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# September/October 2023 • Rooted and Grounded

This issue introduces the season's annual theme for the Cadet Corps. It is based on Ephesians 3:17-18, "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." As boys grow to become men, they need to ensure they are rooted in Christ's love, and grounded in humility.

### November 2023 • Caves

We see much of the world God has created every day, but there are many wonders existing underground. The formations and the life within them are worthy of our respect, and can provide the brave explorer with opportunities for adventure and awe.

### December 2023 • Emotions

The Christmas season brings many emotions to the forefront for boys. There is the joy and excitement we typically think of with the getting of gifts, gathering with family, and lots of good food. But jealousy, anger, greed and disappointment aren't far removed. How should a boy deal with these emotions? How do you deal with anger in a proper way? How can an 11-year-old deal with sadness or depression?

## January 2024 · Music

Music can be a very integral part of our lives. From singing in church or the shower, from listening to the radio in the car, to personal playlists through our earbuds, music helps us get through the day. We need to pay attention to what music we listen to. What messages are we hearing without thinking about it? Besides listening, we can make music as well. What can we do with musical gifts God has given us?

## February 2024 • Sticky

The world is full of sticky, gooey things. Some we try to avoid (think slug slime) and some we can't get enough of (think maple syrup). There are times we find ourselves in a sticky situation, or we get stuck on a homework problem. With the proper perseverance we stick to it, and get the task completed. This month we look at a variety of sticky things.

## March 2024 · Pets

Whether they are our best friend, or an annoying chore we have to take care of each day, a pet can be an incredible addition to our lives. This month we'll look at how we can take care of a pet as well as learn about some strange and unique pets.

### April/May 2024 • Bicycles

"It's just like riding a bike, you never forget how to do it." Bicycles are almost a required part of growing up. Boys ride them to the park or to a friend's house. They race them and take them over rough trails. Many an adventure starts with a boy getting on his bike.

Themes for each new season (Sept – May) are chosen around the end of the calendar year. Details are made available (online or by sending in an SASE) at that time. Manuscripts will be selected starting in May 2023. Fiction and non-fiction selections will be made at least three months prior to publication date.