

## Paw Patrol is On a Roll

Perhaps only parents and grandparents of young children will have seen the Paw Patrol children's show but we can all learn from how it depicts a life of service. So, if you do not have pre-school children in your care the show's description below will give you all you need to see how to apply a Christian message. We babysit our 2 and 3 year old granddaughters frequently. Paw Patrol is not only our granddaughters' favorite kid's show, but ours, too.

Led by 10-year-old Ryder, the pups of PAW Patrol are rescue dogs in training. Each pup is inspired by a real-world job like fire fighter, police officer, and construction worker. When trouble strikes Adventure Bay, they're there to save the day! No matter what the challenge they always respond to someone in need and find a way to help. As their theme song says, "No job's too big, no pup's too small, Paw Patrol, we're on a roll." They solve the problem with teamwork. When Ryder sees something that needs to be done he just says to one of his team, "I need you to use your \_\_\_\_ skills" and then he tells them what needs to be done. Without hesitation they immediately respond, "On it," as they swing into action. It is heartwarming to see the cooperation and loyalty of each of the characters to each other and their willingness to help others. The show is a great influence on kids, but also a great example for us, too.



Why do I bring up the Paw Patrol? We are all like rescue dogs. Jesus came to earth to redeem us and we are in training to be the person He wants us to be. Since the time of Adam & Eve, mankind has been in need of being rescued from sin. We are all in this world together and all have real-world roles to play – in the workplace, our community, our family or our church. By being loyal to Jesus Christ we can overcome whatever challenge is in front of us. When God gives us a task to do we should cheerfully comply with his directions. *Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits (Mark 6:7).* Just as each member of the Paw Patrol team has different gifts and abilities, God has gifted us uniquely to contribute to the task. *We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us (Romans 12:6).* He wants us to work as a team to solve community problems. With God as our leader "No job is too big."



As I watch Paw Patrol with the grandkids I am excited about the lessons they are learning. God is excited about us, too. While we don't live in Adventure Bay he has placed us exactly where He needs us, and placed around us others who can help us deal with issues, and whom we can help. *Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2).* There are things that need to be done. With God's help, no problem is too big and you certainly are not too small. God's Paw Patrol, we're on a roll!

**Question:** What skills do you have that would help others? How do you respond when you are asked to help someone?

**The Bible Says:** *And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased (Hebrews 13:16)*

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father. There is much to do in our community. Thanks to the example of Jesus Christ you have reclaimed us and given us the opportunity to serve. When you need something done let us say, "On it," and spring into action. Amen.



Ryder

