



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 12: God Expects
Suggested Week of Use: November 22, 2020
Core Passage: Isaiah 58:1-12

News Story Summary

Michael Lichkay, a Boy Scout from northern Indiana, recently became an Eagle Scout. Michael is also autistic. His Scout Master, Richard Lee, said he's had other Scouts with disabilities, but that Michael is the first one with the determination to complete the Eagle Scout requirements, something that takes years of dedication and hard work. Only four percent of Boy Scouts over the last 109 years have achieved the Eagle Scout rank. Of his achievement, Michael said, "I followed every rule and what the Scout leaders taught me."

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term "Michiana teen with autism becomes Eagle Scout").

Focus Attention

To replace the Focus Attention ideas, enlist someone who has been a Boy Scout, Girl Scout, or a member of a similar group to share the expectations for achieving the various ranks within that organization. If someone in your group is an Eagle Scout, enlist him to talk about the requirements. Share the information from the article about Michael Lichkay, emphasizing what he said about his achievement. Ask: *How did Michael following the directions of his Scout leaders pave the way for him to become and Eagle Scout? How does Michael following every rule point to the expectations for and Eagle Scout? Say: In today's lesson, we will see how God reveals His expectations to His people and lets them know when they are not living up to expectations.*

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of Michael's achievement discussed at the beginning of the session, noting that he had to follow the rules and instructions of his Scout leaders. Lead the group to identify expectations of God as seen in this lesson. Write responses on the board. Review the summary statements under Apply the Text, connecting the items listed with the statements. Direct the group to ask God to reveal areas of hypocrisy or disobedience related to each statement as directed in the Review suggestion. Complete the step as written.