

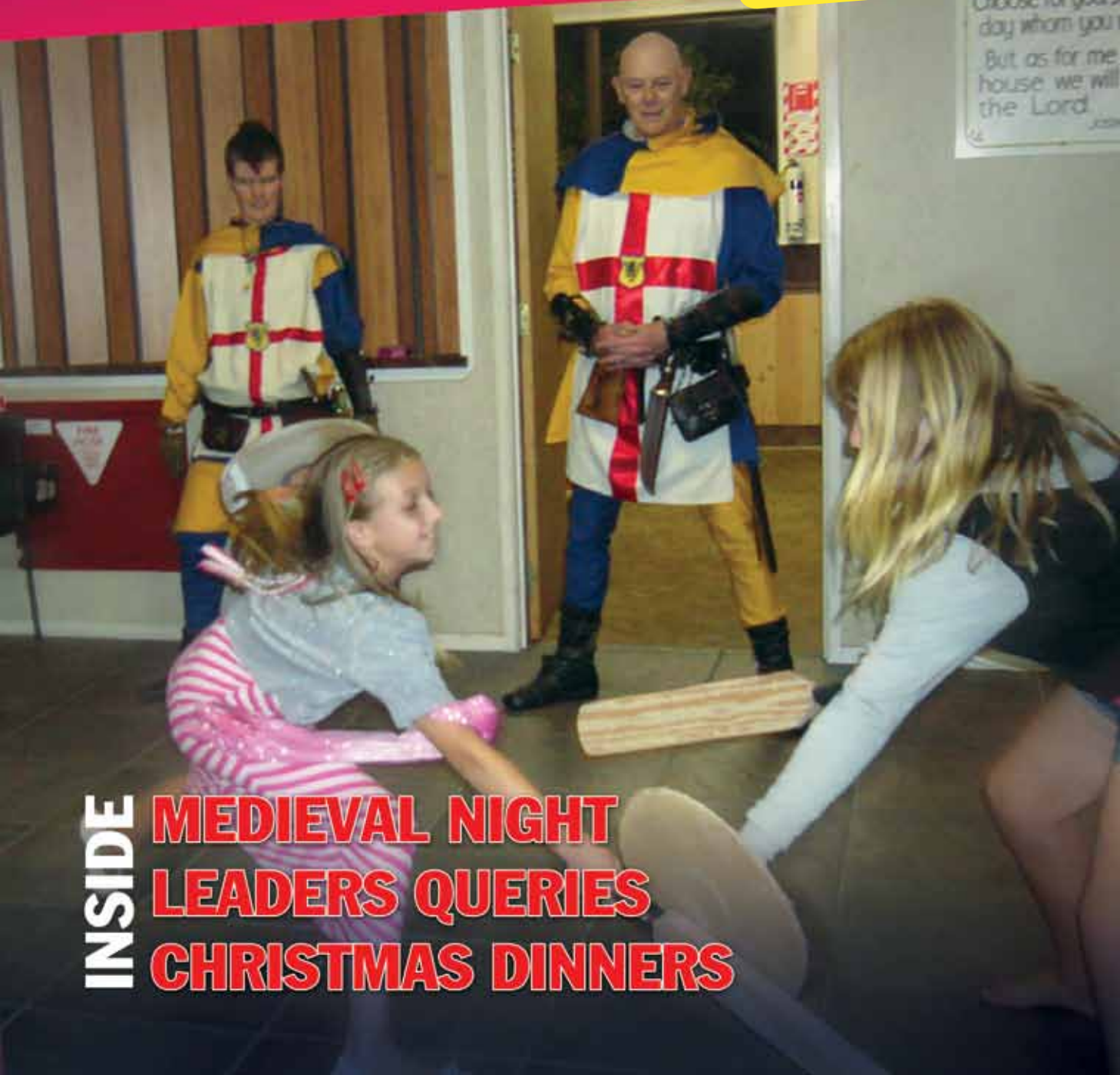
# RALLY LEADER



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day whom you  
But as for me  
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**CHRISTMAS DINNERS**





By Helen Little



I had a rare moment the other day dusting (not my strong point) specifically my pictures. One took my thoughts away from my task. It was of the group that went to the 2006 Senior National Camp in Nelson . (Awesome job you Nelson leaders - fabulous camp enjoyed by all. Roll on the next one – hint, hint.)

But I had to ask the question ‘where are you all now’? I keep in touch with a few, others I sometimes get to hear about. Some, not at all.

During their time at Rally was it well spent? Did they get faced with the reality of God in their life and what they were going to do with Him?

Looking at their faces gazing back at me made me smile . They are all so special. And it brings back a lot of good memories. Not all of them made that important decision to become a Christian, but decided that what the world had to offer was better. We need to continue to pray for them that God will watch over them and maybe another opportunity will still happen for them. Our time with these Rally members is so short so make it count.

Keep up with the good work. You do not do this alone - it is in His strength that each Rally night happens. Be encouraged to continue no matter how hard it can be, especially after a hard day at work. Arrive at Rally and listen to what your Rally members say - to you and each other - about Rally and maybe what is happening that night. They are so excited and happy! Draw from that energy. He fills our cup with joy to over flowing.

The following is an extract from a card that Graeme and I received as a thank you. Unexpected, but a well needed boost and much appreciated by us. “You have taught me so much over the years about my faith, how to be myself, being a leader, hard work and how to talk. It has all equipped me for my future, whatever I end up doing. (Ainsley has been accepted into the YWAM programme - so exciting.) Your future is in Gods hands, keep going forward. Well done. Thanks to you I now know how to challenge and push myself, overcome obstacles, and take the initiative. I honestly think that if I hadn't gone to Rally and you guy's hadn't become part of my life, I wouldn't be who I am today.”

That was so amazing to receive and a great encouragement at a much needed time. You may not realize what an impact Rally has on your members. Listening to their enthusiasm will give you a buzz. Pray for them, and believe God will bless them and you as you serve Him.



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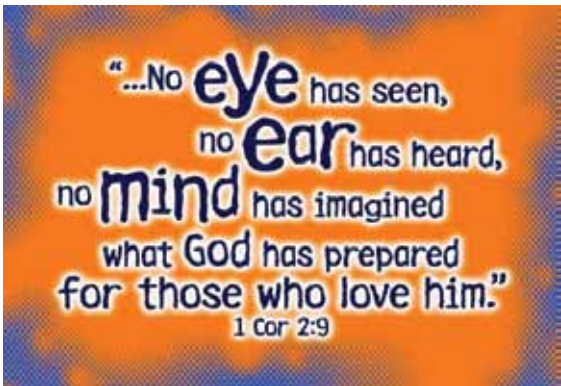


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**TOTARA SPRINGS FOLLOW UP**

Introducing Anneke...

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# Tough Choices for Tough Kids



By Dale McClunie

Undisciplined, unruly children are one of the greatest problems for schools today (after all the paperwork!).

And we have them at Rally too. They can create an unhappy, stressful atmosphere, and be the beginnings of Leaders thinking of giving up.

A problem child or children is the nightmare of Rally Leaders. How do we best deal with them? There are a big variety of problems that we may face.

- \* disobedience
- \* defiance
- \* hyperactivity
- \* talking
- \* swearing
- \* punching/fighting/bullying

Some of these are more common among boys – but we are all vulnerable to problem children to varying degrees.

We MUST deal with these problems. The difficulty is HOW to!

Often we need to try different solutions to see what is most effective in a given situation. What do you do if one boy objects to the comments of another and just lays into him – fists out and punching. Do you gently wrap your arms around him to stop him? It is surely the quickest and most effective way to stop the punch-up. And providing there are other leaders around, you shouldn't have any problems with a parent (or the child himself) accusing you of assault because you 'touched'

their child. Alternatively, one or two leaders can step between them to stop it and create a chance to reason with them.

Sometimes just speaking sternly, saying their name and the problem out loud, will keep children controlled. Look directly at them when speaking to them. It is really important to learn names! It helps with discipline and also makes children feel special. Get to know your members and what they are likely to do. One boy I observed on Parade, waited until their Rally Leader prayed – then he pulled the ears of the boy next to him (who was trying desperately to be good), then stood straight on the "Amen". One Leader can keep their eyes open during prayers, observing, if this is a problem you have. Take points off, or reprimand them. If they are a little rude, they will ask you why you didn't close your eyes. Tell them the truth! "Some of you misbehave, so I'm watching who gets points off. You are to copy the other leaders please and close eyes during prayers."

Let's look briefly at some verses in the Bible on discipline. Should we do it? Is it that important? Can't we just be positive and encouraging?

**Proverbs 13:24.** "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him."

We should love our Rally members. Ask God for a deep and special love if they are extra difficult – then you may see them through eyes like God's. You may see a sad, hurting, wayward child, that doesn't like himself/herself. They're hurting so they lash out at others. You



have an opportunity to teach them disciplined ways and self control.

**Proverbs 15:10.** "Stern discipline awaits him who leaves the path, he who hates correction will die."

So we need to do our part by helping them stay on the right path. Keep good discipline in your Rally. If a child is asked to leave – make it clear you welcome them back anytime they wish to come, providing they obey the rules.

**Proverbs 22:6.** "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Instruction and discipline are part of the training. Many don't get it at home, so they need to see loving discipline in action. Other's who do receive it at home, still need you to back up their parent's teaching.

*Maybe* **Proverbs 29:17** could be a promise to us. "Discipline your son and he will give you peace – he will bring delight to your soul."

When we discipline for wrong/bad behaviour and they change their ways, you will have peace at Rally and they will be a joy to you.

Here are some other ideas that might help.....

1. Have a good Leader/member ratio. It is very helpful, even necessary for good discipline. If you have a major problem that entails taking a child home – you can take another Leader with you and still have enough Leaders to keep running the programme. Or you are free to go to the phone and ring a parent to come and get their child.
2. Be organised, on time, have a programme that keeps them occupied and remember all equipment.
3. Be firm and mean what you say. They will try you. You MUST be prepared to carry out your threat. I remember one girl who just disrupted the whole Rally. She crawled under the chairs and the kids were turning around and laughing at her and not listening to the devotions. I asked her to come out. If she wouldn't then she couldn't come back to Rally until she prepared to be obedient. I said

I'd count to 10 and she better be out. "1, 2.." She then said, "3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10." Fine! I turned to the other girls and said "J... won't be coming back to Rally." Wow!

They turned around very soberly and listened very carefully to our devotion. The foster parent was very happy to back up our decision and we had no trouble with the girls after that.

4. Some would argue that now she won't be able to hear about God. It's better to keep her there.

My opinion is that many won't hear anyway with her

there, so she is better to go so

others can listen. Bottom line – a violent, disruptive child is endangering other children. To have a safe Rally, they may need to go.

5. Children are different. And they respond differently. Some behave if they are made to feel special or important. Give them a responsibility. Some behave if you threaten to tell their parents, or they miss out on a treat (like supper). But whatever discipline you use – don't shout or get angry. YOU lose control then! (You can raise your voice over noise to be heard and to quieten them down. That's different.)
6. Pray heaps. Ask a few 'prayer warriors' to pray for some by name and do it yourself.





**Q: Where do I find the warm up exercises etc asked for in the current handbook?**

A: The original Leaders Badge Manuals had this information. It is still being worked on for the new updates. Warm-up exercises are essential to any workout. Preparing the muscles and joints for more intense activity helps prevent injury, as well as promoting circulation. Warm-up exercises increase the temperature of the body, making the muscles more flexible and receptive to strenuous activity. Warming up should slightly increase the heart rate but not to the level experienced during your workout. Around 5 minutes is a good time. Here are a few ideas....

**March on the spot – keep going for 2 minutes**

Start off marching on the spot and then march forwards and backwards. Pump your arms up and down in rhythm with your steps, keeping the elbows bent and the fists soft.

**Heel digs – aim for 60 heel digs in 60 seconds**

For heel digs, place alternate heels to the front, keeping the front foot pointing up, and punch out with each heel dig. Keep a slight bend in the supporting leg.

**Knee lifts – aim for 30 knee lifts in 30 seconds**

To do knee lifts, stand tall, bring up alternate knees to touch the opposite hand. Keep your abs tight and back straight. Keep a slight bend in the supporting leg.

**Shoulder rolls – 2 sets of 10 repetitions**

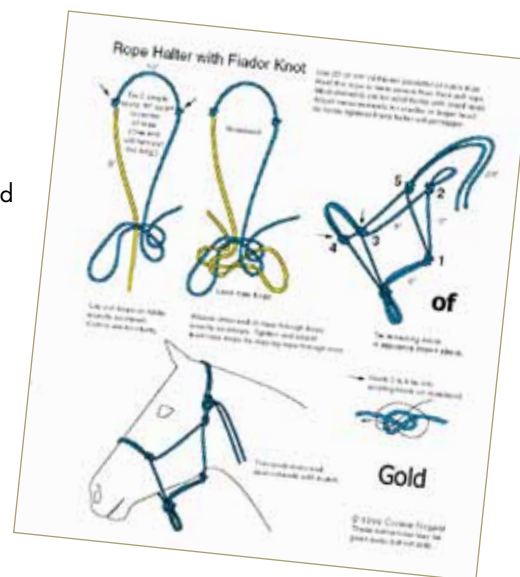
For shoulder rolls, keep marching on the spot. Roll your shoulders forwards five times and backwards five times. Let your arms hang loose by your sides.

**Knee bends – 10 repetitions**

To do knee bends, stand with your feet shoulder-width apart and your hands stretched out. Lower yourself no more than 10cm by bending your knees. Come up and repeat.

**Q: We had a qualified outdoor instructor come and take some girls for the Rope-work Level 2 badge. The knots were fine but he said the requirements for a harness and halter are too difficult and complicated for the girls. I would like him to do the badge again with another group of girls, one of whom is doing awards of merit. So how do we cover this very complex requirement for her?**

A: It is a level 2 badge, so we expect it is sometimes a challenge. It might be better if we adjusted the badge and made the halter and harness a Senior Special badge. You can see a demo on the internet. Questions on harness or halter for Awards of Merit come up only for Silver & Gold Awards.



# NZ Every Boy's & Girl's Rally

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The Rally Website has been totally redesigned by David Padfield, (dpadfield@touchsub.com) Auckland. Rally Council thanks him so much for all the work he has put in. Do visit the website [www.nzRally.org.nz](http://www.nzRally.org.nz).

It is a very easy website to access for information. Also encourage your Rally members to visit it for ideas and to see photos of camps etc. You and your Leaders can find...

Badge ideas ★ Inspirations ★ Devotions series ★ Games & Crafts ... as well as a "Knowledge Bank". This area has subjects like Midget Rally, Risk Management, Leadership Training, Record Keeping etc.

As Leaders you can also contribute to the information we have there – if you have a Devotion series/lesson you have done, craft idea, special theme night, much loved games, or anything else that will be helpful for other Rallies, please share them with us by sending details to the Editor ([stephendale@ihug.co.nz](mailto:stephendale@ihug.co.nz)). We can use them in our magazine and then add them to the website.

**CREATIVE WAYS OF DOING THE EFFICIENCY BADGE**

Do you have Rally members who are keen on -? If so, it's a good idea to keep track of their badges earned and encourage them to work for their Efficiency Badge once they have earned the 9 badges in their level.

To make it more interesting and exciting to earn this badge, here are some ideas....

\* Create a picture on a large card for each member working towards this badge. Even if they have 1 or 2 more badges to earn- this may give them the incentive needed. The picture needs to be suitable to divide into 9 - 10 parts. (draw a surfboard & divide into sections, petals on a flower, ladder, umbrella etc)



Write the badges they have earned into each section of the picture with their name underneath. They can easily see when they have earned all 9 Level One badges. Find pictures of something suitable to add to their ladder/umbrella/flower etc each time they have completed one of the requirements - eg. a ladybird on the flower petals, a crab on the surfboard etc).

**Repeat correctly from memory the headings of the Rally Code.**

\* Memorise a simple sentence that helps you to remember the headings eg. Richard has trouble getting jazz sounds clear – Father says ugh. R H T G J S C F S U = reverent, honourable, truthful, generous etc. This way it can help them keep the correct order more easily.

\* Take a devotion during the year on each heading. There are suggestions for these devotions in the Devotional curriculum if you have it. Use the heading and it's meaning as a memory verse. They can learn each one, then add to it as they go so they would be saying all 10 by the end of the series.

**Repeat correctly from memory Romans 10:13 & Ecclesiastes 12:1a.**

\* Get them to write the verses on a card and place where they will read them regularly, eg. toilet door or on their mirror.

\* Say them together as a Rally each night to help those going for the badge.

\* Make up a rap for easy remembering.

**Read aloud the objectives of the Rally Movement.**

\* Get those doing their Efficiency badge to read the objectives out to the whole Rally. If you have more than one member doing it, get the first one to read it loudly, the next to read it in a whispering voice, high voice, low voice etc.



## Butterfly Records Art

### Materials:

- ★ Old records,
- ★ Canvas frames
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Close fitting gloves - optional
- ★ Baking paper
- ★ Chalk pen or vivid (not black!)
- ★ Access to oven



### Instructions:

1. Heat oven to 110oC-120oC.
2. Find appropriate shape for your art. Butterflies are great.
3. Draw shape onto baking paper and cut out.
4. Position shape over the centre of the record and draw around the shape with the chalk/vivid.
5. Lay your record on the oven tray and place in oven for 3-4 minutes. You need to keep a good watch! When it is crinkled and soft it is ready.
6. Using glove, take record out and begin cutting around shape immediately. It will cool and harden very quickly. If it hardens too much, pop it back in oven for about 7 secs, take out and cut again.
7. Once it is cut out, put it into oven again for 7 seconds. Take out and manipulate the wings (or other parts of a shape you have chosen – eg, petals of flower), so they stick out.
8. Make 2-3 different sizes. Glue them onto a canvas.

## Can Insects

### Materials:

- ★ Empty aluminium drink cans
- ★ Strong scissors or tin snips
- ★ Small scissors



- ★ Felt pen
- ★ Templates of insects (easy to find on internet)

### Instructions:

1. Easier if the Leader cuts ends of cans off first with tin snips.
2. Cut the can from top to bottom and flatten a bit.
3. Lay template on can and draw around your shape.
4. Cut out the shape with the small scissors. Cut carefully so you don't get little sharp points.
5. Curve the wings, curl the antennae so the shape sits out from a flat surface.
6. Place some blutack behind your insect and push it onto a wall.

## Hot water bottle covers

### Materials:

- ★ Second hand jerseys/cardigans – high necklines are best.
- ★ Ribbons, buttons, felt pieces, wool
- ★ Scissors ★ Needles (wide eye)

### Instructions:

1. Lay a hottie on the jersey and cut around, leaving wide seams (as they will fray easily).
2. Sew on ribbons, buttons, felt shapes etc to your design. Sew on the front of the hottie cover, using needles and wool. It is easier to do this before you sew the sides – but watch for fraying.
3. Teach how to over-lock seams on a machine (or stitch seams together with needles and wool to stop fraying). They can sew the seam on the outside as a feature or put the two right sides together and sew, then turn back out.
4. Use the neck roll of the jersey as the hottie open end. It will stretch to let you put the hottie in and out.



## Moonlight

Have your members sit in a circle. Number them 1-4 (or 1-6 if a larger Rally). The leader stands in the centre of the circle. Call out a number, eg, 3. All the 3's run around the circle and back to where they started from, and on into the circle to touch you. The first to touch you now becomes 'moonlight' (instead of a number). All go back and sit in the circle again and you call another number.

Continue until you have at least 3 'moonlights'. Then 'moonlight' becomes another option to call. Keep calling numbers or Moonlight. When you call 'moonlight', the winner of 'moonlight' then becomes 'Starlight'. When you have a few 'starlights', call it, and the winner of that is 'Sunlight'. They can be the winner overall or you can wait until you have a couple of Sunlights and call that. Then winner of 'Sunlight' is the winner overall.



## Hot Potato

You will need some music (Leader playing or a CD), and a small bean bag or a stuffed sock.

Arrange the children so they are sitting in a circle.

Pass a beanbag around the circle to music, pretending that the beanbag is a very, very, very hot potato.

When the music stops, the person holding the beanbag is out.

The music starts again and the remaining children continue passing the hot potato until the music stops. The last person in the circle is the winner.

## Shoobox Races

You will need to collect some shoe boxes. 2 for each team. Tape the lids to the box. Then cut holes in one end of the boxes, large enough for kids to get their feet in.

Line up teams. Give each team a pair of shoe boxes. On 'GO' the first person puts their feet into the shoe boxes and runs/slides to the marker and back to the next person. They then put the boxes on and run/slide. Continue until the team is finished.



### Games, Memory Verses, Brain Teasers & Bulk Cooking.

*Some of you may have the Games or MV books put out by Bryan Harman. They are not available any more in book form – BUT the above 4 books have been made available on a CD disk. COST: \$15. Profits go to Mission work.*

*To purchase, please contact Denis & Joy Wallace on*

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## Movie Night

What a fun idea for winter. Below are some ideas for a successful night.

**Dress-up:** come dressed in PJ's is a favourite. Bring a pillow and blanket or sleeping bag to be warm lying on the floor. Or come dressed to match the movie.

**Food:** popcorn, hot chips, lollipop, pizza, milo/cocoa or lemonade (which leaves no stains if spilled)

**Movies:** Choose carefully:

- you need to check the length of the movie to make sure it fits within your Rally time frame.
- you need to pre-view the movie – know the content is suitable for the age group, and is not offensive in any way.
- Whatever movie you choose, many of your members will have seen it! Don't be discouraged. Just being together watching it will soon have them engrossed.

**Prizes:** - You can tell them all to bring their favourite soft toy. Give prizes to smallest, biggest, oldest, softest, chubbiest etc.... If you come dressed to match the movie – then give prizes to those best dressed.



## ENCOURAGING BIBLE READING

*Fun? Well, we should try to make it so! Let's encourage our Rally members to enjoy Bible Reading as a great foundation to their future. What better past-time to build knowledge of God, and wisdom on living. This is not just for our church or Christian members, but it can also be an exciting challenge for those who don't normally attend church too. Here are some ideas to help you...*

### Firstly – they need to have a Bible!

\* If you have Rally members who don't own a Bible (and may not be able to afford one), ask your church family if they have any second-hand Bibles they don't need. They should be in reasonable condition, and preferably a modern version easily understood by your age group. Then you can offer a Bible free to anyone who wants one.

\* Some Rallies have church members who donate Good News Bibles for every new child who starts at their Rally. That way they put a Bible into many

homes – even if the potential Rally member decides not to keep coming to Rally, they end up with a copy of God's Word.

### Secondly – give them some Bible Readings to enjoy.

\* Find exciting or instructive passages of Scripture, type them out and hand to your members - one each Rally night OR  
- a series of passages each term.

\* Utilise this to bring extra challenges and fun to your Rally programme

... have a short quiz on the reading you gave out last Rally night

... play 'Zonk' or have a quiz competition each term, covering the passages/stories given.

... do a competition once a term – maybe for them to complete over the school holidays – with a prize for all those who get it correct.

Here is a sample of some exciting Bible stories you can pass to your Rally members to make their Bible Reading fun. Stick to verses that are key to the story/lesson.

Genesis 2:1-2:4  
Genesis 2:5-25  
Genesis 3  
Genesis 4:1-16  
Genesis 6  
Genesis 7  
Genesis 8  
Genesis 11:1-9  
1 Samuel 1  
1 Samuel 2:12-26  
1 Samuel 3  
Daniel 1



Daniel 2  
Daniel 3  
Daniel 4  
Daniel 5  
Daniel 6  
Acts 5:1-11  
Acts 9:1-25  
Acts 12:1-19  
Acts 16:16-40  
Luke 1:26-38  
Luke 2:1-20  
Luke 2:41-



## DRAMA

*Christmas is coming –  
Try this drama for your break-up.*

*Selma and Louise enter from opposite sides as if shopping. Both have large bags. Selma is "frantic" while Louise strolls along. Louise sees Selma who is writing on a list.*

**Louise:** Hi Selma... Selma (*Stops Selma*) Hello... earth to Selma.

**Selma:** Oh, Hi Louise. I'm sorry. I was busy making my list.

**Louise:** (*singing*)...and checking it twice?

**Selma:** (*Just stares at Louise*)

**Louise:** (*Laughing*) Never mind.

**Selma:** I'm sorry Louise, but Christmas is no laughing matter. There's so much to do.

**Louise:** It is busy. I love having people over for cookies and hot cocoa.

**Selma:** Cookies and cocoa? What about the hors d'oeuvres' and wassail? (*Starts to write again*)

Oh, that reminds me... I need more lights to outline the greenery around the punch bowl.

**Louise:** Selma, your house always looks lovely.

**Selma:** It should. I spend enough time on it.

(*Writes again*) Oh, speaking of house... I need my husband to finish the lighting on the sleigh.

**Louise:** The sleigh?

**Selma:** This year I added a red sleigh to the front lawn decorations with colored packages and lights and...

**Louise:** ... but

**Selma:** (*keeps writing*) ... and we could use more garland for the stairs... and more candles.

(*Pause*) How's your decorating coming.

**Louise:** Oh, we put up our tree and we had a great time with the kids decorating it. If I have time I might get a wreath too.

**Selma:** (*Stares at her*) That's it?

**Louise:** Selma, Christmas isn't just about decorating.

**Selma:** I know. (*pulls out a long list from purse*) Check out this list of people I have to buy for.

**Louise:** Oh I enjoy shopping for presents. I love picking out just the right gift.

**Selma:** You've got to be kidding. I just knocked down 2 women and an old guy with a cane to get the last Suzy Smiley doll. Now I'm on my way over to pick up 10 Chop o matics. They dice, slice and chop in seconds...and they're on sale for



\$20.00 each.

**Louise:** Who are you buying 10 of those for?

**Selma:** Every gal on my list is getting one. Oops. Act surprised when you get yours, okay?

**Louise:** But what if someone doesn't like cooking.

**Selma:** That's just too bad. I don't have all day to shop. I still have my Christmas cards to write and wrapping to finish and my daughter needs a costume for the play at church.

**Louise:** Selma. I think you're focusing on the wrong things.

**Selma:** What's wrong with wanting my house to look nice and sending greetings to my friends?

**Louise:** Nothing. Just don't put all your focus on things

that really aren't all that important. You've got to remember what we're really celebrating.

**Selma:** I know – we're celebrating Jesus birth. But...

**Louise:** But what?

**Selma:** I just want everything to be perfect. I guess I do get a little carried away.

**Louise:** A little?

**Selma:** Well, okay. Maybe wiring the front door to play the Hallelujah Chorus when someone enters is a bit much.

**Louise:** Selma, God loves us just the way we are. He knows we're not perfect. I think he wants us to enjoy his son's birthday celebration. Focus more on Jesus, not all the "stuff" that we often add to Christmas.

**Selma:** I guess you're right. Maybe I could do without some of my decorating...

**Louise:** And...

**Selma:** I guess I could cut my card list down from 300.

**Louise:** Good idea.

**Selma:** ...and if I didn't feel like I "had" to buy everyone a present, I could concentrate on choosing just the right gift for those who are left on my list.

**Louise:** Sounds like a great idea to have a more restful holiday. Your Christmas focus is on the right thing. Now, how about taking a break for a cup of coffee with an old friend.

**Selma:** Sure. (*As they walk off she looks in one of her bags*) Do you know anyone who could use a China Head?

**Louise & Selma:** (*Laughing together*) On Sale!



## Waikato Combined Camp

Waikato Rallies hold a combined Camp every second year.



Ngaruawahia CYC is an ideal venue, and this year we enjoyed a wonderful weekend with 90 campers and leaders.

"Cool Bananas" is a dedicated group of men and women who run Christian programmes for kids – mainly focusing on Religious Instruction classes and Kids clubs for primary aged children. We invited them as our Camp Speakers for the second time.

'Mr Dave, Mr Grant & Mrs Karena' (Grant & Karena Vincent & Dave McNeilly) came and taught us about the Lord in a fun, exciting and very clearly presented way. They included games & learning verses as well as Bible lessons in their presentation. Many of our children responded to



the appeal on the Saturday evening for salvation or assurance. A wonderful time of reaping. During the day we enjoyed all

the amazing amenities of this camp – we divided into teams and had 40 minute turns at the flying fox, waterslide, mud slide, team building exercises, kayaks & paddle boats, archery and water bombs! Our water bombs were a great success – you put a little water into a fizzy bottle, attach it to a foot pump, turn the bottle upside down in a cut-out pipe for support, then pump. The pressure inside the bottle rises until whoosh, up it flies into the air. Great fun and we had a competition to see who's bottle flew the highest. The seniors were privileged with a late night hot pool swim exclusive to them. Sunday morning we had team races with 3 legged, egg & spoon, sacks, elastics etc.



## WIN A BIBLE

**Every term there are 4 Bibles to be won. Encourage your members to do the Bible quiz, or do it together at Rally as your devotions.**

\* The Bible Quiz is a great idea to do together one Rally night each term. Just print off a copy of the passage from the Internet, plus a copy of the questions and give a set to the Leaders – read through the passage, ask the questions and read the appropriate verse again, then help your members to spell the words as they write their answers.

Again this year we will have two Quizzes in crossword form and two as questions. Try team competitions. Or give some small gifts to those who complete it. Every time we open Gods Word it is a Blessing - teach our Rally members to value and be excited with Bible Study too.

Remind them: \* Neat tidy replies win prizes \* Please check entries for names & note 'boys' or 'girls'. Names are so unusual today! \* Check your members have included their names, age & Rally so marks are given to the right person



## Money up for grabs!!

**Members Mag Bible Quiz – your Rally can WIN!**

\* 1st = \$100 \* 2nd = \$60 \* 3rd = \$40

Encourage your members to do the Bible quiz, or do it together at Rally as your devotions.

By Bethany Ripley

## PRAYER - THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE FUNNY.

While at intermediate school I remember crying out to God for a best friend. By the time I had one a few years later, I realised that it was in fact God who was my best friend. What I had prayed for had been given to me in an unexpected yet much better way. As we pray with our kids we often talk about God's plan and how it may differ from what we want, but is so much better.

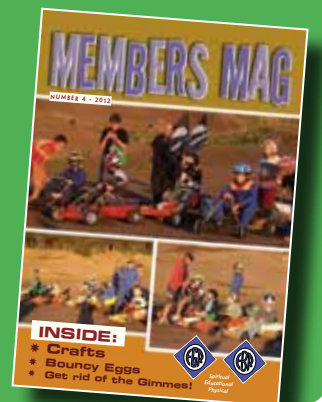
Overseas in my twenties, I was learning to pray in a foreign language and when trying to say 'Heavenly Father' came out with something else instead. I knew it was bad when my language helper wouldn't explain it to me and insisted I look it up in the dictionary! This experience reminded me that I need to teach younger Christians exactly who it is they pray to – not Superman or Santa Claus, but the almighty, all-loving, totally good, creator God.

Our youngest child is now eight months old and my three year old still prays for 'the baby in Mama's tummy, to be healthy and strong'. It makes us laugh each time and to praise God for the gift of our new(ish) little one. To be thankful and praise God, in the good, bad and funny times keeps our hearts growing in love and faith in Him.

## MEMBERS MAG

**Wow! Isn't it great!**

If you are a new Rally or haven't yet ordered the Members Mag for your Rally, please consider doing so. It is such a lot of fun for them to read plus opportunities to do the Bible Quiz, enter competitions, contribute poems, learn..... It only costs \$6 per year – that is \$1.50 per magazine! THEY WILL LOVE IT! Remember, our great colour look is made possible by the generosity of Aotearoa Print. Also, encourage your Rally Members to send contributions to Sarah, (Members Mag Editor, see page 3).



**Here is an interesting short story. "I am going into the valley"... Appreciate the love of God for us; and reach out to others!**

*Once there lived a king who had power over all nations and peoples. His courts were of richest splendour; his tables were heavy with finest food. Music and laughter and gaiety floated from his castle. Clouds wrapped it in ethereal majesty. Peasants – in their valley of violence and hunger – stopped and looked at the castle a long while, wishing they might know the king. But none were able to reach it.*

*In the cold of winter, the king's tailor entered the royal chambers with the latest addition to the king's wardrobe. He had selected the finest materials and woven them into the most beautiful garments that eyes had ever seen.*

*But the king was not pleased. He ordered his tailor out, vowing to make his own clothes. The door to the throne room was locked. Weeks passed. The royal court waited with anticipation to see what the king would make for himself. They knew they were bound to be blinded by the glory of it. Finally awaited day arrived. The door opened and the king appeared.*

*Everyone, especially the tailor, gasped in surprise. His Majesty was dressed in the simplest, cheapest, most un-kingly garments imaginable. He had the choice of the world's finest materials, but he had chosen to wear the clothes of a beggar.*

*"I am going into the valley," he said quietly. (By Michael Daves)*



## MEDIEVAL NIGHT

Te Awamutu rallies recently held a Medieval Night. Two of our church members belong to the Medieval group and they came dressed in their medieval outfits. We organised a series of activities that were recognised for that time period and divided into teams to spend about 7 minutes at each activity.

We started the evening with a brief demo of a sword and buckler (shield) fight.



one comes up to fight. With 2 teams going they all have a few turns in the time.

**1. Darts** – kids had 3 darts each and we added the points to get a final team score.

**2. Sword & Buckler** – I made some bucklers from cardboard. Swords were made of foam. Divide group into 2 teams. 1st 2 from each team, have a sword & buckler each. They fight to try and hit the others body/protect themselves. NOT allowed to touch head. The

loser goes to end of line and next one comes up to fight. With 2 teams going they all have a few turns in the time.

**3. Archery** – We set up 2 targets. Divide team into 2. Give points gained to teams. We made standing cardboard targets with a painted bullseye.

**4. Jousting** – Biggest kids are 'horses' with smallest being riders. Divide into 2 teams. Riders wear hats and hold rolled newspapers or foam noodles. They are opposite each other. Race towards each other and as they go past they try to knock the hat off the other person. No points if they hit their face!

**5. Quintain** – Divide into piggyback pairs. "Horses' race towards target (quoits on poles held by leaders) and as they go past they have to knock the quoit off.

**6. Skittles** – Take turns to knock down as many as possible with 3 balls. Score points for team.

**7. Apple bobbing** – We had 2 teams and 2 tubs of water with apples. 'Bob' to try and pick up an apple in your mouth. Gave each person 20 secs before next one has a turn. Points scored for team.



## NEW RALLY HANDBOOK

Whoopie! After many years of research and hours of labour... it is here!!

The new Rally Handbook with the updated badges as well as some new badges, is completed.

This is a fantastic resource to encourage your members to learn new skills & try new activities. Look through and find badges you would enjoy teaching on a Rally night.

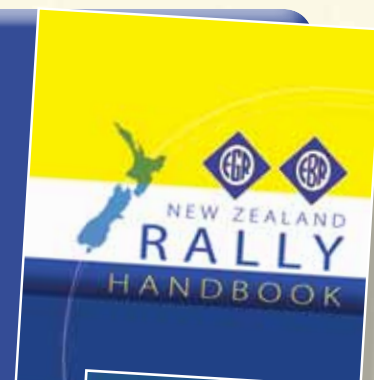
**Cost: \$5.00**

Available: at NZ Rally Supplies, RD1, Putaruru, 3481 or email [nzrallysupplies@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nzrallysupplies@xtra.co.nz)

See pg 15 for information on purchasing Badges Manuals.

★ Let parents know, as those who are keen badge earners will want to buy the new handbook for their child.

★ Consider gifting a new Handbook to each of your Rally Members (maybe your church would help fund this) or fundraise as a Rally.



### JOIN THE ACTION.....

You should have had a sample of our new brochure in the mail – with your magazines. It is bright, fun and exciting. Use this brochure to...

... advertise Rally - at any fundraising event

- on your church notice-board

... encourage your members to invite their friends to Rally – use the brochure

... put some in mail boxes around your church neighbourhood – remember to add your details to the back so they can contact you.

### Attention Leaders: YOU CAN HELP.

The Members Mag needs suitable photos for the cover page of the magazine. Please send

photos, with a covering comment, to Sarah Thurlow, 859 Taniwha Rd, RD1, Te Kauwhata, 3781.

(Photos will not be returned.)

Your members would love to see themselves in print!! The Leader Mag needs photos....

What exciting event activities have you enjoyed? Or craft, game, outing or special speaker you have had? Send a photo and brief explanation to The Editor.

(see pg 2 for address)

You can post or email photos to us:

Members Mag – Sarah –

[cowlicked@ihug.co.nz](mailto:cowlicked@ihug.co.nz)

Leader Mag – Dale –

[stephendale@ihug.co.nz](mailto:stephendale@ihug.co.nz)

The current handbook was printed in 2011 and so many Rallies are now using it. It was certainly a good move to introduce a level 1 badge in Road Safety, Water Safety, Firefighting, Beekeeping, Camping, and Public Speaking as quite a few Rally members have now achieved these badges. A totally new badge in the Careers section is the Tourism badge which is interesting and a lot of fun, as you get to learn about and appreciate New Zealand. If you are feeling creative you will love Tourism level 2! Give some thought to the newly added Collector badge as this can be achieved with any one of a wide variety of collections. Recently a girl showed me her collection of Birthday cards she had collected over the years – that is a rather special collection. Handbooks cost \$5 each and there is a lot in them to enrich your Rally programme and stimulate your members' interests.



*Note: Our previous supplier of woven badges sold up at the end of 2012. It has been quite a search to find a new supply (made in Australia, although there is a New Zealand agent). I have just received the first badges (Childcare, level 2) from our new supplier and they are much more expensive. So title badges will be increasing to 30 cents each from September 1, 2013. That is a lot less than the new badges cost Rally Supplies, but we have quite a sizeable stock from earlier of most other badges.*

## LEADERS BADGE MANUAL CD'S - - - Hey there's more!! We now have the Cultural & Health & Safety Manual available.

Craft Creative Cultural Health & Safety

Are you into Badge-work? Do your Rally members enjoy earning Badges? If not, would you like to give it a go? Rally Council is updating the Badge Manual. This is the information/answers Manual for Leaders. So far, a sub-committee for NZ Rally Council has completed the above four Manuals. They are available on two CD's for only \$4 each. The Craft & Creative are on 1 CD. The Cultural & Health & Safety are on 1 CD. So order 1 or both of them. And Yes.... The other sections of the manual are being worked on. Contact Rally Supplies for these.



# ARURA 2015

Yes, it is happening.

**Dates:** Monday 12th – Saturday 17th January 2015.  
*(this may seem a while away but it is only a year and a half.)*

**Venue:** At Ngaruawahia CYC.

## Start Fundraising now.

**Here are some ideas...**

★ sell lollies – The House of Fundraising is a good option.  
[www.houseoffundraising.co.nz](http://www.houseoffundraising.co.nz) or free phone 0800 806 542

★ copper & silver coin donation box at church.

★ cake stall – at church or a local market day or on the street.

★ sausage sizzle at The Warehouse .

★ sell seeds & bulbs – see page ? for details.

*Set up a bank account and keep track of who helps at what activities.  
Share the proceeds with those who attended the fundraisers.*



Advertise Arura to your Rally members to get them enthused.  
Google 'Rally Arura 2010' and click on 'Highlights video – youtube'  
uploaded by Greg Wallace.  
It is approx 7 mins in length and a wonderful overview.