

RELIGION IN LIFE PROGRAM

Jainism



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THE EMBLEM

The Emblem of the Jain religion is the Jain symbol.

REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for the **RELIGION IN LIFE** program differ in each faith and denomination and are prepared nationally by the religious bodies to suit their particular needs.

INSTRUCTIONS

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 Scout or Guide meeting, a religious 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 regular badge channels.

WHERE WORN

Scouts Canada – see *By-Law, Policies and Procedures*

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

STAGE 1 – YELLOW BORDER (AGE GROUP: 8, 9, 10 -)

Word

Brief History of Jainism: Life of Lord Mahavir
Jain Philosophy:
Introduction to 'Living and Non-Living' (*Jiv and Ajiv*) and Non-violence (*Ahinsä*)
Story – An elephant and the six blind men.
Jain Glossary: *Shävak, Shävikä, Sädhu, Sädhivi, Derasar, Jiv, Ajiv, Ahinsä, Tirthankar.*

Worship

Names of 24 omniscient Lords (*Tirthankars*):
Practices in daily life:
Jain greeting – *Jai Jinendra*
Respect the parents, teachers and elderly
Don't waste food, water and don't hurt living beings

Witness

Prayers (*Stuties*):
Learn behaviour in Jain Temple (*Derasar*)
Learn and recite *Namaskar Mantra* and *Khamemi Sauva Jive*
Jain Festivals: Learn the significance – *Mahavir Jayanti, Paryushan* and *Diwäli*

STAGE 2 – GREEN BORDER (Age Group: 11, 12, 13, 14 -)

Word

History of Jainism: Lives of *Tirthankars* – *Mahavir, Adinath, Parshvanath* and *Ganadhar Gautama*
Jain Philosophy: Significance of Jain
Symbols: *Ashtamangal* and others
Four types of defilement (*kashäy*): anger, greed, ego deceit
The story of four daughters in law (four types of spiritual aspirants)
Five vows (*anurats*) of householders
Jain Glossary: *Ätmä, Anekäntväd, Ahinsä, Aparigrah, Karma, Poojä, Pranäm, Vrat, Dhyän*

Worship

Recite Hymns (*Ärati and Mangal Deevo*) from book
Practices in Daily Life: Vegetarian diet, exercise and stay healthy
Contribute charity (cash) and volunteer (kind)
Meditate after waking-up and before going to bed

Witness

Prayers (*Stuties*):

Chattäri mangalam, Darshanam dev devasya, Shivamastu sarvajagatah
Learn Temple Rituals: *Nissihi, Pradakshinä, Pranäm*
Watch ceremonial rituals (*Poojä*) in a temple

STAGE 3 – BLUE BORDER (Ages: 14, 15, 16, 17 -)

Word

History of Jainism: Biographies of the *Ächäyas*: *Kund-kund; Haribhadrasuri, Hemchandra and Shimad Rajchandra*
Jain Philosophy: Names and meanings of *Nav Tattva* (Nine Fundamentals) and *Anekäntväd*
Introduction to theory of particles of matter (*karma*)
Three Jewels: Right perception, Knowledge and Conduct
Jain Glossary: *Sansär, Moksha, Karma, Dravya, Jiv, Ajiv, Pudgal, Dharma, Äkash, Käl*

Worship

Prayers (*Stuties*): Learn and Recite *Arhanto bhangavanta indramahtah*
Know the meanings of Sutras from Samayik
Jain Temple (*Derasar*) Rituals:
Learn and Practice the significance of *Ashta-Prakäri Poojä*

Witness

Jain Festivals: Learn the significance of *Jnän Panchami; Oli and Varsi-tap*
Daily Practices: Promote Vegetarianism, Yoga and Meditation
Practice Recycling and Environment Protection

STAGE 4 – RED BORDER (Ages above 17 years)

Word

History of Jainism: Jain sects in India and its significances.
Learn the importance of pilgrimages in a few different places
Jain Philosophy: Understand *Karma* Philosophy
Fourteen Stages of Spiritual Elevation (*Gunasthänaks*)
Meditations – different types – *Preksha Dhyän*

Worship

Prayers (*Stuties*):
Understand the significance of *Navkär Mantra*

Learn about twelve reflections (*Bhāvanās*)
Jain temple Rituals: Understand the meaning
of *Chaityavandan*

Practice meditation;
Volunteer services

Witness

Daily Practices:
Promote conservation;

NOTE: For information and to order the books
relevant for the above program please contact the
JAINA Education Committee at www.jaina.org.

REFERENCE BOOKS ON JAIN RELIGION

1. The Jaina Path of Purification by Padmanabh S. Jaini, Motilal Banarasidas, New Delhi, India.
2. The Peaceful Liberators, Jain Art from India, Pratipaditya Pal, L.A. County Museum of Art, USA.
3. Jainism Explained by Paul Marett, Jain Samaj Europe, Oxford Street, Leicester, U.K.
4. Jains in the World by John E. Cort, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, India.
5. The Jains by Paul Dundas, Rutledge, London, U.K.
6. Essence of Jainism by Manubhai Doshi, Jain Society of Chicago, Barlett, IL. USA.

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