

# 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* 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 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.

## 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 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 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 (about 7-8-9)
- Stage 2 - Green Border (about 10-11-12)
- Stage 3 - Blue Border (about 13-14-15)
- Stage 4 - Red Border (15+)

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.*

## STAGE 1

### Word

1. Be able to explain the plan of salvation, with scripture.
2. Learn the Books of the Bible.
3. Read - The gospel of John.

### Worship

1. Be able to explain John 4:24.
2. Faithful church attendance for 3 months.

### Witness

1. Member of Sunday School with good attendance for 3 months.
2. Tell how your behaviour at home, school, church, play-ground, and club can be a witness to your faith in God.

## STAGE 2

### Word

1. Read - Acts and Genesis.
2. Memorize - John 1:1-14; John 3:16; Isaiah 53; Acts 2:1-4.

### Worship

1. Faithful church attendance for 6 months.
2. Give evidence of systematic giving to the support of your church.
3. Daily personal devotions.

### **Witness**

1. Participate in some service as planned by one of the departments in your church, such as handing out tracts or taking part in a youth service.
2. Give testimony of being born again.
3. Water Baptism.
4. An honest attempt to bring at least one other to Church or Sunday School.

## **STAGE 3**

### **Word**

1. Read - Romans and Thessalonians.
2. Memorize the "Ten Commandments".
3. Write an essay of at least 300 words explaining your understanding of the Bible, as the Word of God.

### **Worship**

1. Faithful attendance for 9 months.
2. Evidence of giving systematically to the local church.

### **Witness**

1. Attend youth services regularly.
2. Take part in a youth service, or other service.

## **STAGE 4**

### **Word**

1. Read - 1 Timothy to Revelation - Exodus, Joshua

### **Worship**

1. Faithful attendance at church for one year, with systematic support.
2. Meaningful participation in Worship service.

### **Witness**

1. Give at least one week of your time to Vacation Bible School of camp program.

## **RESOURCES**

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

These resources are available from your local Scout/Guide Council office, or write to Communications Services, National Office, Box 5151 Station LCD-Merivale, Ottawa, Ontario, K2C 3G7

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



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