

RELIGION IN LIFE PROGRAM



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Membership in the Girl Guides of Canada and Scouts Canada is open to all girls and boys who wish to make the promise, regardless of race, colour or creed. The purpose of the *Guide/Scout* program is to assist girls and boys in character development by encouraging them to be responsible citizens of their country. An important part of the program is to assist in the spiritual growth of each girl or boy and to encourage them to participate actively in their own religious community. Girl Guides of Canada and Scouts Canada uphold the principle that specific religious instruction is the responsibility of parents and religious authorities.

THE EMBLEM

The christian Religion in Life emblem consists of a great circle, the symbol of eternity. In the circle are the first and last letters of the Greek Alphabet, *Alpha* and *Omega*, a symbol of God, and a reminder that the worship and service of God form an essential part of life from beginning to end.

REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for the program differ in each faith and denomination and are prepared nationally by the churches or religious bodies to suit their particular needs.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

	FIRST STAGE Age 8–10	SECOND STAGE Age 11–14	THIRD STAGE Age 14–17	FOURTH STAGE Age 16 and up
T H E W O R D	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know the basic background of the three standard books. 2. Know the meaning of the name of the church. 3. Participate regularly in church school. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Own Bible and learn how to use it. 2. Know in essence John 3:16, Ten Commandments. 3. Memorize Lord's Prayer and use in a service. 4. Continue standards from 1st stage. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Own Book of Mormon and explain its origin, purpose. 2. Know II Nephi 14:4, Alma 17:68, 69; Moroni 10:4, 5. 3. Read church periodicals. 4. Attend church gatherings, report. 5. Continue standards from 1st stage. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Own Doctrine and Covenants, explain origin, purpose. 2. Know, explain D. & C. 42:2c, d, 22:23b. 3. Interview friends from 3 denominations. 4. Word of wisdom. 5. Continue standards from previous stages.
W O R S H I P	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in church school worship. 2. Understand elements of worship. 3. Observe at least two sacred ordinances. 4. Discuss prayer with your pastor. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct family worship. 2. Discuss Isaiah 6:1–6 with your pastor, or teacher and explain. 3. Understand and explain closed communion. 4. Continue standards from 1st stage. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan, conduct a worship service. 2. Interview music director, know hymns. 3. Understand Baptism, laying on of hands. 4. Personal Devotions. 5. Continue standards from 1st stage. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know, explain goals, objectives of the church for 1965–75. 2. Explain the sacred ordinances of the church. 3. Personal devotions. 4. Plan and conduct a worship service. 5. Attend a prayer service.
W I T N E S S	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interview Bishop's Agent on meaning of financial stewardship. 2. Maintain records of personal finances for a three month period. 3. Discuss stewardship in all phases of life. 4. Service project. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interview book steward. 2. Interview a non-Priesthood man regarding his work in the church. 3. Church history report. 4. Read a church book, report. 5. Continue standards from 1st stage. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interview member on mission in their vocation. 2. Plan, carry out a family Sunday. 3. Plan, carry out community service. 4. Evangelism project. 5. Personal service. 6. Continue standards from 1st stage. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Interview missionary coordinator. 2. Interview a member of Melchisedic priesthood. 3. Interview or write to church appointee. 4. Visit or study about 3 church institutions. 5. Continue standards from previous stages.

INSTRUCTION

It is the responsibility of the group/section committee and leadership team to arrange for instruction of candidates with the candidate's own spiritual leader or appointee.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of the emblem is made by the candidate's spiritual advisor, and can form an impressive part of a regular *Guide* or *Scout* meeting, a church service, or a special evening for parents/guardians.

STAGES

The Religion in Life program is in four progressive stages, colour-coded and adapted to the age groups concerned.

Stage 1 — Yellow Border

Stage 2 — Green Border

Stage 3 — Blue Border

Stage 4 — Red Border

Candidates may start at any stage appropriate to their age and capabilities. Only one emblem — the latest stage earned is worn.

WHERE OBTAINABLE

The emblem may be obtained from provincial offices or through regular badge channels.

WHERE WORN

Girl Guides of Canada — see *Policy, Organization and Rules*.

Scouts Canada — see *By-Law, Policies and Procedures*.

RELIGION IN LIFE EMBLEM STANDARDS FOR MEMBERS OF THE REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

NOTE While the church does not sponsor Guiding at this time, many members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints belong to Guide Companies, and these requirements, although addressed principally to Scouts, apply in equal measure to Guide members of the Church.

Our Church uses Scouting as a major part of its ministry to boys. As *By-Law, Policies and Procedures* of Scouts Canada Proclaims:

“Scouting is founded upon the principles that man must, to the best of his ability; Love and Serve God, respect and act in accordance with the human dignity and rights of individuals; recognize the obligations on himself to develop and maintain his potential.”

In accepting Scouting as a program for our boys we accept these principles. A boy should gain much from his church school and worship experiences in the branch, but he can also richly benefit by participating in the religion development program. This is an “extra mile” church-centered program of religious activity provided by our church for boys. The Scout must complete a series of religious studies and service projects which are designed to help him grow spiritually and become a more fully dedicated follower of Christ, and an active participating member of his church. In recognition of the boys who successfully carry out these established standards Scouts Canada provides an emblem to be worn on the boy's uniform.

THE PASTOR'S PART IN THE RELIGIOUS PROGRAM

The pastor should work closely with the boy in guiding him through the requirements of the program. He may appoint a Boys' Work Representative to direct the program of ministry in the local congregation where there are several boys.

Resource materials are available to assist the pastor in his program of ministry to boys from the Director of Boy's Work, The Auditorium, Independence, Missouri.

HOW TO ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM

1. A Cub or Scout who desires to work to achieve the standards for the Religion in Life emblem should contact his pastor (or Boy's Work Representative).
2. With the guidance of the pastor (or Boy's Work Representative) he enters into the Religion in Life Program. Upon completing the requirements for each stage an application card must be signed by his minister and the leader of his section. This is presented to provincial headquarters to obtain the emblem.

RESOURCES

Let's Celebrate — A book of spiritual ideas for Scouting. This book contains many program ideas for leaders of all sections.

The Role of the Chaplain — Pamphlet.

These resources are available from your local Scout/Guide Council office.

Your leader or spiritual advisor will be able to recommend other useful resources.



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