



# BALOO'S BUGLE



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““If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders.”  
Abigail Van Buren

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## REVERENT / CUBS GIVE THANKS

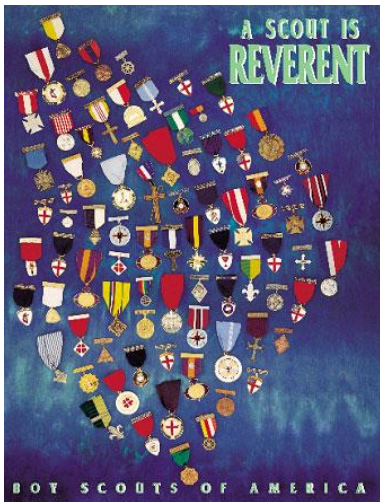
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## PART III – THEME & PACK MEETING IDEAS

### PACK MEETING THOUGHTS

The Point of the Scout Law being highlighted for Cub Scouts in April is: **A Scout is Reverent**. A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing.



#### HOW DOES “CUBS GIVE THANKS” RELATE TO THIS SCOUT LAW POINT?

At this pack meeting, Cub Scouts will learn the importance of treating others as they want to be treated. Although it is nice when someone does something kind for you, it is even more rewarding to do something kind for someone else—without expecting anything in return.

### FOCUS

*Adapted from 1997-1998 CS Program Helps*

Looking at the reason for this theme on the previous page, “importance of treating others as they want to be treated,” brings the Golden Rule to mind. So I looked and saw that “The golden Rule” was a CS Theme in December 1997. My wife and I went to our basement and found the CS Program Helps for that year!!

The biblical injunction to “do unto others as you would have others do unto you” is found in some form in great religions besides Christianity. In Judaism, for example, the great rabbi Hillel advised: “What is hateful to thee, do not unto thy fellowman.”

It's excellent advice year-round, but especially appropriate as we near the year-end holiday season. Cub Scouts can put it into practice by doing things for others - performing a service or making gifts. The pack's big event will be a holiday party.

This theme is designed to positively influence character development and spiritual growth in Cub Scouts. Help them develop good citizenship habits and attitudes. And show them how to be helpful and do one's best

Do unto others as you would  
have them do unto you.

### The Golden Rule Around the World

- **Christianity** All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:1
- **Confucianism** Do not do to others what you would not like yourself. Then there will be no resentment against you, either in the family or in the state. Analects 12:2
- **Buddhism** Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful. Udana-Varga 5,1
- **Hinduism** This is the sum of duty; do naught onto others what you would not have them do unto you. Mahabharata 5,1517
- **Islam** No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself. Sunnah
- **Judaism** What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellowman. This is the entire Law; all the rest is commentary. Talmud, Shabbat 31d
- **Taoism** Regard your neighbor's gain as your gain, and your neighbor's loss as your own loss. Tai Shang Kan Yin P'ien
- **Zoroastrianism** That nature alone is good which refrains from doing another whatsoever is not good for itself. Dadisten-I-dinik, 94,5

Or as Baden Powell said:

**“The real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people.”**

#### **Two Prayers**

*Pamela, North Florida Council*

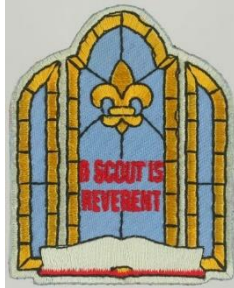
Last night my son confessed to me  
Some childish wrong  
And kneeling at my knee  
He prayed with tears:  
“Dear God, make me a man  
Like Daddy - wise and strong,  
I know you can.”

Then while he slept  
I knelt beside his bed,  
And prayed with low-bowed head:  
“O, God, make me a child  
Like my child here,  
Pure, Guileless  
Trusting Thee with faith sincere.”

*Andrew Gillies, 1870-1942*

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**Months with Cubs Giving Thanks****and being Reverent**

Month	Year	Theme
<b>CUB SCOUTS GIVE THANKS</b>		
November	1942	Thanksgiving
November	1952	Faith of his Fathers
December	1960	Guiding Stars
November	1974	Pilgrims
November	1980	Thanksgiving - Living and Sharing
November	1984	Turkey Day
<b>December</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>The Golden Rule</b>
November	1992	Turkey Day
<b>December</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>The Golden Rule</b>
December	2000	What do You do at Holiday Time?
November	2003	Pilgrims of Plymouth Rock
December	2005	Faith, Hope & Charity
April	2013	Cub Scouts Give Thanks

Month	Year	Theme
<b>REVERENT</b> (Themes for former CV Faith are listed here)		
November	1942	Thanksgiving
November	1952	Faith of his Fathers
December	1960	Guiding Stars
November	1974	Pilgrims
December	2005	Faith, Hope & Charity
December	2007	Celebrations Around the World
April	2011	Faith
April	2012	Faith
April	2013	Cub Scouts Give Thanks
April	2015	Soaring the Skies
December	2015	Winter Wonderland

**GATHERING ACTIVITIES****Religious Emblems***2011-2012 CS RT Planning Guide*

**Preparations:** Enlarged copies of the religious emblems for Cub Scouts. The emblems are available in the Insignia Guide, Duty to God brochure, or the boys' handbooks. Cut apart the emblems and post them in various parts of the room. Make sure to keep together the picture of the medal, name of the program, and faith. On sheets of paper, copy only the religious emblems (without the name of the program or faith).

As people arrive, give each person a sheet with the emblems printed on it. Instruct them to go around the room and find the symbol and read the name of the program and faith. Encourage people to help each other find all the emblems. Instruct them to go around the room and find the symbol and read the name of the program and faith. Encourage people to help each other find all the emblems.

**Emblems of Faith Puzzles***Commissioner Dave*

**Materials:** Pictures of Religious Awards printed on card stock or pasted to thin cardboard..

- ✓ Cut the pictures into puzzle pieces - 4 or 6 per card.
- ✓ Give the boys puzzle pieces as they arrive.
- ✓ Have them try and complete the puzzle by talking with others and finding the others pieces.
- ✓ During Icebreaker have them show the completed puzzle and read the back. (*Have tape available*)

**Faith Word Search***Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Words in this search all pertain to Faith – words may be in any direction.

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D O G O H D M O F F Z C P A
N P N W B H B R C B S E L F
N O V L Z P I S O S C R U W
U E I Y U E I P N W Z T D V
S C J G N J J R F Q L A H B
Q N J D I Q F O I V F I S P
B A S L E L Z O D F H N V R
Y I E L V P E F E H U T T I
E L K B O F O R N H K R F N
R E N E R Y Y H C X U Z A C
U R V L N F A Z E S G L C I
S B V I W B B L T O U S M P
Z G C E R O K N T O L P X L
F H P F O L W O U Y R Z R E

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Belief  
Proof  
Friends

Principle  
Confidence  
Religion

Certain  
Reliance  
God

Self                      Hope                      Sure  
Loyalty                  Trust

**Thankfulness Zone**  
**Cub Scout Gathering Activity**

**Materials**

Thankfulness Zone Sign  
(make beforehand on a piece of poster board)  
Index cards,  
Paper,  
Pencils,  
Markers,  
Crayons,  
Tape

**Instructions**

- Designate a wall as the “Thankfulness Zone” in your meeting place. Attach sign there.
- Have each Cub Scout to write or draw on a card or piece of paper something which he is thankful for.
- Have Scouts attach them to the “Thankfulness Zone”. (Adults should help with this).
- Encourage the Cub Scouts to make multiple cards.

*Note:  
Use tape which will not  
damage the wall.  
Test it first.*

**Who Am I?**

*Pamela, North Florida Council*

Prepare slips of paper with names of those they are thankful for or helpful people from any category-- people from your community, people in your pack, national and international heroes, or characters from popular books, TV, or movies. Tape or safety pin a slip on the back of each player, instructing them to mingle with the group and by asking questions, find out what character they are. Only questions calling for yes or no answers may be used. Explain that when the person has identified their character, they may remove the slip.

**Gathering Ideas from Alice**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

**Gather a collection of Religious Award workbooks from different faiths – your DE or local scout shop might be able to help with this.** Encourage parents to use the workbook published for their faith to help the boys complete the BSA Religious Award.

**Invite local Boy Scouts who have earned their BSA Religious award to visit -** ask them to share what they did to earn the award, what affect it had on their life, what cub scouts can do to prepare to honor their faith.

**Have a display of the BSA Family Award** – if a Pack family has done the activities, ask them to bring pictures to display to share their experiences.

**Play one of the “Trust” games from the Game Section.** Faith requires trust in yourself, another person or your God. Be sure to encourage boys to respect and trust each other because they are scouts.

**Plant a tree or trees, to celebrate Arbor Day** – The date varies from state to state, based on optimum planting time, but many have chosen a date in April. Check the list in Value Related Ideas.

Trees are available from several sources. In Sacramento and many other places, a local Tree Foundation will provide trees and planting tips. Also Disney has a program to provide trees to plant for Earth Day, and check out the Family Activity Program with all kinds of great ideas – they can also be used with your den! Go to:

**[www.arborday.org/explore/families](http://www.arborday.org/explore/families)**



**Have some fun with tree “cookies”** – Cut slices from small tree branches – these cross-sections are great to explore the history of a tree. Discuss tree rings in general, then give each boy or person their own “cookie” to explore. Challenge them to find: a time when the tree was stressed; several years when sun, water and nutrients were just right, an example of some damage from fire, insects or other factor.

**Give everyone a piece of paper and pencil and challenge them to name ways wood is used.** Also check out the graphic, tree-shaped list from **[www.idahoforests.org/arborday.htm](http://www.idahoforests.org/arborday.htm)** on the last page – you might want to enlarge it, then cover with green paper - it till you’re ready to check everyone’s list of uses. This could be an individual, den or family competition.

**Have a collection of “tree cookies” and various craft supplies** – let everyone make a tie slide by adding a PVC length or other backing. Non-cubs could make a pin to wear, using a jewelry backing and decorating with googly eyes, markers, etc.

**Play Hug A Tree – Learn to recognize “your” tree**

- In a forested area, pairs take turns being blindfolded, lead to a tree (for touch and feel) and then lead away. After removing the blindfold, the tree hugger tries to locate his/her tree. **Talk about the differences in trees, and how those differences affect where they grow, how much water, sun, etc.**



*they need, how animals and people (and even other plants) make use of different trees*

**Have a Wall of Fame display at the Pack Meeting –**  
Ask parents and leaders to furnish information about positive activities and scouting achievements of each boy.

**Ask each boy what scouting activity or achievement he is proudest of, enjoyed, or was challenged by –**  
share their comments with the Pack in a display.

**Make sure to talk about specific activities a boy has done to earn an award or rank –** As awards are presented at the Pack Meeting, the Cubmaster could relate personal experiences furnished by parents and den leaders.

**Do the T-Shirt activity as explained in the Games Section –** help each boy to recognize what he is good at, and how he helps other people and demonstrates his faith.



**Choose a painting of a story that demonstrates faith and share it with the boys.** You might choose a well-known one such as David and Goliath from the Bible, or even a picture of a news event that shows faith in action. Let the boys tell the story if they are familiar with it, and talk about how it shows faith. What would they do in the same situation? Is it always easy to have faith? To do the right thing? What if you have to stand up to your friends?

*Note from Alice: See an LDS idea using the famous Arnold Friberg paintings under STORIES – there's a real connection to LDS Cub Scouts!*

## Faith Bingo

*Commissioner Dave*

Give each person a Board. They are to go around and meet people. After meeting someone and learning their name, they are to ask them to sign a box. Each person can only sign one box!!! This is not a speed contest; there should be discussion and introduction before signing!! Here is a sample board- boxes may be changed to suit your group

EARNED A RELIGIOUS AWARD AS A YOUTH	SERVES AS AN USHER IN CHURCH	HAS BEEN ON A MISSION TRIP A TO HELP OTHERS	VOLUNTEERS WITH A GROUP AT CHURCH	ATTENDED A CHURCH CAMP AS A YOUTH
READ FROM THE BIBLE OR OTHER RELIGIOUS BOOK THIS WEEK	EARNED RELIGIOUS AWARD AT SEVERAL LEVELS OF SCOUTING AS A YOUTH	IS AN OFFICER IN YOUR CHURCH	KNOWS PRAYER IS POWERFUL	HAS MENTORED A SCOUT ON HIS RELIGIOUS AWARD
HAS HELPED AT A VBS OR CHURCH CAMP	HAS THANKED GOD FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH	FREE !!! SIGN YOUR NAME	HAS ATTENDED A SCOUT SERVICE WHILE CAMPING	HAS BROUGHT A VISITOR TO CHURCH
HAS TOURED A CHURCH OR SANCTUARY	HAS BEEN A CHAPLAIN OR CHAPLAIN'S AIDE FOR A UNIT	KNOWS AT LEAST ONE TIME GOD HELPED SOLVE A PROBLEM	WAS PRESENTED THE ADULT RELIGIOUS RECOGNITION OF YOUR FAITH	HAS TRAVELED TO A SACRED PLACE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY
SAYS GRACE AT MEALS	HAS TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL OR OTHER YOUTH CLASS	FAMILY PRAYS TOGETHER	WENT TO CHURCH LAST SUNDAY	THANKS GOD WHEN THINGS GO WELL

Be sure to enlarge the BINGO Board to fill a sheet of paper and put some directions on the sheet, too.



## OPENING CEREMONIES

### Giving Thanks Ideas

#### Cubs Give Thanks Opening

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Before the meeting, gather pictures or photos the boys have made or chosen of things they are thankful for. This could also be done by each den, with one boy as the narrator for the den.

**Cubmaster:** This month, the boys have been thinking a lot about what they are thankful for – and as you will see, they have come up with a lot of ideas.

**Cub #1:** We had a challenge to choose three things each day for which we are thankful and write or draw them in a special journal. *(holds up his journal)*

**Cub #2:** We went for a hike and saw and heard a lot of things for which we are thankful – from fall leaves to the songs of the birds. *(holds up the ABC list from the hike)*

**Cub #3:** We learned that one way to be thankful is to share a special treat, like these children in Africa did. *(holds up enlarged picture)*



**Cub #4:** We made a special Thank You card for *(insert the name of someone who has helped the den)* *(holds up the card)*

**Cub #5:** We learned there's a special way to say, "Thank you" whenever we see someone from the military – just put your hand by your heart and then bring it down in front of you, like this – *(demonstrates)*



**Cub #6:** We also know that we should be thankful to live in a country where we can be free – and the symbol of that freedom is our flag. Will the audience please rise and join us in honoring our flag. *(Begin the flag ceremony)*

#### Thank you Opening

*Pamela, North Florida Council*

- Cub # 1:** Thank you to the policeman who risks his life to protect us from violence or the fireman who pulls people out of burning buildings.
- Cub # 2:** Thank you to the ambulance drivers, paramedics, doctors and nurses who save lives every day.
- Cub # 3:** Thank you to those that were or are soldiers in the military and serve our country to keep us free.
- Cub # 4:** Thank you to those who do the right thing, even when they are afraid of failure. They do it because it should be done.
- Cub # 5:** Thank you to those who donate blood, and teachers who spend their time and energy helping kids, and kids who say "No" to drugs.
- Cub # 6:** Thank you to all of those who help us and others all around us. Please join us in saluting and by repeating with us the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### Cub # 7: Give Thanks

*Cub # 8: Pamela, North Florida Council*

- Cub # 9: Set Up:** Have 10 Scouts with signs each with one of the letters from **G I V E T H A N K S** on front. On the back of the same paper write out speaking parts in Large Print.
- Cub # 10: Cub # 1: G** is for the Glorious spring that offers hope to all.
- Cub # 11: Cub # 2: I** is for the Importance our faith is to us one and all:
- Cub # 12: Cub # 3: V** is for the Valiant people who saw hope in creating our country.
- Cub # 13: Cub # 4: E** is for the Endless love of God.
- Cub # 14: Cub # 5: T** is for the Trust we give to those who care for us.
- Cub # 15: Cub # 6: H** is for our Homes to always be filled with love.
- Cub # 16: Cub # 7: A** is for the Awe we have in Gods creations all around us.
- Cub # 17: Cub # 8: N** is for Nature that God shares with us.
- Cub # 18: Cub # 9: K** is for the Kindness for family and friends.
- Cub # 19: Cub # 10: S** is for the Spirit that kept us strong and with eternal faith in God.
- Cub # 20: All:** Tonight we give thanks to God above, for His guidance and his never-ending love. Please rise and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

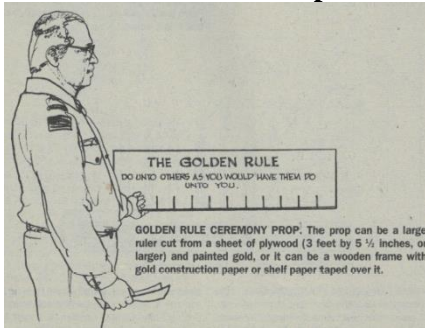
## GOLDEN RULE OPENING CEREMONY

*1997-1998 CS Program Helps*

**Equipment:** Golden Rule ceremony prop (see picture) with words for all 6 Cub Scouts on the back in LARGE print, flashlight

**Personnel:** Six Cub Scouts (*Ceremony may be done by a leader reading all the parts*)

### Golden Rule Prop



The prop is an oversized “twelve inch ruler” cut from a sheet of plywood or cardboard (~3 feet by 5 inches, or larger) and painted gold, or covered with gold construction paper or shelf paper. Mark ruler as shown showing the 12 inch marks.

- Cub # 1:** (Holding Golden Rule Prop) Cub Scouts, what's the Golden Rule? That's right: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. (Pass prop to #2)
- Cub # 2:** Do we always do that? I'm afraid not. Sometimes we hit other people, or talk about someone behind their back, or fail to help when someone needs our help. We are not doing to others as we would like to have them do to us. (Pass prop to #3)
- Cub # 3:** Where do you stand on the Golden Rule? Do you almost never think about other people and their feelings? Then you're about here on the Golden Rule. (Points to the 2-inch mark.) (Pass prop to #4)
- Cub # 4:** Most of us, I think, are about here because sometimes-but not always-we think about the other guy. (He or she points to the 6-inch mark.) (Pass prop to #5)
- Cub # 5:** As Cub Scouts, we should all try to go as far as we can on the Golden Rule. We won't make it to the far end because nobody is perfect, but if we try hard we should get to this mark. (He or she points to the 11-inch mark.) ((Pass prop to #6)
- Cub # 6:** Now let's pledge to follow the Golden Rule as far as we can. We can do that by repeating the Scout Oath. (Leads the audience in the Oath.)

## Cub Scouts Are Thankful Opening

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Before the meeting, each boy draws a picture, cuts out images from magazines, or uses online images to make a small poster of things for which he is thankful.

**Narrator:** You can't have Faith if you aren't grateful for what you have. Let's see for what the boys are grateful.

**Boys hold up or post their picture one and a time and say “I'm thankful for.....”**

**Narrator:** So, you can see that our Cub Scouts Are Grateful – and there's one more thing we are grateful for – to live in a free land where we can worship as we please. Let's prepare to honor our flag, the symbol of our freedoms.

*(Lead into the Flag Ceremony)*

## Other Ideas

### The Cub Scouts are Coming

*Pamela North Florida Council*

One Cub Scout at a time trots urgently from the back of the room to the front shouting: “The Cub Scouts are coming! The Cub Scouts are coming!!”

Then two boys enter, carrying the United States Flag.

**Cub Scout 1:** “All rise! Color Guard Advance!” *Scouts approach front.* “Salute!”

**Cub Scout 2:** “Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance!” *and lead the pledge.*

**Cub Scout 3:** “Color Guard post the colors.” (*Cubs place flags in stands*) “2” (*This is the signal to stop saluting; hands lowered from salute*) “Color Guard dismissed.” *Scouts can march to the back or be seated.*

## Reverent Ideas

### Faith

*2011-2012 CS RT Planning Guide*

**Materials:** Five large cards with letters to spell out “faith” on one side and script on the other

- Cub #1:** F is to follow. We follow the beliefs of our faith and practice them with our family.
- Cub #2:** A is to act. We act in ways that show our love and faith.
- Cub #3:** I is to involve. We involve ourselves in helping others with service projects and learning about our faith.
- Cub #4:** T is to thank. We thank our God for our families, our friends, and all that he has given us.
- Cub #5:** H is to hope. We hope for a better world as we practice our faith.



**Where Faith is Found Opening***Alice, Golden Empire Council*

**Materials:** Have each boy make a sign to hold with the letter he has been assigned. Alternately, you can simply download images or make letter signs. Write each boy's part on the back of the sign in large letters.

**Narrator:** This month we have been learning all about Faith – see if you recognize these examples of where Faith is Found.

**F**

**Cub #1:** (*holding up letter or posting on the wall*) Follow the example of your religious leaders, your grandparents, or others who have great faith – it will help you find your own Faith.

**A**

**Cub #2:** (*holding up letter x` or posting on the wall*) Always look for examples of faith as you enjoy the outdoors – like the breeze, faith cannot be seen – but you can feel its presence.

**I**

**Cub #3:** (*holding up letter or posting on the wall*) If you want to have faith, learn to serve others – without complaining.

**T**

**Cub #4:** (*holding up letter or posting on the wall*) Trust in your God, your Country and Yourself – And always be a person that can BE trusted if you want to find Faith.

**H**

**Cub #5:** (*holding up letter or posting on the wall*) How you ACT will show what you really believe.

(*All boys return and hold up their letters*)

**All: SHOW YOUR FAITH!**

**Narrator:** As you can see, the boys have learned some important ways to really SHOW their faith. And we'd like you to join us in Showing how we feel about our Country – where every person can follow their own faith, and worship as they please.....

(*Lead into the Flag Ceremony*)

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATIONS

Traditionally, Audience Participation means giving speaking parts to the members of the audience, based on a keyword they'll hear in the story. Separating the audience can be done in a number of ways, like by seating section, age, den, etc. You instruct them that when their word is heard, they shout out their part, which may be a phrase or sound effect. The keywords in the story are in all **CAPITAL LETTERS**.

### Faith Based Stories

*From the United Kingdom's Beavers Magazine for Beaver Scout Leaders*

[http://scouts.org.uk/documents/Magazine/decjan\\_09/beavdecjan09.pdf](http://scouts.org.uk/documents/Magazine/decjan_09/beavdecjan09.pdf)

There are many stories that relate to the Beaver *Scout* (**US - Cub Scout**) Promise, and which come from the many faiths that make up our nation's identity. Here is a snapshot:

- The Good Samaritan (Christianity). The classic tale of the man from Samaria who, unlike the others who passed by, helped a man in desperate need. [www.tinyurl.com/19rdd8](http://www.tinyurl.com/19rdd8)
- The snake in the wall (Judaism). A tale about a girl who was especially kind and helpful and who was rewarded with her life. [www.tinyurl.com/13oqju](http://www.tinyurl.com/13oqju)
- A brother like that (Islam). A modern parable about thinking of others and being kind. [www.tinyurl.com/lofm36](http://www.tinyurl.com/lofm36)
- Six blind men and the elephant (Hinduism) A great poem about how you shouldn't make decisions based on one piece of evidence. [www.tinyurl.com/1y89f5](http://www.tinyurl.com/1y89f5)

Read some of these stories to the Beaver Scouts (**US - Cub Scouts**) and they can then act them out in small groups or draw the story for themselves in cartoon form.

### A True Story about a Scout and his Faith

[www.donnfendler.com](http://www.donnfendler.com)

In 1939, twelve year old Donn Fendler was hiking to the summit of Maine's highest mountain when he became separated from his family. A dark storm enveloped the peak of mile high Mt. Katahdin, and he quickly lost his way.

He spent nine long days and nights in that rugged wilderness, all alone except for the wildlife he encountered as he tried to find his way out. Meanwhile, the entire state prayed for him – while hundreds of brave citizens and blood hounds searched the



mountain. It was those prayers, Donn's courage and faith, his Scout training, and his will to live that got him through the ordeal.

After a quick recovery from malnutrition and hundreds of scrapes, cuts and insect bites, Donn was honored with a huge parade in Millinocket, Maine. He also met the President of the United States and was the subject of a story in Life Magazine. But the greatest tribute to his faith and courage was the publication of "Lost on a Mountain in Maine" – the story of Donn Fendler as told by Joseph Egan – and enjoyed for almost 70 years.



Donn Fendler is now living in Tennessee. He still summers in Maine, but remains for a few weeks in the Fall so he can visit schools across the state to share his story and answer kid's questions about his incredible experience. His memories are vivid, and he always has a positive message for children about faith, courage, being prepared, and having the will to live.

Since his brush with death in Baxter State Park more than seventy years ago, Donn Fendler has received thousands of letters, mostly from Maine school children, which he always answers. He still visits many schools every year. He attended the University of Maine and is retired from the U.S. Army.

Donn says his book was not dedicated to anybody, but if he was to dedicate the book today, it would be to the Boy Scouts of America. His appreciation of scouting is shown in his active involvement in scouting and in his giving credit to his scout training in helping him survive. He attained the rank of Life Scout.

***Don't forget to check in your pack and local area – it's very possible you have a local example of faith that could be shared!***

### **A True Story of Faith for LDS Scouts**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

The story of how the Arnold Friberg paintings came to be used in the missionary copies of the Book of Mormon is an example of Faith:

First, the faith of Adele Cannon Howells, General Primary President in 1950. She felt strongly that Friberg's paintings could be used to give a concrete picture of faith for the Primary children. But church

leaders were unwilling to fund the project, so with great faith she sold her own household possessions to pay the commission – and died before even one was actually completed.

Secondly, each painting is a visual story of Faith – you might let each boy choose one picture to study.

And since each boy is to have at least two opportunities to show his Faith in God work each year, you might have the boys share their favorite art work and story in Primary or at the Pack meeting during the month

***Note: I like to gather all twelve of the paintings (they are in the GAK picture kit, and often hang on the walls of LDS buildings). Then I challenge each boy to choose his favorite story, read more about it and share what he thinks. I also like to share Arnold Friberg's own words about why he painted the scenes the way he did. This will fulfill the requirement to "share a story of faith" on page 6 of the Faith in God Book for LDS boys. Alice***

And there's even MORE to the story of one painting – "Abinadi Before King Noah" – the model for old man Abinadi was the elderly man who suddenly appeared at Friberg's door when he was searching for a model for Abinadi – the same man who years before had converted the Friberg family as a young elder.

***If you would like more details on how I use this lesson, feel free to contact Alice at [aretzinger@hotmail.com](mailto:aretzinger@hotmail.com)***

### **Faith Audience Participation Story**

*Wendy (of Chief Seattle)'s version of an old joke*

Divide the audience in half. Assign a word and a response to each side of the group. Have them practice as you make assignments.

#### **Water:**

say "glug, glug, glug" while slowly standing up

#### **Man:**

say "help, help!" and wave arms above head

It had been raining for days and days, and a terrible flood had come over the land. The **waters** rose so high that one **man** was forced to climb onto the roof of his house.

As the **waters** rose higher and higher, a sailor in a rowboat appeared, and told him to get in. "No," replied the **man** on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the sailor in the rowboat went away. The **man** on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The **waters** rose higher and higher, and suddenly a speedboat appeared. "Climb in!" shouted a woman in the boat. "No," replied the **man** on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the

woman in the speedboat went away. The **man** on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The **waters** continued to rise. A helicopter appeared and over the loudspeaker, the pilot announced he would lower a rope. "No," replied the **man** on the roof. "I have faith in the Lord; the Lord will save me." So the helicopter went away. And the **man** on the roof prayed for God to save him.

The **waters** rose higher and higher, and eventually they rose so high that the **man** on the roof was washed away into the **water**, where alas, he drowned.

Upon arriving in heaven, the **man** marched straight over to God. "Heavenly Father," he said, "I had faith in you, I prayed to you to save me, and yet you did nothing. Why?" God gave him a puzzled look, and replied "I sent you two boats and a helicopter, what more did you expect?"

**Moral #1:** Looking through the eyes of faith we can see God's miracles, which may be disguised as coincidences and ordinary, everyday occurrences, and be grateful for the many small miracles around us.

**Moral #2:** We need to see with the eyes of faith, so we can recognize when God is trying to help us, and do our part.

## ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

### Giving Thanks Ceremonies

#### Advancement Ideas

*Pamela, North Florida Council*

- ☞ Hang pictures of those for whom you are thankful around the meeting area, one for each den. Pictures may be those of actual people or drawings of particular occupations such as firefighter, policemen, teacher, etc.

Around each picture, hang photos of Cub Scouts and leaders. If photos are not available, use drawings or decorated cards with their names on them. Attach awards to each photo.

If the boy did not earn an award that month, attach a card to the photo that tells something good he has done in the last month (check with den leaders and parents for information).

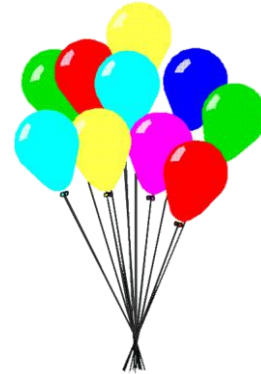
When presenting awards, mention the boys' hard work and their willingness to give goodwill—and thank them for a job well done!

- ☞ Look around your neighborhood and your resource people within your neighborhood. A fire station, a police station, school, church, recreation center, etc. can all be possibilities. Ask these people if they would attend your pack meeting and take part in your advancement ceremony.

A Bobcat may receive his advancement from his school teacher. A fireman could present the Wolf advancements. The Bear rank could be presented by a policeman.

#### Balloon Advancement

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*



**Materials:** A box wrapped as a gift, with a bunch of balloons coming out of the center. Each balloon has a name on it, and the award for that boy has been inserted in the balloon before it was blown up. An alternate idea would be to simply tie the award for each boy to the string of the balloon.

**Cubmaster or Narrator:** The boys have learned a lot about how to "Give Thanks" this month. We have been given a lot of gifts to be thankful for – including a whole bunch of awards and advancements the boys have earned.

*Boys are called up to receive their awards, and their balloon is located. For all awards, Adventures and rank advancements, invite the parents also to come forward. Each boy has been asked in advance to have one thing to share that he is thankful for, and that has been written on a piece of paper attached to his balloon*

*If the award has been attached to a balloon, simply give the boys their balloon when they come forward. If you want to insert the award into the balloon before it is blown up, you can let each boy pop his balloon to reach the award inside.*

**CM:** We're all very proud of the awards and advancement earned by our boys this month – and we all Give Thanks every time one of our boys remembers to "Do Your Best!" **LEAD CHEER**

## **Reverent Ceremonies**

### **Reverence & Faith Advancement**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

This ceremony can be done using either fire building, cooking or gardening materials. Gather gardening, fire building, or cooking materials to use as props. You could either use just one type of material, or you could use gardening materials for the Tigers and Wolf den boys, Cooking materials for Bears and Fire Building materials for Webelos/Arrow of Light boys.

Each boy's advancement items should be placed under (or in) an item, then brought out as the boys and their parents are called up. For example:

**Cubmaster:** *(pointing to gardening equipment)* The boys in the Tiger den have learned all about being Reverent and Faith this month - They planted some seeds – and watched them grow. I'd like to call up \_\_\_\_\_ and his parents. ***(hold up seed packet and remove advancements – give parent pin to boy to present, and awards to parents to present to boy) ....***

***Continue calling up and presenting awards –***

***You could also make comparisons to the planting directions (scriptures), trowel (to prepare the soil), watering can (need to nourish faith), etc.***

***If using cooking materials, use Recipe as Scriptures, Baking Powder or yeast as the way to raise the dough, mixing or kneading as the way to practice faith, etc.***

***With Fire building materials, Shovel to prepare the area, tinder as first stirrings of faith, then kindling and fuel. You could include a match as the "spark" that activates, and the need for air to keep fire going.***

### **North Star**

*2011-2012 CS RT Planning Guide*

**CUBMASTER:** For thousands of years, men have known that the North Star is fixed. Shepherds knew it before the time of Christ, and seamen have used the North Star and other heavenly bodies to guide their ships to port ever since they first dared leave the sight of land. Even today, the North Star guides many travelers to help find their way.

Cub Scouts don't need stars to find their way. But we do have our own guiding stars to help us through life. They are your church and your school, for instance. In Cub Scouting, our navigational aids are the Scout Oath and Scout Law. They tell us how we should act and what we should do for ourselves and for others. The Scout Oath and the Scout Law are just like the stars by which the seaman steered his ship.

Tonight we honor the Cub Scouts who are navigating straight and true on the Cub Scouting trail. With their parents' help, they have completed requirements for

many awards and have shown that they live by the Oath and the Law. *(For each award, briefly explain what it is and call forward the recipients and parents. Present the awards to parents so they can present them to their sons.)* **Lead Cheer!!**

### **Recognition Religious Emblem Square Knots**

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**Materials:** Religious emblem square knots

**Cubmaster:** When a Cub Scout recites the Scout Oath, he promises to do his duty to God. When he says the Scout Law he promises to be Reverent to God. Tonight the following Cub Scout(s) has/have kept his/their word by completing the requirements for the religious emblem(s) of his/their religious institution(s). *(Call the boys and families forward.)*

**Assistant CM:** As you can see, these boys have already received a medal from their religious institution in recognition of their achievement. These are not Scouting awards. The religious bodies in the United States have programs to recognize members of youth organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., who demonstrate faith, observe their creeds or principles, and give service. Scouting recognizes this achievement by presenting them with this square knot to place above the left pocket of the uniform shirt. This knot is so special that a boy can wear it on his Boy Scout uniform and adult uniform as he grows older. (Assistant CM may point out the purple knot and his/her uniform and/or any other youth and adult uniforms that display the knot.)

**Cubmaster:** Because parents play an important role in guiding their children in their religious growth, I'll ask the parents to present the religious emblem knots to their sons. *(Parents present the knots to their sons.)*

**Congratulations! Lead Cheer!**



This Youth Religious Award Knot has two devices, a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout devise. The Cub Scout signifies the youth earned a Religious Award while a Tiger, Wolf, or Bear. The Boy Scout device signifies he earned a Religious Award while a Boy Scout and less than 14 years old. If earned after 14, a Venturing device would have been issued. There is also a Webelos device.



## **Other Ceremonies**

### **New Cub Scout Welcome Ceremony:**

Pamela North Florida Council

*This is a great one for your new Cubs that join the pack at your Fall Roundups!*

*Required:* A burning fire and a few sticks for each new Scout. Prepare a campfire outside or a fake fire inside if you really have to. Have a stack of sticks well away from the fire, but in front of the audience to the right.

*Notes:* Use this at the beginning or end of your first Pack meeting in September or when you get new batch of Tigers!

**Akela:** *(standing by the stack of wood on the right)* At this time, I would like all Scouts that are new to Pack [number] to please come up here with me. This fire represents the life of our Pack. As you can see, it is burning fairly well, but it is beginning to fade a bit. This fire needs new wood, new fuel to burn bright, just as our Pack needs new scouts to be strong and full of life.

I would like each of you to take 2 or 3 sticks from this pile and hold onto them.

Those sticks you have in your hands represent your energy, your eagerness, and your excitement to be part of this Pack. I bet you know what I want you to do with those sticks, and I bet you are very excited to do it! But, think about what will happen.

*(Akela should now walk a bit closer to the fire, but still well away from it. The Scouts will soon line up in front of him but there may be some jostling.)*

When you toss your sticks on the fire, what will happen? *(the fire will burn brighter, the sticks will be burned, .. give Scouts time to give a reply.)* Just as those sticks will make the fire hotter, bigger, stronger, and full of life, having you in our Pack will make us stronger and more full of life. Before you add your sticks to the fire, decide in your head and heart if you really want to join our Pack and learn our secrets and go on our adventures.

When you have decided to join, come and stand right here in front of me and make a single line behind the scout in front of you. *(As the Scouts scramble to make a line, keep it safe.)*

After you add your sticks to the fire, stand by Baloo (Den Leader). *(Baloo should be on the left of the fire and makes sure Scouts stay well away from the fire. When all are finished)*

**Akela:** Congratulations, you are now all part of the life of Pack [number]. Pack, please stand and make the Cub Scout sign and join me in the Scout Oath. Now join me in the Scout Law. Two! *(end salute)*

Now, how about a gigantic Pack [number] cheer for our new scout brothers? *You could soak the sticks in a copper chloride solution so they create blue-green flames when added to the fire.*

### **Advancement Ceremony**

Pamela North Florida Council

**Needed:** 1 large candle and many small candles, all in stands. Line up small candles in a line with the large candle at one end.

**Akela:** Our Webelos scouts have been very busy the past few months, completing Adventures towards their advancement. I would like the following Webelos scouts to please come forward. [call off names of scouts receiving pins]

**Akela:** Den Chief [name] will light one of the small candles for each Adventure as it is presented. The [Adventure name] Adventure has been earned by [scout names]. Please step forward to claim your pin and tell us one thing you did to earn this pin.

*(Den Chief lights small candle. For each Adventure, Akela may change what he says. For example, for the Build It Adventure, he may ask each scout to tell what he built. For Sportsman, ask which sport he showed signals for and to demonstrate a signal).* Now, once all pins are distributed -

**Akela:** Den Chief [name], I see we have one candle left. Should we light it now?

**Den Chief:** No, Akela, that big candle stands for the Arrow of Light.

**Akela:** That's right, [name]. This candle will remain unlit until we have a Webelos Scout who has completed the Arrow of Light requirements. Then we will light that candle. These small candles, representing the Adventures, are steps along the trail of Webelos Scouts. They are important in themselves, but they lead us to the Arrow of Light which signifies that a Webelos scout has reached the highest step on the Cub Scout trail and is fully prepared to continue on to the Boy Scout trail. Now, Den Chief [name], will you lead the Webelos Scouts in their den yell and then return them to their seats? *(Scouts are seated after yell.)*

**Recruiter Recognition**

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**Materials:** Recruiter strips

**Personnel:** Cubmaster, Committee Chair, or Membership Chair or "Other" may lead this ceremony.

Boys make a difference for our Cub Scout pack by inviting their friends or recruiting new boys from school. Would the following boys come forward to receive their recruiter strips?

*(Call their names and present recruiter strips.)*

Congratulations to these boys for making a difference in their dens and our pack. Remember that boys can join Cub Scouts any time of the year. Always put out the Cub Scout welcome mat to your friends.

## **LEADER RECOGNITION**

### **Award Ideas**

*Scouter Jim, Bountiful UT*

With the theme "Cub Scouts Give Thanks," it is a good time to thank those who have come before and those who are leading the charge now. Here are some favorite thoughts on helping boys and recognizing leaders.

#### **The Bridge Builder**

by Will Allen Dromgoole (1860-1934)

An old man, going a lone highway,  
Came, at the evening, cold and gray,  
To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide,  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim;  
The sullen stream had no fear for him;  
But he turned, when safe on the other side,  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim, near,  
"You are wasting strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day;  
You never again will pass this way;  
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide-  
Why build you this bridge at the evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head:  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,  
"There followeth after me today,  
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm, that has been naught to me,  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

*"The Bridge Builder"* was written by the acclaimed author Will Allen Dromgoole. (*by the way - Will was a lady!*) It was first published in 1900 in the rare book *"A Builder."* (*"A Builder" is available on Google Books*)

*"The Bridge Builder"* is often reprinted and remains quite popular. It has even graced plaques on real bridges such as the Bellows Falls, Vermont and Vilas Bridge in New Hampshire. It continues to be quoted frequently, usually in a religious context or in writings stressing a moral lesson. It is also a favorite of motivational speakers.

*"The Bridge Builder"* is also used by many Fraternal organizations (*e.g. Scouting- It was the closing to a previous version of Cub Leader Basic Training*) to promote the idea of building links for the future and passing the torch along for the next generation.

### **100 Years From Now**

One hundred years from now  
It will not matter  
What kind of car I drove,  
What kind of house I lived in,  
How much I had in my bank  
Nor what my clothes looked like.

One hundred years from now  
It will not matter  
What kind of school I attended,  
What kind of typewriter I used,  
How large or small my church,  
But the world may be ...  
a little better because...  
I was important in the life of a youth.

Forest Witcraft, "Within My Power",  
Scouting, October 1950

### **Scouter Jim's Favorite Awards**

- ☺ **HELPING HAND AWARD** -- Stuffed glove on a dowel rod for one who always lends a helping hand.
- ☺ **WET SPONGE AWARD** -- A piece of sponge mounted on cardboard. For the newest leader who needs help soaking up all the new info in the Cub Scout program.
- ☺ **ON THE BALL AWARD** -- A Styrofoam ball with a pipe cleaner Cub Scout on top for the energetic person who has it all together.
- ☺ **GOOD EGG AWARD** -- An egg made out of felt mounted on a piece of cardboard for the special person who is a good sport helping the pack.
- ☺ **BIG HEART AWARD** -- A big stuffed heart pillow in red. For someone who shows real dedication to the Cub Scout program.

- ☺ **PURPLE HEART AWARD** -- A big stuffed heart in purple, for anyone injured 'in the line of duty'.
- ☺ **LIFE SAVER AWARD** -- A roll of lifesavers mounted on cardboard. This might be for someone who has assisted the Pack with a problem.
- ☺ **FIRST AID AWARD** -- Homemade first aid kit for a dedicated unit leader.
- ☺ **GO-FOR AWARD** -- Plastic or model car on a handmade trophy stand. For the person who picks up awards or runs errands for the Pack.
- ☺ **GO GETTER AWARD** -- This is an inflated balloon full of 'Hot Air' for the "Go Power for the Go Getter".
- ☺ **OLD FOSSIL AWARD** -- A rock or an arrowhead for the person who has been in scouting the longest.
- ☺ **BOUNCE AWARD** -- A sheet of 'Bounce' fabric softener for the Den Leaders to bounce back and to soften their hearts.
- ☺ **BRIGHT IDEA AWARD** -- Spray a light bulb gold and mount to a plaque. Present to the person who always has good ideas.
- ☺ **BANQUET AWARD** -- A large wooden spoon painted Blue and Gold. Attach a ribbon and present to the Chairman of the Blue and Gold Banquet.
- ☺ **GOLDEN PEAR AWARD** -- Attach a plastic fruit pear to a plaque. Present to the pair (Couple) who has done so much for the Pack.
- ☺ **LINK TO SCOUTING AWARD** -- Attach a few pieces of chain link fence to a plaque and present to the leader who has helped prepare the boys for Boy Scouts.
- ☺ **GOLDEN KNOT AWARD** -- This is a good award for a Cubmaster. Use rope, tie an overhand knot and spray gold. Attach to a plaque and award to the person who has tied it all together.

## **Pamela's Fun Ways to Say Thank You**

*Pamela, North Florida Council*

- ☺ **'ALL' DETERGENT BOX:** "Thank you for giving your ALL!"
- ☺ **BAND-AIDS:** For someone who fixes our pack's problems. OR For someone who gives 1<sup>st</sup> Aid when we need it.
- ☺ **FIREMAN HAT OR BADGE:** For someone who always comes to the "rescue."
- ☺ **KEYS ON A KEY CHAIN:**  
"You are the key to our pack. Thank you."
- ☺ **WIGGLE EYES GLUED TO RIBBON:**  
"Our eyes are on you." or "We love looking at the result of your work!"

## **A Song to Say Thank You –**

**Thank You to our Leaders**

*Pamela, North Florida Council*

(Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

We thank you, all our leaders,  
But we know we bring you joy,  
For each and every week we send  
To you our quiet boys;  
Alone they're very silent  
But together quite a noise,  
And the packs go marching on.

### **CHORUS:**

Thank you, all for being leaders,  
Thank you, all for being leaders,  
Thank you, all for being leaders,  
Of our Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos!

The Cubs arrive here right on time,  
In proper uniform.  
Their hair is always combed real fine,  
They all sit down and quietly wait,  
Until the fall-in call,  
And the packs go marching on!

### **CHORUS**



## **SONGS**

### **Reverent Songs**

#### **Faith Is....**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Each day the Sun will Rise,  
Each night will bring the Moon,  
The seasons too will come and go,  
As Midnight follows Noon

Each seed can also grow,  
When planted in the soil,  
With water, sun and fertile earth,  
And a gardener to toil

Winds blow upon the earth,  
Unseen by human eyes  
But on my cheek I feel the breeze  
And that's a solid prize

Just like the tiny seed  
Your faith can also grow,  
By every kind and trusting deed  
With actions you can show.....

Faith, too cannot be held,  
Its color does not show,  
But when you walk in humble faith,  
There is no doubt, you KNOW

#### **Cub Scout Garden**

*Tune: She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain.*

We will plant our Cub Scout Garden in the spring  
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We will pray to God to watch our crop each day  
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We will reap our harvest early in the fall  
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Then we'll Thank God for his help with our garden  
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#### **Kumbaya**

*Baloo's Archives*

Kumbaya, Lord, kumbaya  
Kumbaya, Lord, kumbaya  
Kumbaya, Lord, kumbaya  
Oh, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's prayin', Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's prayin', Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's prayin', Lord, kumbaya  
Oh, Lord, kumbaya

Someone's singin', Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's singin', Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's singin', Lord, kumbaya  
Oh, Lord, kumbaya

Kumbaya, Lord, kumbaya  
Kumbaya, Lord, kumbaya  
Kumbaya, Lord, kumbaya  
Oh, Lord, kumbaya  
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#### **He's Got The Whole World In His Hands**

*Traditional*

He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands,  
He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands,  
He's got my brothers and my sisters in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the sun and the rain in His hands,  
He's got the moon and the stars in His hands,  
He's got the wind and the clouds in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the rivers and the mountains in His hands,  
He's got the oceans and the seas in His hands,  
He's got you and he's got me in His hands,  
He's got the whole world in His hands.  
He's got everybody here in His hands,  
He's got everybody there in His hands,  
He's got everybody everywhere in His hands,  
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## **Giving Thanks Songs**



### **Fun Songs**

#### **CARING**

*Heart of America Council*

Tune: Dashing Through the Snow

Show caring to your neighbors.

Give friends a helping hand.

Always think kind thoughts.

Let your words be kind,

Caring for folks you know

Is the best way to show

That you love God and all of mankind.

#### **Diggin' in the Dirt**

*Commissioner Dave*

Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic

My hands have dug up creatures who live  
inside the ground

My hands have planted seedlings to grow upon  
the mound

My hands are often wondering what else there  
can be found

What else can we dig up!

#### **Chorus**

Diggin' Diggin' in the Dirt (repeat 3x)

What else can we dig up!

My hands have felt the bottom of the dirty,  
muddy creek,

My hands have dug for hours in the sand upon  
the beach

My hands are always trying hard to go beyond  
my reach

What else can we dig up!

#### **Chorus**

My hands are sore from digging treasures  
buried in the field

My hands were digging very hard to see what  
it would yield

My hands will go and dig again as soon as they  
are healed,

What else can we dig up!

#### **Chorus**

### **For The Beauty Of The Earth**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

For the beauty of the earth,

For the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise

This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour

Of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower,

Sun and moon and stars of light:

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## STUNTS AND APPLAUSES

### APPLAUSES & CHEERS

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

#### Take a Hike Applause:

(Leader says each item, audience says "Check!")

Water	Check!
Snack	Check!
Map	Check!
Hat	Check!
Jacket	Check!
<b>ALL:</b>	Let's Take a Hike!

#### Big Thumb:

Hold out a hand at arms length, make a fist with the thumb up. Variation: Add, "GREAT JOB!!"

#### Gee:

Cup your hand around the mouth and yell: "GEE, YOU DID A GREAT JOB, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!" **Variation #1:** Insert the person's name after gee. **Variation #2:** Insert the person's name as in variation one but also substitute a different phrase honoring the person.

#### Great Job #1:

Have one half of the audience say, "Great" and the other half say, "Going." Alternate sides, keep going faster.

#### Great Job #2:

Group stands and cheers, "Great job! Great JOB! GREAT JOB!" Getting louder each time.

#### George Washington Cheer:

That was great. I cannot tell a lie.

#### Tony the Tiger Cheer:

Shout, "Grrrrrrreat! Thrust fist upward Tony the Tiger style.

#### Seal of Approval #1:

Extend arms straight out from shoulders. Turn hands so the backs of hands face each other and palms face outward. Cross arms at the wrist so palms face each other. Leaving arms crossed, clap hands and bark like a seal (Arf, Arf, Arf)

#### Seal of Approval #2:

Put your thumbs in your armpits. Then move arms up and down like a seal moving its flippers and say "Arf, Arf, Arf" several times.

#### A Really Big Hand:

Make a fist with the thumb extended, put thumb to lips and pretend to blow, open hand and extend fingers gradually with each puff.  
Hold up hand when fully extended.

## APPLAUSES & HOW's

**Class A Clap:** Clap rapidly in the following rhythm:

1-2-3-4, 1-2, 1-2,  
1-2-3-4, 1-2, 1-2,  
1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4...(pause)..**One Big Clap.**

#### Class B Clap:

Like the Class A but you miss on the **One Big Clap.** Make a show of missing.

1-2-3-4, 1-2, 1-2,  
1-2-3-4, 1-2, 1-2,  
1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4...swing arms to clap but miss.

#### Class C Clap:

Just like the class B except that after missing the clap, you come back with your hands and make **one big clap.**

1-2-3-4, 1-2, 1-2,  
1-2-3-4, 1-2, 1-2,  
1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4...swing arms to clap – miss  
Open them up again and this time. **One big clap.**

#### The How Scale

*Baloo's Archives*

*with Thanks to Jamie, a BSA Professional*

#### Background:

We all know that 10 is often used to indicate a perfect score. In 1976, Nadia Comaneci scored the first perfect 10's in gymnastics in Olympic history. Since then they have revised the scale and complicated it. Sometimes we ask someone to rate how we did on a scale of 1 to 10. Or a business in a survey asks for your opinion on a scale of 1 – 10. Well, in Scouting we have the How Scale. On the How Scale, three How's is a perfect score, "HOW HOW HOW."

Now you do not need to award three How's every time. You can do partials –

#### The Cheer

Full How – HOW  
Half of a How – Ugh  
Quarter of a How – Ooh  
Eighth of a How – Aah

**So** - two and seven-eighths HOWs will be –  
HOW-HOW-UGH-OOH-AAH

*Awarding 2 7/8 How's provides inspiration to do it better next year!!*



### **HEAP HOW**

*The 1st cheer I learned in Cub Scouts in 1957.*

#### **CD**

Leader windmills his/her dominant arm as audience builds momentum saying "HEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEP." The audience gradually gets louder as arm continues to windmill. When time is right, Leader stops windmilling and immediately thrusts arm into the air. All Yell **"HOW"**

### **WATERMELON CHEERS**

*San Gabriel Valley-Long Beach Area-Verdugo Hills Councils*

**Watermelon Applause:** Pretend you're holding a watermelon, run it past your mouth while slurping and turning your head from right to left, then turn your head back spitting out seeds.

**Cantaloupe Applause:** Variation of Watermelon (above) cup hands to hold cantaloupe, take one big bite, then spit out only one seed!

**Grape Applause:** Use in conjunction with the Watermelon and Cantaloupe applauds. Hold an imaginary grape between thumb and first finger. Pop grape into mouth with appropriate sound.

**Southern Watermelon** – Say Ya'll after spitting out the pits.

**Fruit Salad** - Pretend you are eating a watermelon, spit out seeds, then a cantaloupe, then a cherry. (*for cherry, put finger in cheek bone and pop out of mouth*)

**Southern Samurai Warrior Watermelon Cheer** –  
*Baloo's Archives*

- Hold watermelon in your hands (Upper arms at your sides, elbows bent hands in front of body, palms up)
- Toss watermelon into the air (Say wiiiish (or something like that))
- Pretend to pull out your sword from the imaginary sheath hanging from your belt.
- With two hands on the hilt of the sword, reach up and slice the watermelon in half above your head (say thooop or similar cutting sound)
- Put palms out again to catch the watermelon (Say Fooommmp or other sound to indicate the catch)
- Do standard watermelon cheer (see above)
- Say Ya'll

### **Faith Cheers**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

#### **Faith Is Applause:**

(This is a repeat after me applause)

The Sun will rise (Audience repeats)

The Seed will grow (Audience Repeats)

The Wind will blow (Audience Repeats)

**I KNOW!** (Audience Repeats Three Times)

**Gardener's Faith:** Each person digs a hole with their "trowel", drops in a seed, covers the hole and then makes the motion of using a watering can. Then everyone puts their hands on their hips and says "It's BOUND to GROW!"

### **RUN-ONS**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

**Have a boy walking across the stage, praying as he goes** - "Dear God, I didn't think orange went very well with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was really extra cool. Eugene."

*Trapper Trails Council*

**Person 1:** I just saw a moth crying.

**Person 2:** That's impossible!

**Person 1:** You mean you never saw a moth bawl?

**Person 1:** Waiter! Waiter! What is this fly doing in my soup?

**Waiter:** It looks like it is doing the back stroke.

**DL:** Why don't you come in Tommy?  
Are your feet dirty?

**Tommy:** Yes, ma'am, but I have my shoes on.

Ask if anyone can walk out of the room with two legs and return with six legs. (Carry in a chair)

*Great Salt Lake Council*

**Cub #1:** Spell "we" using two letters other than W or E.

**Cub #2:** U and I.

**Cub #1:** What can a person wear that is never out of style?

**Cub #2:** A smile.

*Sam Houston Area Council*

Knock-Knock.

Who's there?

Heaven.

Heaven who?

Heaven the time of my life in Cub Scouts!

Knock-Knock.

Who's there?

Uniform.

Uniform who?

Uniform a straight line when we say the pledge!

*Timucua District, North Florida Council*

**Cub #1:** My uncle can shoot faster than any other man in the west. He can even shoot without removing his gun from the holster.

**Cub #2:** What do they call your uncle?

**Cub #1:** Toeless Joe.

**Cub #1:** Mom just bawled me out for eating with my fingers.

**Cub #2:** Well, you should have known better. It isn't very clean.

**Cub #1:** If the food isn't clean enough to pick up with your fingers, it isn't fit to eat.

*Santa Clara County Council*

Scout, holding a can of Crisco shortening, runs up to the front of the meeting and shouts, "I have it, I have it! My leader told me we were studying ancient Greece this month. This is the oldest grease I could find!"

Teacher: Please tell us what your Father does

Johnny: My father's dead.

Teacher: Oh, I'm sorry, Johnny. In that case, what did he do before he died?

Johnny: He went blue and collapsed.

*Baltimore Area Council*

How do you keep a turkey in suspense?

I don't know, how'?

I'll tell you tomorrow!

What are you doing?

Writing a letter to my little brother.

Why are you writing so slowly?

Because my little brother can't read very fast.

**JOKES & RIDDLES**

*Pamela, North Florida Council*

**Cub #1:** What happens when all the ducks in the world begin jumping up and down?

**Cub #2:** Beats me.

**Cub #1:** Earth-quack!

**Things that make you go Hmm:**

*Sam Houston Area Council*

- ♣ Do Stars clean themselves with meteor showers?
- ♣ If athletes get athlete's foot, do astronauts get mistletoe?
- ♣ If outer space is a vacuum, who changes the bags?
- ♣ Why do tourists go to the tops of tall building and then pay money to use telescopes to look at things on the ground?
- ♣ Did you know that all the planets in our solar system rotate counter-clockwise, except Venus? It is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
- ♣ Did you know that it is impossible for most people to lick their own elbow?
- ♣ Did you know that odds are that 75% of you just tried to lick your elbow? (The rest wanted to)

*Santa Clara County Council*

Why does a room full of married people looks so empty?  
*There's not a single person in it.*

*Baltimore Area Council*

What has nothing left but a nose when it loses an eye?  
*Noise!*

How do you make gold soup? *Put in 14 carrots.*  
Why does a. cook always wear a high white hat?  
*To cover his head.*

What is the tallest building in my town?  
*The Library, it has lots of stories.*

What can a person wear that is never out of style?  
*A smile.*

**Thanksgiving Jokes**

*Heart of America Council*

When did the Pilgrims first say, "God bless America?"  
The first time they heard America sneeze!

What's blue and covered with feathers?  
A turkey holding its breath!

How do you turn a pumpkin into another vegetable?  
Throw it into the air and when it comes down its squash.

Why did they let the turkey join the band?  
Because he had the drumsticks

What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?  
Plymouth Rock

If April showers bring May flowers what do May flowers bring?  
Pilgrims!

How did the Mayflower show that it liked America?  
It hugged the shore

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?  
The outside

What do you get when you cross a turkey with a centipede? Lots of drumsticks!

Why did the turkey sit on the tomahawk? To hatchet.

How can you tell if a buffalo is under your bedroll?  
The ceiling of your tent is very close.

Did you know that buffaloes are originally from Italy?  
You mean like in the song, "Oh where is the home for the buffaloes – Rome!"

What do you call a retired tent? A sleepy teepee.

What do you call it when a bunch of dogs talk together?  
A bow wow pow wow.

## SKITS

### Faith Ideas

#### A Gardener's Faith

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

*I numbered the boys, and I made them Tigers – but just adapt to the rank and number of boys you have.*

*If you have real props, that would be great – and some farmer hats or costumes would be great, too.*

*But a good imagination and some real "acting out" – making big motions – can also tell the story – you could even add sound effects! Alice*

**Narrator:** Any farmer can tell you that it takes a lot of Faith to grow things – faith that in spite of sudden storms, wind, hail, drought, and everything else that can come along – you plant those seeds and have FAITH they will turn into bumper crops! So these young Tiger scouts are no different:

**Cub #1:** I've got the packet of seeds to plant.

**Cub #2:** I've got the shovel to turn over the earth.

**Cub #3:** I've got the string to mark the rows.

**Cub #4:** I've got the watering can to water our seeds.

**Parent or Leader:** OK, boys, first we need to turn over the dirt – great job!

*(Boys make a show of digging, wiping their foreheads)*

**All:** Boy this is hard work – I sure am thirsty!

**Parent or Leader:** OK, we'll take a break to get a drink.....(Boys get a drink).....Well, time to get back to work – we have to mark the rows!

**Cub #5:** How do we do this?

**Cub #6:** Find some sticks – we have to have one at each end of the rows.

**Cub #7:** Be sure it's straight. Make a hole for each seed.

*(Everyone makes a show of poking a finger in the ground, then dropping a seed in and covering it with dirt)*

**Cub #4:** OK – time to water our seeds. (He makes a show of walking along and watering.

**Parent or Leader:** Great job, boys – now all we need is sun, and regular watering, and weeding – and we'll soon have all kinds of great food!

**Cub #1:** Hey talking about food – all this work made me hungry – let's get a snack.

*(Everyone begins to walk off, but one Cub says to another)*

**Cub #3:** Just think - by next week, we can have some carrots to munch on!

**Parent or Leader:** (Rolling eyes and looking toward audience) Now, that's FAITH for you!

*You could use the same kind of idea, but make the skit about catching a fish, or making a cake. Alice*

#### Cookies of Faith Skit

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Use the scriptures in Cub Grub, and take turns "adding" ingredients after finding out what they are by finding the scripture. Start out by reading from a REALLY large recipe book (great place to hide the script). Follow every step, including turning on the oven. You could really ham it up, with paper chef hats an extra large bowl and spoon to stir with. Pretend to put your cookies on a large cookie sheet, then into an "oven" (cardboard box). Set the timer, then have someone make the sound of it ringing. Then make a great show of taking the cookies out of the oven, using the spatula to take them off the cookie sheet, waiting for them to cool, then taking a big bite and saying – YUMMMM!

*If you want some real applause, finish up by giving everyone in the audience a cookie that you made earlier!*

### Fun Ideas

#### Do a Good Turn Skit

**Cub # 1:** (comes on stage turning around)

**Cub # 2:** (comes on stage doing forward rolls)

**Cub # 3:** (comes on stage rolling over and over)

**Cub # 4:** (comes on stage doing cartwheels)

**Cub # 5:** "What are you guys doing?"

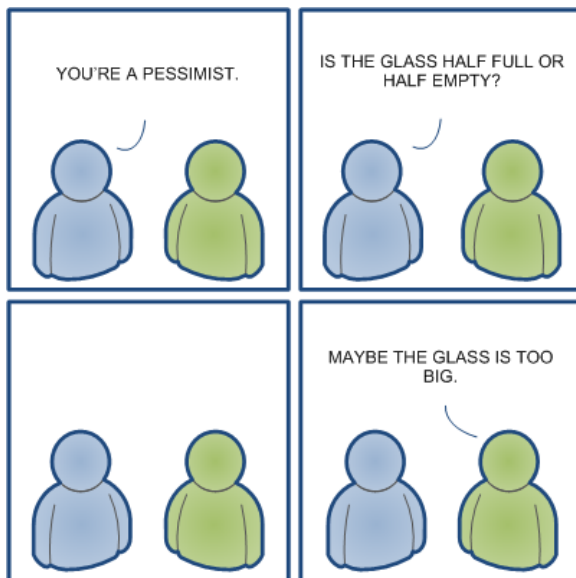
**Cub 1-4** "Don't you know a good turn when you see one?"



### **Why Are Fire Engines Red?**

*Pamela, North Florida Council*

- Cast:** 7 Cub Scouts each with a picture of a fire engine to hold. (or rearrange the lines to fit the number of Cubs in your den) Put their lines on the back in LARGE Font.
- Cub # 1:** Why are fire engines red? Well, fire engines have four wheels and carry three fire fighters.
- Cub # 2:** And four times three are twelve. There are twelve inches in a ruler.
- Cub # 3:** Now Queen Mary was a ruler.
- Cub # 4:** Queen Mary was also a ship. Ships sail on the sea.
- Cub # 5:** Fish swim in the sea. Fish have fins.
- Cub # 6:** The Finns fought the Russians. The Russians were red.
- Cub # 7:** Fire engines are always rushin'. And that's why fire engines are red!



***Remember this cartoon when you get to  
"One Last Thing"***

## **CLOSING CEREMONIES**

### **Do More Closing**

*Pamela, North Florida Council*

**Personnel:** Cubmaster (CM), Den Chief (DC or Asst CM, Den Leader or another Cub Scout), 9 Cub Scouts

**Set Up:** Each Cub Scout should have card with his words on the back in LARGE font and an appropriate picture (That he drew!! would be good) on the front

**CM:** We have learned some important lessons about faith and being thankful. I challenge you all to "Do Your Best" and remember to tell those around you Thank you.

**DC:** Take a moment to think about how we can live up to the words of Bill Elliot...

**Cub #1:** Do more than belong...participate

**Cub #2:** Do more than believe...practice

**Cub #3:** Do more than be fair...be kind

**Cub #4:** Do more than forgive...forget

**Cub #5:** Do more than dream...work

**Cub #6:** Do more than teach...inspire

**Cub #7:** Do more than live...grow

**Cub #8:** Do more than be friendly...be a friend

**Cub #9:** Do more than give...serve

### **Closing – Den Candle**

Boys are seated in a semicircle around the den ceremonial board. Den Leader (DL) begins by reminding the boys that we use a candle to symbolize Akela, the good leader. She then lights a candle.

**DL:** Boys of Den \_\_\_\_, this light means we will follow a good leader. It even means that we will do the right things when our leader isn't present because if we don't, our leader will lose faith in us. We will lose faith in ourselves, too, because we will not be doing our best. What is our Motto?

**CUBS:** Do Your Best!

**DL:** Let the memory of this flame stay in our mind to remind us to do our best. (blow our candle).

**Baden-Powell Closing**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

**Cubmaster:** As we prepare to close this meeting, I'd like to quote something Baden-Powell had to say about religion and faith.

"Religion, briefly explained, means: First: know who God is; Second: use to the best the life He gave us, and do what He expects from us. This means mostly doing something for the others."

**Cub #1:** In our families we should spend time learning to know who God is.

**Cub #2:** And in Scouting, we need to "Do Our Best" with what God gave each of us.

**Cub #3:** We need to spend more of our time doing something for others.

**Cub #4:** Our flag is a symbol of men and women who have sacrificed for others – and some who have given their lives.

**Cub #5:** There's a special way to say "Thank you" whenever we see someone from the military – just put your hand by your heart and then bring it down in front of you, like this – (*Cub demonstrates*)



**Cub #6:** Will the audience please rise....(Go into the flag retrieval ceremony)

*Note: This could also be used as an Opening Ceremony with just a change of wording at the beginning, and changing to the flag posting ceremony. Alice*

**Great Master We Give Thanks**

Boys in an inner circle, hands across chest. Adults in an outer circle behind the boys, hands across chest.

**1st Den:** For all the food that the Great Master provides for us we give thanks.

**2nd Den:** For all the beauty that the Great Master surrounds us, we give thanks.

**3rd Den:** For all of our parents and leaders who guide us, Great Master, we give thanks.

**Cubmaster and Adults Together:** (extend arms)  
And now Great Master guide us in love and friendship until we meet again.

**Beatitudes for Cubs**

*Commissioner Dave*

**Materials:** Make sure everyone has a copy of the Closing. Explain the leader will say the first part and the audience will respond.

**Leader:** Blessed are the Scouts, who are taught to see beauty in all things around them,

**Scouts:** For their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

**Leader:** Blessed are the Scouts, who are led with patience understanding,

**Scouts:** For they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

**Leader:** Blessed are the Scouts, who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communication,

**Scouts:** For they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

**Leader:** Blessed are the Scouts, who are taught the value and power of truth,

**Scouts:** **For they search for knowledge and use it with** wisdom and discernment.

**Leader:** Blessed are the Scouts, who are loved and know that they are loved,

**Scouts:** For they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.

**All** Amen

**I Made a Promise**

Five boys and a Den Leader (DL) are needed for this ceremony. Each should have his part printed on a small card he can conceal in his hand or have the part memorized.

**Cub # 1:** I made a promise... I said that whatever I did I would do the best I could.

**Cub # 2:** I made a promise...to serve my God and my country the best I could.

**Cub # 3:** I made a promise...to help other people the best I could.

**Cub # 4:** I made a promise.. .to obey the Law of the Pack the best I could.

**Cub # 5:** I have done my best, and I will do my best because I am the best... I am a Cub Scout.

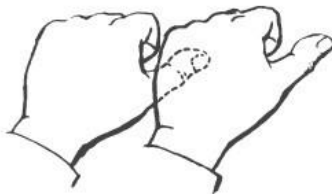
**DL:** Will everyone now join us in repeating the Cub Scout Promise.

**The Living Circle Closing***Southern NJ Council*

*Note from Commissioner Dave – I remember learning this ceremony at my first Den Meeting at Mrs. Kneale's house in September 1957. We still teach it today to our dens.*

Based on an Indian custom, the living circle may be used alone or as a part of another ceremony. It reminds a Cub Scout of the fine friendships he is making in Cub Scouting.

Form the Living Circle by standing with your Den Leader and den in a close circle, facing inward. Ask everyone to turn slightly to the right in the circle and extend his left hand into the center, palm downward and left thumb pointing to the right. Have each boy grasp the extended thumb of the person on this left, thus making a living circle.



Left-hand thumb grip

Each person should hold his right hand high above his head in the Cub Scout sign. The Cub Scout Promise or Law of the Pack may then be said as part of the closing ceremony.

After the Promise or Law, everyone can pump the left hands up and down, say "Ah-KAY-la, we'll do our best!" or "We'll be Loyal Scouts" (As you see sports teams break a huddle)



Living Circle

**Forces in our World***Sam Houston Area Council*

**Scene – 7 Scouts.** You will need pictures of the sun, moon, morning star, and the four winds. On the back of each picture, write what the Scout is to say.

**Scene – Scouts line up on the stage with their posters.** On cue, each Scout holds up his poster and reads his line.

**Cub #1:** Morning Star, wake us full of energy to do our best at our day's adventures.

**Cub #2:** Sun, light our path,  
so that we can see to do what is right.

**Cub #3:** South wind, blow gently upon our playtime and help us to be kind.

**Cub #4:** North wind, blow your strength into us so we can make the right choices.

**Cub #5:** East wind, fill us with a desire to help other people.

**Cub #6:** West wind; blow upon us a steady wind so that we can be fair.

**Cub #7:** Moon, as you fill our nighttime with light, guard us well as we sleep.

**My Backyard***Capital Area Council*

**Cub # 1:** My backyard is a wondrous place  
I can stake a claim for a thinking space.

**Cub # 2:** I can pitch a tent and sleep in the rain,  
Or listen to the whistle of a far away train.

**Cub # 3:** I can throw a ball to Mother of Dad,  
Or just be alone when I get mad.

**Cub # 4:** I can plant a garden or climb a tree,  
Or get my dog, Ralph, to chase after me.

**Cub # 5:** Sometimes we even have den meetings there,  
I've finished my Wolf and started my Bear!

**Cub # 6:** Yeah, the backyard's the place where I run,  
When I really want to have some fun.

**Family Campfire (Closing)***Catalina Council*

Cubmaster:

We've had a lot of fun today,  
With families, together in fun and play.  
And now before we each go our way,  
Let's have each family take part in  
Our closing for the day.

(He then instructs all the families to stand in a family Brotherhood Circle with hands on each other's shoulders as all in unison say:

*As a family, we pledge to do our best!*

**Family Vesper Closing**

Tune: Oh, Tannenbaum (Oh, Christmas Tree)

*(A good singer or a group could be recorded ahead of time singing one of the following which could be played while families stand in their Brotherhood circles making a very impressive closing. Or have a good singer practice the vesper ahead of time and sing it then.)*

Quietly we join as one,  
Thanking God for family fun.  
May we now go on our way,  
Thankful for another day.  
May we always love and share,  
Living in peace beyond compare.  
As a family may we find,  
Friendships true with all mankind.

Quietly we now will part,  
Pledging ever in our heart.  
To strive to do our best each day,  
As we travel down life's way.  
Happiness we'll try to give,  
Trying a better life to live.  
Till all the world be joined in love,  
Living in peace, under skies above.  
As I travel down life's way,  
May I do some good each day.  
May I ever thankful be,  
For the blessing given me.  
May I join my fellow man,  
Doing for others, what I can.  
So a better world we all will see,  
Living together in harmony.

**Outside**

*Sam Houston Area Council*

**Setting** – 7 Cub Scouts, or 6 Cub Scouts and Cubmaster, use the O-U-T-S-I-D-E letters from the opening. *(Remember to change the words on the back)*

**Scene** – Cub Scouts in a line

- Cub #1:** O - Our campfire is ending, and we wanted you to know that  
**Cub #2:** U - Up above us are millions upon millions of stars. They look awfully  
**Cub #3:** T - Tiny from where we stand, but in reality, they are  
**Cub #4:** S - Super sized balls of fire that provide light for us.  
**Cub #5:** I - Inside our tents, we'll still be able to see the starlight shining  
**Cub #6:** D - Down upon us, helping us to remember all the fun and  
**Cub #7:** E - Exciting times we had today during our campout.

**God Gives Us the World**

*Capital Area Council*

- CM:** The founder of Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell, once said, "God has given us a world to live in that is full of beauties and wonders. He has given us not only eyes to see them but minds to understand them, if we only have the sense to look at them in that light." With summer over and Autumn here, these will be our last months for lots of time in and enjoying the great outdoors. Let us always remember that Scouts live up to the Outdoor Code:
- ALL:** As an American, I will do my best to:
- Cub # 1:** Be clean in my outdoor manners. I will treat the outdoors as a heritage to be improved for our greater enjoyment. I will keep my trash and garbage out of America's waterways, fields, woods, and roadways.
- Cub # 2:** Be careful with fire. I will build my fire in a safe place and be sure it is dead out before I leave.
- Cub # 3:** Be considerate in the outdoors. I will treat public and private property with respect. I will remember that use of the outdoors is a privilege I can lose by abuse.
- Cub # 4:** Be conservation-minded. I will learn to practice good conservation of soil, water, forests, minerals, grasslands, and wildlife. And I will urge others to do the same. I will use sportsman-like methods in all my outdoor activities.

**Open Up!**

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- Cub #1:** Wake up! Have a beautiful day.  
**Cub #2:** Light up! Put on a smile.  
**Cub #3:** Lift up! Fill with high spirit.  
**Cub #4:** Turn up! Come to every den and pack meeting.  
**Cub #5:** Stand up! Stand for what you believe in.  
**Cub #6:** Toughen up! Get strong in mind and body.  
**Cub #7:** Polish up! Improve your manners.  
**Cub #8:** Look up! Turn your eyes skyward.  
**Cub #9:** Open up! Trust in God with all your heart.



## **CUBMASTER'S MINUTES**

### **North Star**

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We all enjoy gazing at the stars in the sky. Stars are especially beautiful when you are away from the city lights. Among all those stars, there is a special one. That's the North Star. It is special because while the positions of other stars change throughout the night, the North Star remains constant. Since ancient times, the star has been used for navigation and has guided people on their journeys on land and sea. Just like your faith. Your faith guides you on your journey throughout your life.

### **Baden-Powell on Faith**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Baden-Powell was totally unembarrassed about the role of faith in character-building. At the heart of the Scouting and Guiding promises was their 'duty to God'. When dealing with conflicts in the Scouting movement, B.P. recommended that people "...ask themselves the simple question, 'What would Christ have done under the circumstances?' and be guided accordingly." Baden-Powell saw a danger in Scouting that the recreational might overwhelm the spiritual side. So he wrote them... "Don't let the technical outweigh the moral. Field efficiency, backwoodsmanship, camping, hiking, good turns, Jamboree comradeships are all means, not the end. The end is CHARACTER --character with a purpose...the active service of Love and Duty to God and neighbour."

### **The Rabbi & The Soap Maker**

*San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils*

A Rabbi and a soap maker were walking along and the soap maker questioned the Rabbi by asking, "What good is religion? There's been religion for a long time, but people are still bad to each other." The Rabbi was silent until they saw a boy who was dirty from playing in the street. The Rabbi asked the soap maker, "What good is soap? We've had soap for many, many years and people still get dirty." The soap maker protested the comparison and insisted that the soap had to be used in order to keep people clean. "Exactly my point," said the Rabbi. "Religion," he said, "has to be applied in order to do anybody any good."

### **Helping Others**

*Pamela, North Florida Council*

A friend of mine once told me of being on a long business trip. His car broke down in the middle of nowhere and he was going to be late for a very important meeting.

Just then a farmer came around the corner on a hay wagon, and pulled over to see what was wrong. The farmer and his son often fixed their own machinery and they were quickly able to get my friend's car running again.

My friend offered to pay the farmer and his son for their help, but they refused. He insisted that they must take something because they had saved him so much by letting him get to his meeting on time. The farmer replied that he and his son now had something far more valuable than the businessman could give them. They had helped someone when they did not have to. That gave them a warm feeling about themselves. If they took the money for an act of kindness, then it would simply be a job, and take the feeling of goodwill away.

Keep your feelings of goodwill by helping others. It will be the most valuable reward you will ever receive.

### **Gold Medal Faith**

*Wendy, Chief Seattle Council*

For months, Eric Liddell trained with his heart set on winning the 100 meter race at the Olympics of 1924. Many sportswriters predicted he would win. At the games, however, Liddell learned that the 100 meter race was scheduled to be run on a Sunday. This posed a major problem for him, because Liddell did not believe he could honor God by running on the Lord's Day. He bowed out of the race and his fans were stunned. Some who had praised him in the past now called him a fool. He came under intense pressure to change his mind, but Liddell stood firm.

Then a runner dropped out of the 400 meter race, which was scheduled on a week day, and Liddell offered to fill the slot. This was not really "his race" – the distance was four times as long as the race for which he had trained diligently. Even so, Liddell crossed the tape as victor and set a record of 47.6 seconds in the process. He had earned an Olympic gold medal...and made an uncompromising stand for his faith.

Liddell went on to become a missionary in China, where he died in a war camp in 1945. He lives in history as a man known more for his inner mettle than for his gold medal.-- From "God's Little Devotional Book for Men," p. 159.

**Do Your Best***Santa Clara County Council*

All over the world, Cub Scouts promise to do their best. Let's stop for a minute and carefully consider those words. "Best" describes effort and action above our usual performance. "You" are the only person who can possibly know whether or not you have done your best. Every time you repeat the Scout Oath and the Cub Scout Motto, YOU agree to do your best to do certain things. "Your Best" is just that--the very best. Think about the meaning of the Scout Oath and decide that you will always do your very best, no matter what the job facing you might be. Now please stand, make a Cub Scout sign and repeat the Scout Oath with me.

**Believing Without Seeing.***2011-2012 CS RT Planning Guide*

We all have heard the expression 'Seeing is believing.' Faith is believing in your God without seeing, without having to have the proof. The same things can be said about boys. We should not have to require proof that the boys are capable of things. We just need to believe in them. We just love them and guide them. As in faith, sometimes this is not easy, but just as in faith, we should strive. We can also say about faith that some things need to be believed in order to be seen. Again we can say the same thing about boys. We can be awfully blind to what is obvious. We have to believe in the abilities and qualities of the boys in order to see them. Believing without seeing—that is what a Cub Scout leader should do."

**Thoughts for Life***National Capital Area Council*

- ★ Do your best in everything you do on life's way
- ★ Always be friendly to brighten another's day
- ★ Give away your smiles for it is rewarding indeed
- ★ Be prepared to help others, for goodness  
- not for greed
- ★ Be honest and sincere toward others that you meet
- ★ Be loyal and true - a most commendable feat
- ★ Count your blessings and be thankful for the opportunities that come to you

Good night to each and every one, may these thoughts stay with you your whole life through.

**Setting the Example***National Capital Area Council***For Parents:**

A boy does what he knows. He is what he does, and what he is going to be, he is becoming.

**For Scouts:**

Life never stands still. If you do not advance, it will leave you behind. In Cub Scouting, you have many opportunities to learn and to advance as you work on Core and Elective Adventure. Do them well so that you will be proud of the badge you wear as a symbol of your keeping up with life, not as a symbol of an accomplishment left behind. And so that you will be setting the example for others as to how to earn your badges.

**Helpful to Others***National Capital Area Council*

Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting said this to Scouts everywhere:

"I think that when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven, but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size, some are big, some are little, and some men have done small deeds, but they have made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven. Try and make your hole in the blanket by good work while you are on earth. It is something to be good, but it is far better to do good."

Think of Baden-Powell's words when you promise "to help other people". Good Night and thank you for celebrating Cub Scouting.

**No One Can Pass Through Life***Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Robert Baden-Powell knew that "No one can pass through life, any more than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way." Let's each make sure that OUR tracks lead other in the right pathway – towards being a good citizen!



**Scout Uniform's Reputation****Indian Nations Council**

To end this evening, I'd like to tell you a story.

A crowded bus stopped to pick up a bent old woman. With great difficulty she struggled up the steps with a large basket of freshly washed laundry. "You'll have to put your basket in the rear of the bus," said the driver impatiently.

"But I can't. They belong to me," the woman replied. The driver was firm. "You and that basket are in the way. Either stow it or get off." The old lady was almost in tears when a young man arose. "You sit here, Ma'am," he offered. "I'll take your basket to the back and watch it until your stop." The woman was doubtful, but the driver was about to put her off. A second lady sitting nearby, said to the old woman, "That boy's all right. Can't you see his uniform? I'll vouch for him."

The woman was soon seated, and the basket of clothes carried to the rear. At her stop, the boy gently set the basket down by her, then returned to the bus and continued on his way.

"Who's the kid?" asked the driver of the second woman. "I don't know the kid," came the reply, "but I know the Boy Scout uniform, and you can trust it every time."

**A Scout is Reverent.**

<https://scoutmastercg.com/a-scout-is-reverent-scoutmaster-minute/>

***A Scout is reverent. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.***

Scouting's founders recognized spirituality as an central element of the movement. As scouting expanded throughout the world so did the way Scouting defined duty to God. Scouting would fail in its mission if it was limited to the adherents of a certain brand of religious thought. If a world brotherhood is to survive it must be based on a mutual respect for differing concepts of God.

Reverence in America has deep roots as does the concepts of political and religious freedom. A continuous, lively and often strident debate of these freedoms has been a part of our national conversation since its founding. Mutual respect for differences is one point on which almost all of us accept though we will argue as to what and who is due what degree of respect.

Tibetan Buddhist master Atisha tells us that, "All dharma (teaching, thinking, belief) agrees at one point." I take this to understand that there is a thread of common humanity that inspires reverence that brings forward the best and highest in us. When we take the hand of a fellow Scout we transcend the constructs culture, background, and religion to something much deeper and broader; that elemental, indefinable common point where we stand as brothers.

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<https://johnscout.wordpress.com/2010/10/17/sm-minute%E2%80%94a-scout-is-reverent/>

***A Scout is reverent. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.***

Sometimes we overlook the 12th and final point of the Scout Law. How a Scout is reverent is between him, his family and his relationship with God. My relationship with God is different than yours. Some of us attend church every week. Some of us celebrate God's grace in the great outdoors. What is important is that every Scout is reverent towards God, in his own way.

When we go camping, we have a Scout's Own service like we did at last weekend's Camporee. This is not meant to replace your church duties. It simply recognizes that a Scout is reverent and shares our different religious traditions.

A Scout is reverent, yet we also respect the many different ways each of us is reverent all around the world.

**Do You Know?****Declaration of Religious Principle.**

The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no person can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God and, therefore, acknowledges the religious element in the development of youth members. However, the BSA is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious development. Its policy is that the organization or institution with which youth members are connected shall give definite attention to their religious life. Only adults willing to subscribe to this declaration of principle and the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America shall be entitled to certificates of leadership.

## **GAMES**

### **Key to the City Game**

*A fun way to teach being Thankful*

*Pamela, North Florida Council*

Have two large keys cut out from cardboard.

Divide Cub Scouts into two teams. Divide each team into two groups. Two parts of a team face each other across the room or a playing field (allow some distance to run).

Give the first boy in one line of team one of the large keys.

On signal, each boy with a key runs to the first boy in his team's opposite line and presents the 'Key to the City,' to that boy.

Then the boy who now has the key runs back to the other line and presents the 'Key to the City,' to first boy in that line.

The last boy in the one line will present the 'Key to the City' back to the boy who ran first.

First team to have presented the 'Key to the City' to each team member is the winner.

Present that team with the 'Key to the City' and an appropriate applause.

### **Minefield**

**– a classic Baden-Powell Game!**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Objects are scattered in an indoor or outdoor place. In pairs, one person verbally guides his partner, a blindfolded person, through the minefield. Really have to have faith in your partner!

### **Unravel the Knot Game**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

In a circle, people put their arms in and hold someone else's hand, then try to unravel the knot without letting go of hands. Remind the boys that when you have Faith in Something or Someone, you don't want to let go!

### **Search and Rescue**

*Pamela, North Florida Council*

Divide the den into two teams. One member of each team sits on an old throw rug or folded paper grocery bag about 15 feet from his team.

Each of his teammates has a piece of rope (the total of which should be 15 feet plus room for knots).

On signal, the players tie their ropes together with square knots to form a rescue rope. When all ropes are tied, one player throws the rescue rope to the player on the rug and the team pulls him to safety.

The first team to complete the rescue is the winner, provided that all square knots are tied correctly.

## **Faith Games**

### **Faith Based Four Corners**

*A Baloo Original*

- ✓ Label each of the four corners of the hall with an icon from a different faith (e.g. Christianity - cross, Judaism - Star of David, Hinduism- Om and Islam- Crescent.)
- ✓ Have a stack of cards, each with a word or saying related to one of the four faiths you posted in the corners.
- ✓ Take the top card and call out the fact written on it.
- ✓ Tell the Scouts to go to the corner with the emblem of the faith to which the fact relates.
- ✓ The Scouts then run to the corner of the room they think is correct.

After writing your cards, you may wish to review some things before beginning the game to make sure everyone has a fair chance at the game

### **Alternate #1 -**

Play like regular Four Corners. Just using the four symbols.

### **Other Alternate Ideas for cards - Such as:**

- Religious Leaders - Brahmins (Hindu), Imams (Islam), Rabbis (Jewish), Pastors, Priests, vicars (Christianity)
- Clothing - Kacch, white shorts (Sikhs), Yarmulkes, a little cap that covers the crown of the head, as a mark of respect for God (Jewish).
- Festivals - Pesach or Passover, a festival held in March or April (Jewish), Pentecost (Christian), Ramadan (Islam), Eid Al-Adha (Muslim)
- Places of Worship - Mosques (Muslims), Temples (Jewish), Churches (Christian)
- Important Cities - Jerusalem (Jewish, Christian, Islam, Muslim). Mecca (Islam), Rome (Catholic)

## **Giving Thanks Games**

### **Give Thanks with M & M's**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*



This is lots of fun and has a great ending! Boys are told to take 10 M&M's. They can't eat them till they are told. Now, go around and ask each person to tell something about themselves for each M&M.

Or have each boy tell something he is thankful for each time. When they've finished, everyone gets to eat their M&M's. *If you use the new Pretzel M&M's, you can bring in the story of how pretzels came to be ~and the idea that a Cub Scout Gives Thanks!*



**Four Square Giving Thanks Game***Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Very simple – play a game of Four Square, but each boy must name something he is thankful for as he bounces the ball – to make it a challenge, don't allow repetition!

**Toilet Paper Game with a Twist***Alice, Golden Empire Council*

This is another classic scout game. **Best for Bears or Webelos.** Get a roll of toilet paper and explain to your group that they are going camping and need to take as much toilet paper as they think they may need for a three day trip. Once everyone has an ample supply, explain to the group that for every square in their possession, they must share something about themselves. **But if you want to keep with the theme of Cubs Give Thanks, instead challenge each boy to come up with one thing he is thankful for – one for each square!**

**Beach Ball Beginnings***Alice, Golden Empire Council*

It's human nature to trust people you know more about – here's a fun way to learn about others.

**Equipment:** A blow-up beach ball on which you have previously written some questions or categories with a permanent marker.

**Directions:** Form a semi-circle or circle, depending on the size of the group. Ball is thrown randomly to everyone in the group. The person who catches it has to answer the question touching their left thumb. They also have to say their name. - This is a good activity to learn names and get to know new people, boys or adults. And once you make the ball, you can use it for a long time. Just to get you started, here are some suggested questions:

1. What's your favorite color?
2. What do you like most about school?
3. What is your favorite thing to do?
4. Do you have a favorite sport?
5. What is your favorite movie or TV show?
6. How many people in your family?
7. Do you have any pets?

**True Blue Game***A game about Faith and Trust.**Alice, Golden Empire Council*

**Materials:** Cards with various situations on them; Red and Blue Poker-type chips, or a piece of paper and pencil to keep score.

**Optional:** Cut out some blue circles, or use colored adhesive dots and give each person a piece of paper to put their dots on and keep their own score.

**Directions:** Explain the game. Each person is trying to get as many points as possible. Points are earned according to what it says on the cards. Each card has a

different situation where a choice would have to be made about the right thing to do.

If the card says you made the right choice, you earn blue dots (or chips). If you are using red and blue chips, you also give red chips for wrong choices and blue ones for right choices, as indicated on the card.

If you have only adhesive dots, give them out when a right choice is made – if a wrong choice is made, either take back the dots or cross them out with a marker.

The cards can be drawn from a stack, or taped to the wall and chosen by each boy in turn. The consequence, good or bad, is listed on the card.

***Before you begin, give each boy a "free" blue dot, or chip or point – explain that when you meet someone for the first time, they will GIVE you trust – but then you have to EARN their trust from then on. And you can lose that trust if you don't tell the truth or do something that makes it hard for them to trust you.***

***True Blue is like that too – you will GIVE a little trust, and they must EARN the rest.***

Below are some sample cards:

Your Dad says he will give you a dollar to get some candy. But he gives you \$2 by mistake, and you spend it all!  <b><i>Lose 2 points or get 2 red dots.</i></b>	Your Dad says he will give you a dollar to get some candy. But he gives you \$2 by mistake, and you spend it all!  <b><i>Earn 2 blue chips, dots Or points</i></b>
The referee doesn't see a foul you made. You admit it and take the consequence.  <b><i>Earn 3 blue chips, dots or points</i></b>	You have to finish your homework before play – You say you're done so you can play – you'll finish later.  <b><i>Lose 2 points or get 3 red dots</i></b>
Your friend asks you to tell him the right answer on a test. You write it down and pass it to him.  <b><i>Lose 3 points</i></b>	Everyone is making fun of a new boy who wears a headpiece. You choose him for your team.  <b><i>Earn 3 points</i></b>

The Den Leader asks if you did the assigned homework. You admit you only did part of it.  <i>Earn 2 points</i>	The Den Leader asks if you were there the day they did an arrow point activity – you lie and say yes.  <i>Lose 3 points</i>
Your Mom gives you credit for raking the leaves –but your brother did the job. You take the cookies she offers as reward.  <i>Lose 2 points</i>	Your Mom gives you credit for raking the leaves –but your brother actually did it. You take the cookies she offers as reward.  <i>Earn 3 points</i>
You already had your treat; your leader gives you another and you take it – no one saw you eat it.  <i>Lose 2 points.</i>	There's a bowl of M&M's on the table for a den game – you grab some when no one is looking.  <i>Lose 2 points</i>
A new boy joins the den – he stutters, so you don't want to be his buddy.  <i>Lose 3 points</i>	A new boy who is really shy joins the den – you volunteer to be his buddy and help him earn Bobcat.  <i>Earn 4 points</i>

For this game to be most effective, talk about the ideas and responses after you play the game. Ask how boys would feel if they were in that situation. What would they do? Say?

In the game, each boy drew a card to earn or lost trust – what happens in real life?

What happens when people learn they can trust you? What if they can't always trust you or count on you?

Which card situation would be hardest? Why? How does this relate to real life? What is one thing you are going to do today to help other people trust you?

#### **Skit Idea:**

You could use any of the scenarios above and have the boys act them out. You could ask the audience to vote on what the boy should do and toss out confetti or even small candies when they make the right choice.

## **Other Games**

### **Darth Vader and the Jedi Knight**

*Pamela, North Florida Council*

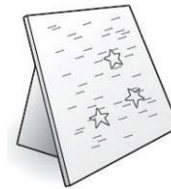
Divide the players into two groups. Choose one player from each group. One is Darth Vader and the other the Jedi Knight.

The rest of the boys form a “force shield” by holding hands and position themselves around either Darth Vader or Jedi Knight depending on which group they were assigned.

Darth Vader must try to reach through the Knight's protective force shield and tag the Jedi Knight, while at the same time the Knight is trying to tag Darth Vader. When one is tagged, choose new Darth Vader and Jedi Knight.

### **Make a Constellation**

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#### **Materials:**

2-by-2-foot board,  
wire (14-gauge electrical wire,  
16-gauge flower

#### **Preparation:**

- Hammer large nails randomly on a 2-by-2-foot board.
- Make five to seven stars from wire and tape their ends together securely.
- Lean the board against a chair.
- Players take turns tossing wire stars.
- When all stars are on the board forming an original “constellation,” boys can name it and make up stories.
- Vary the distance according to the age and ability of the boys.

#### **All Aboard Game**

- *Alice, Golden Empire Council*
- This classic “Trust Your Team” game involves having a space that gets smaller – but the group has to find a way to keep everyone “aboard.” You can use a space marked off with chalk or a line in the dirt, or pieces of newspaper or butcher paper that gradually get removed till there is only a small piece. Encourage the boys to figure out a way to keep everyone on – joining hands, holding hands behind backs, standing on one leg only.

## PACK ACTIVITIES

### SLIDES OF THE MONTH

#### God and Me Shield

Messenger of Peace (Dove)

Recycling Slides (Earth Day)

Betsy O, Northwest Texas Council



These three slides were all made of fun foam. It is so easy to work with that I use it a lot. You can use cardboard from cereal boxes and markers as an inexpensive alternative. There is a great Tree slide in January's Baloo's Bugle for Arbor Day! B



#### Materials-

- Fun foam, 2 ½ x 2 ½ inches
- Scraps of fun foam for embellishments
- ½ inch slice of ¾ inch PVC pipe
- Clip art of what you are making or some other thing (the God and Me medal) to look at
- Tiny blue seed bead and a bit of green pipe cleaner for the dove

#### Tools-

- Tacky glue
- Black and Gold Sharpie Markers
- Scissors with a fine point
- Pencil
- Loaded glue gun

#### Instructions-

- 1. Trace clip art shape onto fun foam, cut out.
- 2. Using clip art or medal as an example cut out scraps of fun foam to match the model.
- 3. Decorate as necessary.
- 4. Glue PVC ring to back of the shield. Don't forget to add your name & date on back!

#### Make a Pretzel of Faith Tie Slide

Alice, Golden Empire Council



- 1. Giving Thanks through Prayer is an important part of faith – and here's an interesting way to "wear" your faith on your neckerchief – make a pretzel tie slide!
- 2. Really simple – just mount a "perfect" pretzel on a piece of fun foam, or cardboard, or heavy duty paper. Background can be any color. Add a backing. But be prepared to explain what the pretzel really means. Here's the story:
- 3. A few weeks before Christmas in 610 AD, Brother Bachman was kneading bread dough while he watched the village children play in the snow. "Too bad they aren't as interested in their prayers," he thought to himself.
- 4. "If only there was some way to get them back to saying their prayers and coming to church," he said to himself. As he was finishing up the last loaves of bread, Brother Bachman was suddenly struck with a most original idea. He thoughtfully gathered up the leftover dough and began to form pencil-like strips, which he then twisted into a shape that looked like a child's arms folded in prayer. "Ah! A Pretiola!" he declared, which in Latin meant little reward.
- 5. He opened the bakery window and called out to the children. "Come in, come in say your prayers, and I will give you a Pretiola!" It didn't take much convincing. Soon each child had learned a prayer and proudly received a "little reward." Rushing home, the children excitedly told their parents. Word of Brother Bachman's idea soon spread through the village, and children and parents alike visited the chapel to receive a Pretiola.
- 6. The Christmas Prayer Service that year was especially festive and bright. The church was filled with families once again. And as the cheerful voices rose in prayer and song together, Brother Bachman smiled joyfully and thanked the Lord for little rewards.
- 7. The Pretiola soon found its way into Germany and Austria. It became a symbol of excellence used to reward worthy accomplishments as the church and youth programs flourished.
- 8. Through the centuries, Pretiola became known as "Pretzel" as we know it today. If you make a Pretzel Tie Slide, you can tell the story, too!

**Thankful to be an American Slide**

*Pack 73 Iowa Park, TX*



**Materials-**

United State shaped wood cut out  
Plaster of Paris Texas (I think they used an ice cube tray!)  
2 small tooth pick flags (I have found these at the card and party shops)  
1 large Silver Star sequin  
Red, white and blue paints  
PVC ring or pipe cleaner

**Tools-**

Paintbrush  
Tacky glue

**Instructions-**

*This was given to me so I am making up the directions based on what it looks like!*

- ✦ Paint the United States blue and the state piece a contrasting color. My Texas is painted like the state flag.
- ✦ Cross the “flag poles” and glue the toothpick flags to the center of the United States.
- ✦ Glue the painted Plaster of Paris state on top of the flags. Add the sequin star.
- ✦ Glue the PVC ring to the middle of the back of the United States. Add the date and your name.

**Thank You Slide**

*Betsy O, Northwest Texas Council*



**Materials-**

Thank you candy mold (Look for these in the big craft stores)  
Plaster of Paris (Home improvement stores are cheaper than the craft stores)  
1/2 of a chenille stem or a PVC ring  
Gold paint  
Water

**Tools-**

Small disposable paper cup  
Popsicle stick or plastic spoon  
Paintbrush

**Instructions-**

- ✦ Make Plaster of Paris following directions. It should be the consistency of thin pancake mix.
- ✦ Quickly pour into candy mold and add PVC ring or chenille stem to the center of each mold.
- ✦ Wiggle the ring a bit to settle it into the plaster. Gently tap the form a few times to get the bubbles up.
- ✦ Let dry for about a half hour.
- ✦ Remove plaster from mold and let dry some more. If you need to clean up your edges, do it now before it is rock hard.
- ✦ Paint with the gold paint and sign and date the back.

**Baseball Slide**

*Betsy O, Northwest Texas Council*

**Materials-**

1/2 of a 1 inch cork ball- I found these in Hobby Lobby.  
Thumb tack  
White paint  
1/2 of a chenille stem

**Tools-**

Paintbrush  
Fine tip Black Sharpie marker  
Loaded hot glue gun

**Instructions-**

- ✦ Fold the chenille stem in half and use the thumb tack to attach it to the flat back of the cork ball.
- ✦ Hot glue it in place. Let it cool.
- ✦ Using the chenille stem to hold the slide, paint the cork white.
- ✦ Let dry.
- ✦ Carefully add the baseball stitching. This would be a great slide to wear to a ballgame!



**Pack Star Gazing.**

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Looking at the sky full of stars is one of the most inspiring experiences. have you Activities Committee people plan and organize a pack stargazing event. Be sure to consider all the best locations where you live, what else you can do while stargazing (games), local experts and telescope clubs who could come and help. What resources are available.

Is there a local planetarium (The planetarium at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ, loves Scouts and other



groups of younger children.)?? Maybe you meet or meet outside away from buildings and city lights. An open field or hill is ideal. Ask experienced leaders and local stargazers for ideal locations for stargazing in your area.



Think about it - Boys and their families can come early and lay out their blankets to watch the stars come out. Using books and star finders, families could look for constellations and tell some stories connected with constellations. There are often one or two parents in a pack who are knowledgeable about stars. Or the pack could have guest speakers from a local astronomy society. Some amateur astronomy societies have free programs for families and children and may make available their telescopes along with their service. Advise leaders to coordinate with guest speakers so they are aware of the age of the children and keep their presentation short and simple. Refer to the “Fun With the Night Sky” section in the *Cub Scout Leader How-To Book* for more ideas. Make sure to include in the discussion all necessary steps to make this outing safe and successful. Suggest checking the availability of restroom facilities and adequate supervision. Remind leaders to have a backup plan in case of inclement weather. Discuss having a reflection at the end of stargazing. Suggest that this is a good month for Cub Scouts to start working on the Astronomy belt loop. Conclude this section with a Prayer of Thanks.

### **Giving Thanks Ideas**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

- ★ **Go on a hike and look for things in nature for which to be thankful** - Give each boy or team a slip of paper with the letters a to z along the left side; during the hike, each boy or team tries to see or hear something he is thankful for starting with each letter. Compare your lists at the end and talk about HOW you can show you are thankful for those things.
- ★ **Make a Gratitude Journal** – Look for small journals, one for each boy or family. Challenge everyone to write down three things each day that

they are thankful for, and invite them to share if they would like at the next pack meeting.

- ★ **Make a Collage of “What I Give Thanks For”** – Gather some old magazines or just offer crayons, markers or colored pencils. Ask the boys to create or look for images of things they are thankful for. When everyone has a collection, put them all together in a collage to share at the pack meeting.

### **A Word About TEACHING CUBS To GIVE THANKS**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

**Be a Good Example** – Let your Cub Scouts see you being grateful. Let them hear you pointing out how wonderful the weather is, how great it is that you have a great park to take a hike in, that one of the granddads came to help with a wood project. Make sure your words match with gratitude – even when you are talking about service. Do you criticize others or do you try to find something positive to say about every situation? Children will usually do what they see you do – so let giving thanks start at home and in your den and pack.

**Don’t say YES too often – “NO” can be a good thing.** While it is great to reward honest effort, a scout also needs to learn that doing the right thing can be a reward just by itself. Say “No” to just giving automatic credit – In order for an award to be meaningful, there should be some effort on the part of the scout. And in real life, not every single thing is rewarded. Every boy knows if he really earned that award – or if he didn’t really turn in that assignment. We want them to do good because it is the right thing to do, and not because they get something, like money, a treat or a patch.

**Give your Cubs responsibility.** We are always more grateful for things when we have to do them ourselves. And that’s also true of Cub Scouts. Just make sure it’s appropriate for their age, size and experience, and that they understand what you want them to do. Giving thanks just follows naturally - when you realize the effort and energy it takes to do something, you are grateful for the people and things around you – and for your own abilities and service!

**Teach Cubs to be grateful for Adversity.** Everything doesn’t come easy to everyone. But we need to help the boys see that we can learn from every situation, that we can practice and do something better, and that even hard things have good lessons to teach. Use the example of the butterfly – if it isn’t allowed to struggle to get out of the cocoon, the wings will not be strong enough to fly. (Baden-Powell would approve – he once masqueraded as an eccentric English butterfly collector

to spy on enemy fortifications – and he taught his scouts to observe and draw from nature)

**Role Play.** Role play using “Please” and “Thank You” - even when the gift isn’t what you wanted, or when someone gives you a compliment. We need to help children learn that other people and their feelings matter – and some responses have to be practiced over and over so they become second nature.

**Teach Cubs to write Thank you Notes.** Whenever someone helps at your den or pack meeting, let the boys do a “Thank You.” Let them see you giving a thank you note to a parent who came and helped. This doesn’t have to be hard – just a quick picture and a few words – the whole group could even do a large thank you note. But it is a wonderful way for the Cubs to learn to Give Thanks – and also that it makes THEM feel good!

*Note: A very simple version, especially for younger scouts, is to take a long piece of paper, have each boy choose a colored marker and outline his hand. Then add the caption “Thanks for giving us a hand” and let each boy add his name to his own handprint. Roll it up and present to the person who helped the den.*

**Point out the simple things.** Point out new leaves on the trees, a frog in the grass, a beautiful sunny day. Celebrate the wonders around us – Listen for the crunch of fallen leaves, splash in mud puddles, follow a trail of ants, remark on how good the warm sun feels on your skin.

**Provide opportunities to serve.** Make sure the boys have a chance to choose a project, help to plan it, and finish it – they will feel very good about service that they have been able to give for themselves. If they are allowed and encouraged to give service often, they will begin to be able to “see” the need without being told – and remember Scouting IS Service! And be sure you are a good model of cheerful service - Do you give service with a smile to your spouse and friends? Do the adults do the service project while the boys just watch? Make sure the BOYS get a chance to give service and feel grateful for the opportunity.

## **Faith Ideas**

### **Symbol of Faith Bookmark** *2011-2012 CS RT Planning Guide*

#### **Materials:**

Craft Foam,  
Markers,  
Scrap Paper in Multiple Colors,  
Hole Punch,  
Scissors,  
Glue,  
Ribbon

#### **Directions:**

- ☺ Cut craft foam approximately 1½ inches by 5 inches.
- ☺ Younger children are advised to make their pieces larger.
- ☺ Punch a hole at one end of the rectangular craft foam piece.
- ☺ Decorate the bookmark strips with various symbols and sayings of any chosen faith using cutout pieces of paper and markers.
- ☺ Examples of symbols are
  - The nine-pointed star of the Baha’i faith,
  - Christianity’s cross,
  - Judaism’s Star of David,
  - The crescent moon and star of Islam,
  - or any other of the symbols of the world’s faiths.
- ☺ When the bookmark is done, attach a piece of ribbon through the hole

#### **Visits.**

All faiths have at their heart the desire to be good citizens and to help others in the community. This spirituality lies at the heart of Scouting and is what sets us apart from youth clubs and many other organizations. Demonstrate this by visiting senior citizens and planting bulbs in their gardens. Alternatively, decorate flowerpots at a meeting, plant bulbs in these and then take them to the Senior Citizens.

**Visit two places from different religions such as a church and a mosque.** Make a poster to show the differences and similarities of the places visited, using drawings, words, photos (Get permission to take photos before you go) and pictures cut from magazines. Perhaps you could pair up elements of each faith you look at. For example:

	Christianity	Judaism	Islam
Book	Bible	Tenakh	Qu'ran
Leader	Pastor, Vicar	Rabbi	Imam
Place of Worship	Church	Temple	Mosque

Before you visit with your Den, have someone go to the places of worship and, if permitted, take some photographs of details in and around each building. Print these off and create a visual treasure hunt for the boys to do during the visit. Have each Cub (or pair (Buddy System)) find each item pictured and then answer a simple question. For example, a photograph of the font asking what date is carved into it.

### **Religious Activities:**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

BSA recognizes many different faiths – Cub Scouts and the Pack families should be encouraged to honor and practice their faith – For information on the many BSA religious awards, go to:

**<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx>**

**Invite local religious leaders to come and share something about their faith.** One of my favorite times as a Den Leader was the year I had Cubs from a variety of religious backgrounds – over a few den meetings, we learned about the Catholic faith; then we learned about the LDS, Baptist, Methodist, Jewish and Muslim faiths. We discovered some differences but also some surprising similarities!

**Gather a collection of Religious Award workbooks from different faiths – your DE or local scout shop might be able to help with this.** Encourage parents to use the workbook published for their faith to help the boys complete the BSA Religious Award.

**Invite local Boy Scouts who have earned their BSA Religious award to visit -** ask them to share what they did to earn the award, what affect it had on their life, what cub scouts can do to prepare to honor their faith.

**Attend special religious or Easter events as a Pack Family** – or make sure that pack families know about local performances and activities such as: Easter Egg Hunts, performances of Handel's Messiah.

**Encourage pack families to work on the BSA Family Award** – it includes suggestions for regular family meetings and activities, using principles of faith. **The BSA Family Activity Book** is available at Scout shops and online.

### **Wonders of Creation:**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Scouting has always included lots of time in the outdoors, learning to understand and appreciate the wonders of creation – and being out in nature increases faith appreciation and faith in our creator.

**Take a hike and look for examples of the wonders of creation.** For an extra challenge, team up boys and give each an ABC list to fill in – A – Apple blossoms; B – BabyBird or Sounds;

**Celebrate Arbor Day – Plant a tree!** Trees are available from several sources. You could plant a tree, or more, in a local park, at your local school, or at your Chartered Organization location. In Sacramento and many other places, a local Tree Foundation will provide trees and planting tips. Also Disney has a program to provide trees to plant at schools for Earth Day. Check out the Family Activity Program with all kinds of great ideas – they can also be used with your den! Go to: **[www.arborday.org/explore/families](http://www.arborday.org/explore/families)**

The date varies from state to state, based on optimum planting time, but many have chosen a date in April. Check the list in Value Related Ideas.

**Give everyone a piece of paper and pencil and challenge them to name ways wood is used.** Also check out the graphic, tree-shaped list from

**[www.idahoforests.org/arborday.htm](http://www.idahoforests.org/arborday.htm)** on the last page – you might want to enlarge it, then cover with green paper - it till you're ready to check everyone's list of uses. This could be an individual, den or family competition.



**Have some fun with tree “cookies”** – Cut slices from small tree branches – these cross-sections are great to explore the history of a tree. Discuss tree rings in general, then give each boy or person their own “cookie” to explore. Challenge them to find: a time when the tree was stressed; several years when sun, water and nutrients were just right, an example of some damage from fire, insects or other factor.

**Make tie slides from tree “cookies.”** Have a collection of “tree cookies” and various craft supplies – let everyone make a tie slide by adding a PVC length or other backing. Non-cubs could make a pin to wear, using a jewelry backing and decorating with googly eyes, markers, etc.

**Play Hug A Tree – Learn to recognize “your” tree**

- In a forested area, pairs take turns being blindfolded, lead to a tree (for touch and feel) and then lead away. After removing the blindfold, the tree hugger tries to locate his/her tree. ***Talk about the differences in trees, and how those differences affect where they grow, how much water, sun, etc. they need, how animals and people (and even other plants) make use of different trees***

**Go Fly a Kite** – Be sure the weather is safe, and go over safety rules for kite flying. This is fun way to use the breezes in the air – ***and the wind is a great symbol of Faith – like faith, you cannot see, smell or taste the wind – but you can feel its presence!***



**Work on the Outdoor Activity Award;** Baden-Powell recognized that activities in the outdoors made a direct connection to gratitude for all the wonders of creation. So it's a great way to get the boys thinking about saying Thanks!

**Faith in Family & Friends:**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Loyalty and Trust are principles that scouts have always practiced – and Cub Scout/Webelos activities help boys develop strong family and peer loyalties, trust and trustworthiness.

**Play one of the Trust Games** – talk about loyalty and friendship.

**Faith in Self:**

*Alice, Golden Empire Council*

Scouting helps develop confidence and skill through age-appropriate activities and working towards goals and achievement.

**Have a Wall of Fame display at the Pack Meeting –**

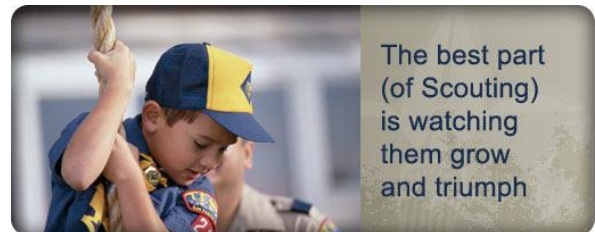
Ask parents and leaders to furnish information about positive activities and scouting achievements of each boy.

**Ask each boy what scouting activity or achievement he is proudest of, enjoyed, or was challenged by –** share their comments with the Pack in a display.

**Make sure to talk about specific activities a boy has done to earn an award or rank** – As awards are presented at the Pack Meeting, the Cubmaster could relate personal experiences furnished by parents and den leaders.

**Do the T-Shirt activity under games** – help each boy to recognize what he is good at, and how he helps other people and demonstrates his faith.

**Don't reward every effort** – boys know if they did their best, and being rewarded when they didn't give good effort just makes them feel less able and confident in their own abilities.



**WEB SITE**

**Faith Activity Badge  
for British Scouts**  
*Commissioner Dave*



*Beaver Magazine* is published by the Scouting in England for Leaders of their youngest boys. This edition has an article on how to earn their Faith Award. It has lots of good ideas.

[http://scouts.org.uk/documents/Magazine/decjan\\_09/beavdecjan09.pdf](http://scouts.org.uk/documents/Magazine/decjan_09/beavdecjan09.pdf)