of Jesus Christ!

Take a look with him into ***Trails***. Find the place where he’s at in his Builder blockhouses or Sentinel stations. Make a goal with him to complete the next one by next week, or by end of the month. All of these sections will apply as markers for his progress through the next levels in ***Trails***.

- Read the Bible story together in **Exploring God’s Word**, and talk about the questions.
- Look at the page on **Stockade Foundations** and you’ll learn a bit more about his program.
- Practice reading the **Trail Signs** Bible verses together and recite them from memory.
- Doing an activity in our group's current **Outpost Adventures** booklet will count for him too!
- Your boy can choose a simple **Others and Me** service project that you can do together.

These activities, done together, will help him make progress with confidence toward his next badge award in Stockade. You’ll be doing what the Bible calls a parent’s job. Deuteronomy 6:7, in the Old Testament tells us “to teach them diligently”.

Connect with your son’s ranger by phone or text message. He will be glad to hear about your boy’s progress. Then with his feeling of success it will be easier to show your son he can take the next step.

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