



Home Maintenance Lesson Plan

Life Skills Branch

Lesson Plans are designed to accompany the related Helps documents for each Step. Please refer to the resources in the appropriate Helps document found in the Leader Pages while you prepare your lesson.

The six "F"s are presented in a suggested order, but you are not required to complete them in that order. You may rearrange them as fits your troop's particular needs.

Necessary Resources



- Various items needing maintenance from the home and/or car.
- Items can include: Smoke Alarm, Air Filters, Tire Gauge, Paintbrushes/Rollers, Tools, Yard Tools, Cleaning Supplies, Fire Extinguishers, etc.



FUN



Communication Challenge

For Round One, give everyone a number. Ask the boys to arrange themselves in numerical order by communicating with each other without speaking or holding up fingers. They make up their own sub-language or sign language, and it often is pretty amusing. For Round Two, have people arrange themselves in order of birth or in calendar months.

FOCUS



Importance of Home Maintenance

Why is home maintenance important? Talk about how we should take care of the things God has given us.



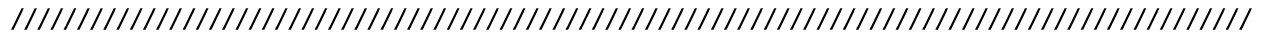
Maintaining things is often better than replacing them. It's cheaper/less costly, less wasteful, and maintaining things properly may prevent more repairs later.



Car maintenance is also important. If you take care of your car and maintain it, you may be able to escape later repairs.

Note for Trail Guide: Since People know different ways to maintain things, skills progression will be based on the knowledge of the Trail Guide. There is some basic information in the Helps document, but feel free to teach the Trailmen about something that you have general knowledge of.

FINGERS



Maintain the Meeting Place

Ask a deacon, janitor, or maintenance personnel to show you some of the things they maintain at the church or meeting place.

Or



Maintain Something

Look for things around your meeting place to maintain, or maintain something in a car. Trail Guides, if you have knowledge of a certain type of maintenance, teach the boys what you know.



FAITH (TRAIL GUIDE THOUGHTS)



God's House

Read I Chronicles 26:27. God's House needs maintenance just like your own home. What can you do to help maintain God's house?

Pray with the Trailmen.



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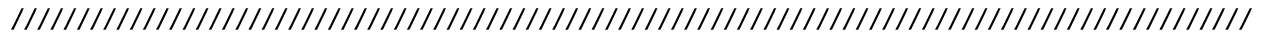
Saving Money

Read Mark 1:19. Saving money is a good thing. When you maintain something, you are saving money down the road.



Pray with the Trailmen.

FAMILY



Maintain

Go around your home with your family and look for things you can maintain. Help your family maintain something.



FOREST BADGE



By actively participating in this meeting, each Trailman earned the Home Maintenance Step on the Life Skills Branch.



*Note: It is up to the Trail Guide to determine whether or not a Trailman was an active in the meeting. Even if he attended the meeting, you are not required to award him the Step if he did not participate.

