
Cadet Quest Themes List • 2015–2016

September/October 2015 • Hooked On Christ

This issue introduces the season's annual theme for the Cadet Corps. It's based on Matthew 4:19, which says, "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." This theme was selected by avid fishermen, who are also avid Christ-followers. Stories should incorporate both aspects.

November 2015 • Where are Your Manners?

The Scriptures often tell us to think of others more highly than ourselves, and to display a humble attitude (Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3–7; Ephesians 4:1–3, 32). We want to show boys that it's godly to show by our actions that we consider others as important people. And that includes politeness, courtesy, and manners.

December 2015 • Thankful to God for His gifts to me ...

That phrase is the beginning of the Cadet pledge, which goes like this: Thankful to God for His gifts to me, I pledge myself to be ready to serve God, my parents, my country, my church, my neighbor, and my Corps. But what we're looking for is the gratitude expressed at the beginning and how that gratitude generates a desire to serve and please God.

January 2016 • When the Going Gets Rough

Everyone goes through difficult times — family changes, death of a loved one, divorce, loss of job, need to move, and more affect everyone sooner or later. We want the Cadets to know where they can seek help, both from God and from good friends. The hard times will pass, and God's plan is always best.

February 2016 • Who's the Boss?

God instituted a chain of authority that we need to recognize. Parents, teachers, Cadet counselors, policemen, and others are to be obeyed. Children need to learn that authority is for their own good.

March 2016 • Accountability

God has said there will be a Judgment Day, where people will be held accountable for every spoken word, every action, and even their thoughts (Luke 12:1–3). But anyone who waits until that day will be too late. We need to be accountable to God and to each other for our actions while we live. As Dr. R.C. Sproul says, "Right now counts forever."

April/May 2016 • We're Different / We're Alike

Sometimes children compare themselves with others and either feel pride in themselves or feel they don't measure up. With this theme we will explore various ways God has created us alike and ways each of us is unique. Those ways include physical things (i.e. height, weight, race), family structures, athletic ability, behavior, temperament, personality, language, our feelings and our faith. We want the boys to praise God for their similarities and their differences.

Themes for each new editorial season are chosen in January. Submit manuscripts before the end of April 2015, when all fiction selections will be made for this editorial season. Fiction manuscripts are normally not purchased between mid-May and December. Next season's theme list will be made available (on-line or in your SASE) following their selection by the end of January 2016.