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MANHOOD
JOURNEY

Manhood Journey basics and getting started

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Our Mission



Helping fathers build the next
generation of godly men

When Dad's Not Around



4x

greater
risk of
poverty



2x

more
likely to be
obese



7x

rise in
teen
pregnancy



2x

as likely to drop
out
of school



3x

as likely
to consume
illegal drugs

“The USA leads the world in fatherlessness.”

(US Census Bureau)

<http://www.fatherhood.org/father-absence-statistics>

When Dad's fully engaged

| POVERTY | HEALTH | ABUSE | EDUCATION |
|---|---|--|--|
| 4x <i>less likely to be poor</i> | 3x <i>less likely to have an affective disorder</i> | 1/2 <i>as likely to suffer from abuse or neglect</i> | 1/2 <i>as likely to drop out of school</i> |
| 35% <i>less likely to be poorer than his/her father</i> | 40% <i>less likely to die in their 1st year of life</i> | 40% <i>less likely to smoke, drink, or use drugs</i> | 21% <i>more likely to be read aloud to every day</i> |
| 6x <i>less likely to get pregnant as a teen</i> | 3x <i>less likely to have early intercourse</i> | 44% <i>less likely to suffer serious injury from abuse</i> | 1/2 <i>as likely to have to repeat a grade</i> |

<http://degreesearch.org/blog/we-love-dads-fathers-day-infographic/>

We Believe

The root cause of Fatherlessness *is not*:
Political, Racial, Educational or Economic.

It is spiritual.

We hope our sons have



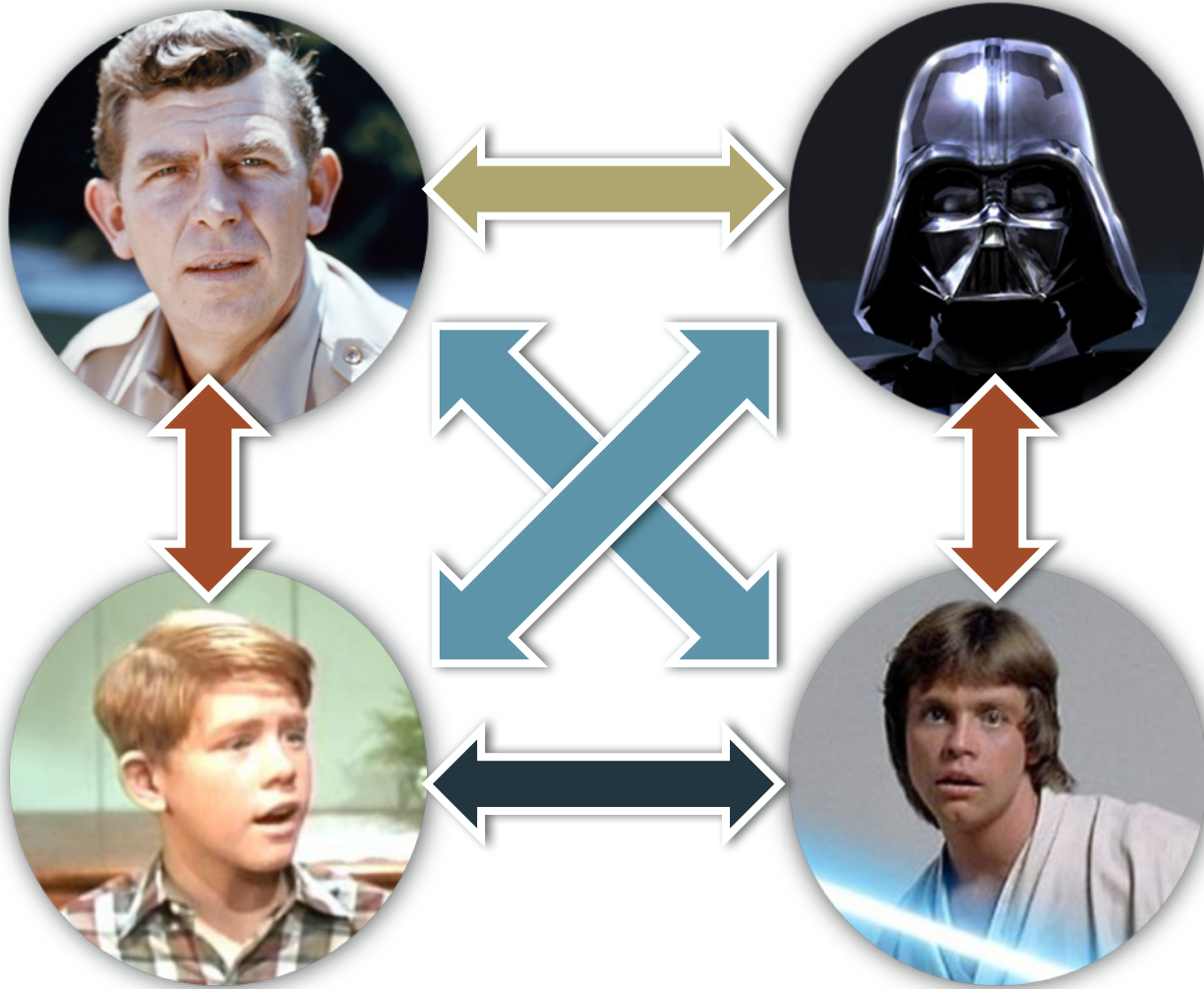
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- Vibrant faith in Christ
- Rich relationships with others
- Opportunity to reach his full God-given potential
- A heart for serving others
- Adventurous and fun exploration in nature

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”

– 3 John 1:4

4-D Community





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Look inside a study



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Embarking – Week 2



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Someone read the following verses:

Proverbs 22:6

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” (New King James Version)

1 Corinthians 13:11

“When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.”

Leader asks these questions separately, waiting for responses.



ASK DADS: The passage in 1 Corinthians talks about leaving some things behind. Dads, what habits did you leave behind along your journey to manhood?

ASK SONS: What are things you might need to leave behind now? To start on this journey to manhood, we must put childish ways behind us.

NOTES



ASK ALL: What does it mean to be “childish”?

ASK ALL: What is meant by “train up” here? Why is training important?

 **EMBARKING
WEEK 2**

Embarking – Week 5



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Someone read Proverbs 27:17.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”



ASK ALL: What does it mean to have someone else “sharpen” you?

ASK DADS: Tell us about best friends you had growing up. What did you do together? Why were you such good friends? Are you still friends? Why or why not?

ASK DADS: Tell us about some men in your life from whom you’ve learned. What did they teach you?

ASK DADS: Did you go to that guy and ask him to help you, or did he approach you? Do you intentionally cultivate these types of relationships?



**EMBARKING
WEEK 5** 

Easy to Prepare



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“One thing I love about it is that if my group meets at 7:00, I can start prepping at 6:30.”



– Brad, Louisville, KY

Putting MJ into Your Context



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1

Add 30 minutes to weekly Troop meeting

2

MJ focused “bonus” night per month

3

Convert one meeting per month to MJ

4

Blitz through content during camp-out

6 Initial Modules



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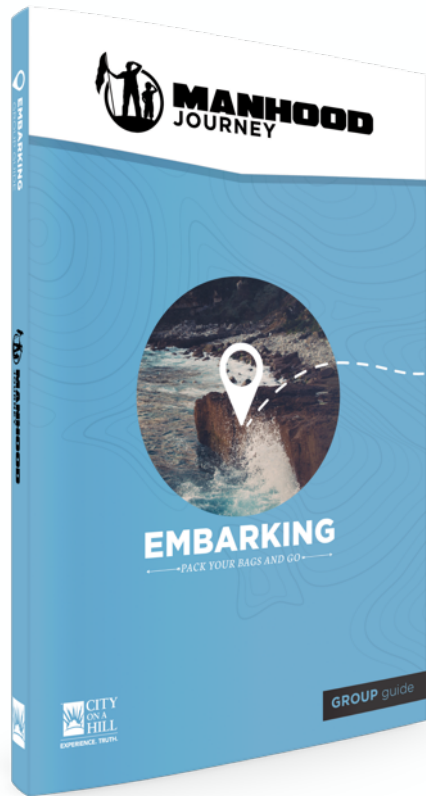
Troop Track > Navigators area > Manhood Journey Overview

What is a “Module”?



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1 Module = 6 Lessons



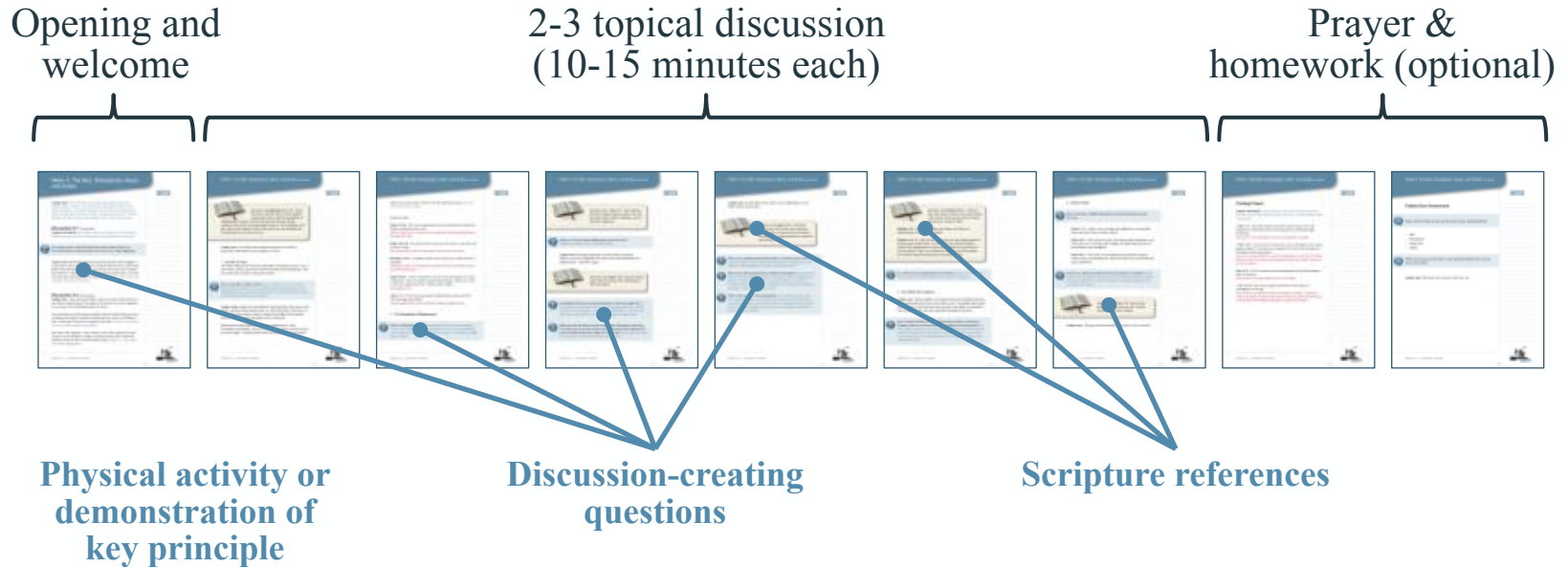
- Lesson 1
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- Lesson 3
- Lesson 4
- Lesson 5
- Lesson 6



What is a “Lesson”?



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Not mandatory.
Not always at the beginning.

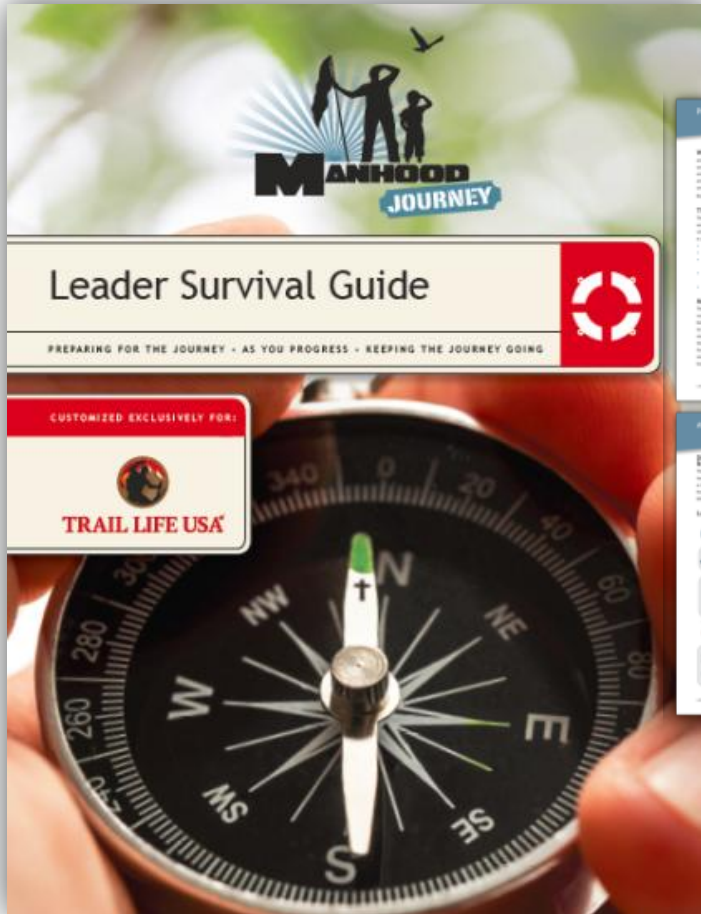
Key goals:

- Get everyone talking/contributing
- Have people share scripture reading (bring their own Bibles)
- Have fun!

Leader Survival Guide



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Preparing for the Journey

Welcome to the Manhood Journey

The Mission

Manhood Builders

As You Progress

Prepare to Disagree vs. Teaming

Leading the Process

DO's

DON'T's

Before You Embark

An Eye Toward Disagree-Being

Building Team Skills

Trust

As You Progress

Request People's Time

Please Be Seated, Not To Your Seat

Follow-Through

Before You Embark

The Mission's Core

Manhood and Lessons

Keep Age Ranges

Keeping the Journey Going

Not a Checklist

The Main Point - Get Back Together

Take Breaks!

Before You Embark

There's No Place Like Home

Geographic Flexibility

Annual or Quarterly Ratings

Include Your Wife/Child

Checking Your Status

Be the Best, Set the Best

Contact Manhood Journey



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