

# Adventure Club

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## SEP

Part 1

also called YEP (Youth Education Programme) in some other parts of the world. The following are all connected in one way or another to the Summer Education Programmes that have taken place in Scotland and in Wales.

### The Dash

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I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to the end. He noted that first came the date of her birth, and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash, between those years. For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth, and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth. For it matters not, how much we own; the cars, the house, the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash. So, think about this long and hard, are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left. You could be at dash midrange. If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel. And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more, and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a while. So, when your eulogy's being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash? Author: Linda Ellis

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### The Life-Saving Station



On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks sometimes occurred there was once a life-saving station. It was really no more than a big shed with two lifeboats. The few devoted members kept a watch over the sea and when necessary, with no thought for themselves, went out to rescue anyone in distress. As time went on various people in the area wanted to become associated with the station and gave their time, money and effort to support their good work. Some were unhappy that the building was so

rudimentary. They felt that a better place should be provided as the first refuge of those who were saved from the sea. They enlarged the building, decorated it nicely and put in comfy furniture and a bar. It soon became a sort of club. Consequently, fewer members were now interested in going to sea on life-saving missions, so they hired lifeboat crews to do this work. Then a large ship was wrecked off the coast and the hired crews brought in boatloads of foreign, cold, half-drowned people. The beautiful new building was in chaos; sick was all over the place. A committee meeting was quickly arranged. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's life-saving activities because they felt they were unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club. However, a small number of members insisted upon life-saving as their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a life-saving station. These members were voted down and told that if they wanted to save lives, they could build their own life-saving station down the coast. They did. As the years went by, however, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the first station. It evolved into another club, and so a third life-saving station was founded. History continued to repeat itself and if you visit that area today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs along the coast. Shipwrecks still occasionally occur, but sadly some of the crews and passengers are not rescued and drown.

Lesson: Christians should not to be side-tracked, our primary task is to go and make disciples helping to save lives.

## 😊 A Smile Costs Nothing 😊

A smile costs nothing, but gives so much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it can last forever. None are so rich or so mighty that they can get along without it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged and sunshine to the sad. A smile is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it's something that's of no value to anyone until it's given away. Some people may be too tired to give you a smile, so give them one of yours:-)



## Some SEP Hymns

**I Walk by Faith**, each step by faith, to live by faith, I put my trust in You.

**Almighty God my Redeemer**, my hiding place, my safe refuge. No other name like Jesus. . . . All things are possible.

**God Will Make a Way**, where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me.

**Be Thou my Vision**, oh Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

**Our God is an Awesome God**, He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love.

**Lean On Me**, when you're not strong and I'll be your friend. I'll help you carry on, for it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

**We Want to See Jesus Lifted High**, a banner that flies across this land, that all men might see the truth and know, He is the way to heaven.

My Saviour, He can move the mountains. My God is **Mighty to Save**. Forever, Author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave.

**Here I am to Worship**. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing, **Ten Thousand Reasons** for my heart to find. Bless the Lord oh my soul. Worship His holy name.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, **How Great Thou Art**, how great Thou art.

**Shine, Jesus, Shine**, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**, Lord, I love to sing Your praises, I'm so glad You're in my life.

This is our God, the **Servant King**, He calls us now to follow Him.

**You Say** I am loved when I can't feel a thing You say I am strong when I think I am weak.

**Amazing Grace!** How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

But I'm strong, strong enough to carry him. **He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother**.

**Shout to the Lord** all the earth, let us sing, power and majesty, praise to the King.

**Above All** kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known, above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's no way to measure what You're worth.

**As the Deer** panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire.

**My Lighthouse**, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness. I will follow You.

**Majesty**, worship His majesty, unto Jesus, be all glory, honour and praise.

**These are the Days of Elijah**, declaring the word of the Lord.

**By Faith** we see the hand of God, in the light of creation's grand design, in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness.

**I'm Blinded By Your Grace**, through the darkness you came and I'll be alright with You by my side.

Take the **Shackles** off my feet so I can dance, I just want to praise You.

**One Way, Jesus**, You're the only One that I could live for. You are always there, every how and everywhere.

**In Christ Alone** my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.

**Blessed Be Your Name**, in the land that is plentiful, where Your streams of abundance flow.

**I Believe** for every drop of rain that falls, a flower grows. I believe that somewhere in the darkest night, a candle glows. I believe for everyone who goes astray, someone will come, to show the way; I believe, I believe. I believe above the storm the smallest prayer, will still be heard. I believe that someone in the great somewhere, hears every word. Every time I hear a new-born baby cry, or touch a leaf, or see the sky, Then I know why, I believe.



## One Solitary Life



He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter's shop until He was 30 and then for three years He was a preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never travelled more than 200 miles from where He was born. He never did any of the things that usually accompanies greatness. He had no credentials, but Himself. Although He walked the land over, curing the ill, giving sight to the blind, healing the lame and raising people from the dead, the top religious leaders turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was spat upon, flogged and ridiculed. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, the executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His robe. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. About 2,000 years have come and gone and today He is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that have ever sailed and all the parliaments that have ever sat, and all the kings and queens that have ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of humankind upon this earth as much as that One Solitary Life. Author unknown

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## The Difference

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day. I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray. Problems just tumbled about me and heavier came each task. Why doesn't God help me? I wondered. He answered, 'You didn't ask'. I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on grey and bleak. I wondered why God didn't show me. He said, 'But you didn't seek'. I tried to come into God's presence, I used all my keys at the lock. God gently and lovingly chided, 'My child, you didn't knock'. I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day. I had so much to accomplish, that I had to take time to pray.

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## Teen Creed

Don't let your parents down, they brought you up. Be humble enough to obey, you may give the orders someday. Choose your companions with care, you become what they are. Guard your thoughts, what you think you are. Choose only a date who would make a good mate. Be master of your habits, or they will master you. Don't be a show off, drive with safety and arrive. Don't let the crowd pressure you, stand for something or you'll fall for anything.

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## Alexander the Great

Alexander the Great, one of the greatest military generals in history, conquered much of the known world of his time with his vast army. One night during a campaign, he couldn't sleep and left his tent to walk around the camp grounds. As he was walking, he came across a soldier asleep on guard duty. The penalty in some cases for this was death. The soldier abruptly woke up as Alexander approached him. Recognising who was standing in front of him, the young man feared for his life. 'Do you know what the penalty is for falling asleep on guard duty?' Alexander the Great asked the soldier. 'Yes Sir', the soldier responded in a quivering voice. Soldier, what's your name? demanded Alexander the Great. 'Alexander Sir'. Alexander the Great paused, then repeated the question, but more loudly: 'What's your name?' The soldier again said: 'My name is Alexander, Sir'. Alexander the Great then looked the young soldier straight in the eye. 'Soldier', he said with intensity, 'either change your name or change your conduct'.



Alexander the Great statue in Thessalonike, Greece

Lesson: We who carry the name of Christ and call ourselves Christian must live up to the name.

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See if you can memorize some, or all, of these words:

'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' Matthew 28:19-29, NIV

# We'll Get Back to You

Dear Christians,

This is My commission to you, in fact, you might call it a great commission. You are to go to all people everywhere and make Me disciples. You are to baptise them and teach them to obey all that I have commanded you. Don't forget, I will be with you always to help, even to the end of the age. I will never leave you nor forsake you, because I love you. Please don't forsake Me.

With all my love, Jesus Christ

Dear Jesus Christ,

We acknowledge the receipt of Your recent communication. Your proposal is both interesting and challenging. However, due to a shortage of personnel, as well as several other financial and personal considerations, we do not feel that we can give proper emphasis to Your challenge at this time. A committee may be appointed to look at the feasibility of Your plan. Perhaps we will have a report to bring to our leadership team sometime later. You may rest assured that we will give this our careful consideration. Also our board members will be praying for you and for all your efforts. We do appreciate Your offer to serve as a resource person. If we decide to think more about Your project at some time in the future, we'll get back to You.

Cordially, Some Christians

Lesson: Matthew 28:19-20

## Word Search

- ROPES
- SURFING
- SAND
- QUIZ
- MOVIE
- CYCLING
- COAST
- HYMNS
- WALES
- SEP
- SMILE
- PENDINE
- CANOE
- SAILING
- MORFABAY
- LAGGANLIA
- LEATHER
- MINICAMP
- LIGHTSOUT
- CLIMBING
- IBELIEVE
- SERVICES
- ABSEILING
- BUSHCRAFT
- ZIPWIRE
- FOOTBALL
- FRIENDS
- CEILIDH



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