

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 Girl Guides of Canada and Scouts Canada uphold the principle that specific religious instruction is the responsibility of parents and religious authorities. The purpose of the *Guide/Scout* programs 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 and boy and to encourage them to participate actively in their own religious denomination.

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*, the symbol of God Himself; a reminder that the worship and service of God form an essential part of life from beginning to end.

REQUIREMENTS

The Emblem in Life program is in four progressive stages. 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.

INSTRUCTION

The instruction of a candidate desiring to qualify for an Emblem is the responsibility of the candidate's own spiritual leader or his appointee.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of the Emblem should be made by the candidate's spiritual leader, and can form an impressive part of a regular meeting, a service or a specially arranged parents evening.

STAGES

- Stage 1 — Ages 8–10
- Stage 2 — Ages 11–14
- Stage 3 — Ages 14–17
- Stage 4 — Ages 16 and over

Candidates may start at any stage appropriate to their capabilities. Only the Emblem of the latest stage earned is worn.

WHERE OBTAINABLE

The Emblems are obtainable 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*.

STAGE 1 — AGES 8–10

Word of God

1. How many books are in the Bible?
2. What are the two divisions?
3. Have a sword drill showing you know where the different books are in the Bible.
4. Draw a picture which represents a Bible story.

Worship

1. Attend Sunday School regularly.
2. Learn the prayer of the Girl Guides or Scouts and participate in their devotions.
3. Visit the main sanctuary of the church and know what each item in the church is used for e.g. hymn book, pulpit, etc.
4. Memorize a hymn.

Witness to God

1. Invite guests to Sunday School.
2. Take an active part (by yourself or in a group) in:
 - a) service to the church
 - b) service to the community
 - c) service at home.Choose two of the projects only.
3. Show on a map the countries where our missionary work is done.
4. Tell how you can show others at home, school and church that you love God. (Choose any two in this section)

For children under 8:

Word — Tell a story from the Bible in your own words.

Worship — Attend Sunday School regularly.

Witness — Invite guests to Sunday School.

STAGE 2 — AGES 11–14

Word of God

1. Memorize the Lord's Prayer and the Twenty Third Psalm.
2. Own a Bible.
3. Have daily devotions consecutively for two weeks.
4. Tell a Bible story in your own words.
5. Read "We Believe".

Worship

1. Attend Sunday School and Church regularly.
2. Share with another person about the Sunday School lesson or the pastor's sermon.
3. Participate in an area of service in the church e.g. usher, choir, help the nursery, etc.
4. Know about tithes and give to some part of the church or Sunday School offering.

Witness to God

1. Invite guests to Sunday School and Church.
2. Perform a good deed for the church.
3. Know the Girl Guide or Scout law and how you fulfill it in your daily living.
4. Describe our missionary work at home and abroad to the pastor or designate.
(Choose any two in this section)

STAGE 3 — AGES 14–17

Word of God

1. Memorize the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.
2. Own a Bible.
3. Have daily devotions consecutively for two weeks.
4. Study "We Believe". Look up Scripture references.
Be prepared to answer questions on contents.

Worship

1. Attend Sunday School, Church, and Youth Meetings regularly.
2. Prepare a Sunday School lesson, then participate in it.
3. Discuss the meaning of communion.
4. Know about tithes and give to some part of the church or Sunday School offering.

Witness to God

1. Participate in a work party, e.g. campground cleaning, church or youth workbee, etc.
2. Visit the sick from your Sunday School classes or visit a nursing home or hospital.
3. Help someone in need with your talents, time or money.
4. Discuss in Youth Group the meaning of Christian ethics such as cheating or discrimination. Relate the topic to live issues in decision making.
(Choose any two of this section.)

STAGE 4 — AGES 16 AND OVER

Word of God

1. Memorize I Corinthians, 13.
2. Own a Bible.
3. Have daily devotions for three consecutive weeks.
4. Write an essay (minimum 500 words). Choose one:
 - a) Relate your Christian faith to daily living.
 - b) How is the Bible relevant to you?

Worship

1. Attend Sunday School, Church and Youth Meetings regularly.
2. Conduct a Youth Meeting.
3. Discuss any changes to be made at church and the reasons why you would make a change.
4. Know about tithes and give to some part of the church or Sunday School offering.

Witness to God

1. Attend a Youth Retreat or Youth meetings at summer camp, then share with someone about the meetings.
2. Teach or assist in teaching a Sunday School class or Daily Vacation Bible School.
3. What influence does the: a) church, b) Girl Guides or Scouts experience have on your future plans for life?
4. Talk over some of the moral and social problems that people and communities are facing today. Indicate what you can do about some of these problems. Your pastor or a designate will be willing to discuss this with you.
(Choose any two in this section.)



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