

Understanding the *Sailor's* and *Captain's Logs*

The *Sailor's Log*

The *Sailor's Log* is the title of the sailor's quarterly workbook. Captains and co-captains should be familiar with this book because they will be doing some of the assignments within the book as well as instructing the sailors about the materials and checking the completion of the devotional guide.

They should also be aware of the important information included in *A Message to Parents*. (See the introduction pages of the *Sailor's Log*.)

Each workbook is divided into three units, one for each month. Each unit contains the following:

Unit Pages—These pages list the title of the song, the godly character lesson, the memory verse, the make-up memory verse, the sailor Scriptures, and the speaking parts for the performance.

Monthly Song—A copy of the month's song is presented without accompaniment to encourage easy reading by the sailors.

Music Page—Each weekly lesson begins with a new music page. The answer key for these pages is located in the *Captain's Log Appendix*. The music lesson is to be completed during the weekly club meeting.

Fun Page—This page follows the music page and is a part of the lesson application and is filled in during the club time. The club captain should check the week's lesson plan to inform the sailors what will be expected for each fun page.

Adventure Coloring Pages—Use these delightful illustrations as a bonus coloring activity and/or contest. You may wish to have sailors help judge the contest. Inform the club a week in advance of a coloring contest. Award a certificate for a job well done.

My Quiet Time Devotional Guide—These pages provide a daily devotional guide to help personalize and apply the godly character lesson of the month.

My Prayer Journal—This important page provides space for the sailor to list his personal prayer requests and praises. These are designed to be used in both private and corporate prayer

time. Encourage your sailors to develop their time of prayer and praise.

The *Captain's Log*

The *Captain's Log* is the title of the captain's quarterly curriculum guide. Captains and co-captains should also be familiar with this book, particularly the portions that will involve their instruction or preparation.

The curriculum guide is divided into three sections:

Section 1: Introduction. These pages are especially important to gain a thorough understanding of the PPC materials and goals.

Section 2: Units. There are three units, one for each month. Each unit contains the following:

Unit Pages—These pages list the godly character lesson, memory verse, make-up memory verse, sailor Scripture to be recited weekly, and the performance play. The sailor Scripture may be used at any time during the club year in place of speaking parts.

Monthly Song—A copy of the month's songs with the accompaniment is provided for the captain and the pianist. Be sure to order a *Captain's Log* for both.

Lesson Pages—The lesson title page lists the title of the song, the numbered week, the godly character lesson, the memory verse, the make-up memory verse, and the basic supplies. It then goes into the lesson plan, which includes the following divisions:

Opening Exercises—The opening exercises are basically the same each week, with the exception of the award week (the first meeting after a performance). During this time you will take attendance, check the devotional pages, repeat the Sailor's Salute and Club Verse, and open with prayer.

Rehearsal—This is the time when a new song is introduced or portions of the monthly song are rehearsed and memorized. Monthly speaking parts are also assigned during this portion of the club meeting.

Music Lesson—During this part of the lesson, the sailors will fill in the answers to the corresponding music activity page in their *Sailor's Log*. Answers to the activity are included in the *Appendix* for the captain.

Games and Activities—This feature of the PPC curriculum provides a quick game, a craft time, or an activity to aid in the monthly Scripture memory. This is an optional item that will benefit those with longer meeting times.

Godly Character Lesson Application—This section of the lesson plan begins with instructions for the devotional guide of the *Sailor's Log*. Next comes the continuing story that presents the godly character lesson in a memorable way. (You and your sailors will have a hard time waiting to hear the next adventure!) Questions and answers for the story are included just before the lesson application is presented. The lesson application is a specific Bible learning time. It may be a sword drill, a discussion, completion of the fun page, or some other method for personalizing and applying the godly character lesson.

Closing Exercises—A brief time of rewards before dismissal.

Section 3: Appendix. This part of the *Captain's Log* is filled with valuable resources:

Attendance Record—A beautiful four-color, fully-laminated attendance chart is available for club attendance. Children may place a silver star on the chart when entering club, or they may place a gold star if they have also completed the week of devotions. You will find a set of attendance charts in the *Appendix* of the *Captain's Log* for marking attendance and award eligibility. These may be reproduced, enlarged, or kept in the back of your book and marked on a weekly basis.

From time to time, an added order form, question-

naire, or informational page may be included in the *Appendix*. The input we receive from captains, co-captains, pastors, sailors, and moms and dads is invaluable. We greatly appreciate your dedication and support in making this ministry work—without you there would be no PPC!

Section 4: Online Resources.

Award Certificate—Duplicate this page to create award certificates. Four-color Patch the Pirate Certificates are also available for purchase.

Instructions for Sewing Sashes—Here is where you will find the detailed instructions for making a sailor's sash. Copies of these instructions may be made and given to those who wish to sew a sash.

Concert Flier—Photocopy this page when you need to make concert fliers for distribution.

Additional Features:

20"x30" Laminated Poster—A beautiful four-color, fully-laminated poster is available to promote Patch the Pirate Club and the Adventures of Patch the Pirate to children and their parents.