

# RELIGION IN LIFE PROGRAM

## *The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada*



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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 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 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this program is to provide *Scouts* or *Guides* with an opportunity to explore their faith, to make it a basic part of their personal life, and to share it with others.

### **THE EMBLEM**

The 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 church or religious bodies to suit their particular needs.

### **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 – (Cubs and Brownies) (Jesus Christ is Saviour)

Stage 2 – Green Border – (Scouts and Guides) (Jesus Christ is Sanctifier)

Stage 3 – Blue Border – (Venturers and Pathfinders) (Jesus Christ is Healer)

Stage 4 – Red Border –  
(Venturers/Rovers, Senior Branches)  
(Jesus Christ is Coming King)

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 the National Ministry Centre or through regular badge channels.

## WHERE WORN

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

Scouts Canada – *See By-Law, Policies and Procedures.*

## OBJECTIVE

The Religion in Life program of The Christian and Missionary Alliance of Canada for members of Scouts Canada and the Girl Guides of Canada is designed to complement Christian teaching already happening in a young person's life and to integrate this learning into the Scouting and Guiding programs. Through the youth's involvement in the program and especially through a close relationship to a congregation, it is expected that the Scout/Guide will understand more about our faith and beliefs of The Christian and Missionary Alliance and will grow in faith and service.

Participation in regular church program and worship is not a substitute for the Religion in Life Program.

## STAGES

### STAGE 1 – JESUS CHRIST IS SAVIOUR Word

Memorize the Lord's Prayer and explain it.

*Matthew 6:10-14*

*This, then, is how you should pray:  
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your  
name, your kingdom come,*

*your will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our debts, as we also have  
forgiven our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from the evil one.*

*For if you forgive men when they sin  
against you, your heavenly Father will  
also forgive you. But if you do not  
forgive men their sins, your Father will  
not forgive your sins.*

- Be familiar with the Bible
- Show where the Old and New Testament are located
- Memorize the books of the New Testament in order
- Tell in your own words your favourite Bible story
- Memorize and recite John 3:16
- Memorize and recite John 1:12
- Memorize and recite Romans 6:23
- Understand what it means that Jesus Christ is our Saviour

For help visit

- [www.cefsuperkids.com](http://www.cefsuperkids.com)
- [www.wonderzone.com](http://www.wonderzone.com)
- [www.childofchrist.com](http://www.childofchrist.com)
- <http://cbh.gospelcom.net/home.php>

Be able to explain what "salvation" means in the Christian faith. If you need help use

- a Wordless Book, or
- a Gospel Flipper Flapper or Gospel Cub

Read the book of Mark

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**Worship**

- Attend church or Sunday school for six weeks in a row
- Explain some of the things you feel, do, and say when you worship God

**Witness**

- Explain how your behaviour at home, school and church can be a witness for Christ
- Give evidence of an honest attempt to bring at least one friend to church or Sunday school

**STAGE 2 – JESUS CHRIST IS SANCTIFIER**

**Word**

- Memorize and recite in order the books of the Old and New Testament
- Memorize and recite Galatians 2:20
- Memorize and recite 2 Corinthians 5:1
- Memorize and recite Galatians 5:22-23
- Read the book of John

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- Read the book of Genesis

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- Memorize and recite John 1:12
- Memorize and recite the Ten Commandments
- Demonstrating that you understand the meaning of Jesus Christ as

Sanctifier, explain your understanding of this term to your leader

**Worship**

- Attend church or Sunday school for six weeks in a row
- Write on paper a prayer using your own words include each of the following sections Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Petition, and Intercession
- Be able to explain in your own words what it means that Jesus Christ is Sanctifier

**Witness**

- Communicate how you would apply the Ten Commandments to family life
- Provide some service/ministry to your church and/or community. Write down your experience and what happened as part of your service.

**STAGE 3 – JESUS CHRIST IS HEALER**

**Word**

- Memorize and recite James 5:13-15
- Memorize and recite Matthew 8:16-17
- Read Isaiah 53

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- Read the book of Psalms

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- Read the book of Acts

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- Understand and explain what it means for Jesus Christ to be our Healer

## **Worship**

- Research and write a 250 word essay on the life of A.B. Simpson, include what part he played in the history of your church
- Explain the meaning of Baptism and the Lord's Supper
- Take notes of at least two sermons and discuss them with your parents or your pastor
- Practice daily Bible Reading and prayers for 30 days

## **Witness**

- Participate in some worthwhile compassionate effort and learn about three agencies which provide help to people
- Interview two people who have attended the church for several years and have a historical understanding of the church and its involvement in the community. From that information write a 250 word essay.

## **STAGE 4 – JESUS CHRIST IS COMING KING**

### **Word**

- Memorize and recite the books of the Bible – Old and New Testaments
- Memorize and recite Matthew 24:14
- Memorize and recite Matthew 28:18-20
- Memorize and recite John 14:1-6
- Read the book of Revelations

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- Read the book of Daniel

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- Understand and explain what it means for Jesus Christ to be our Coming King

## **Worship**

- Tithing:
  - Study what the Bible teaches about Stewardship of possessions and write a 250 word essay on what you learn, explain the term 'tithe'
  - With your own money, attempt to be consistent in your giving to God. If you do not have your own money be creative and find a way to earn some money that you can offer back to God.

- Assist a pastor in the creation of a worship service (children, youth or adults)
- Attend a church membership class or seminar. Write a short paragraph on what it means to be a member of your church

- Explain how your behaviour at home, school and church can be a witness for Christ
- Give evidence of an honest attempt to bring at least one friend to church or Sunday school

## **Witness**

- Identify one of the Christian and Missionary Alliance International workers and write and submit a profile of their ministry including information about them and their field.

Send an encouragement letter to the missionary (Speak first to your Pastor as to the content of the letter. They may be ministering in a limited access Country).

Commit to pray for the missionary and follow through on that commitment every day for 30 days

Research your community and identify a moral and a social problem that your community is facing. Write and submit a 250 word essay on what you and your church can do about these problems.



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