



FAMILY TRADITIONS FESTIVAL

A Cub Scout Pack Meeting celebrating
family traditions, faith, and the value of reverence
through sharing, learning, and fellowship.

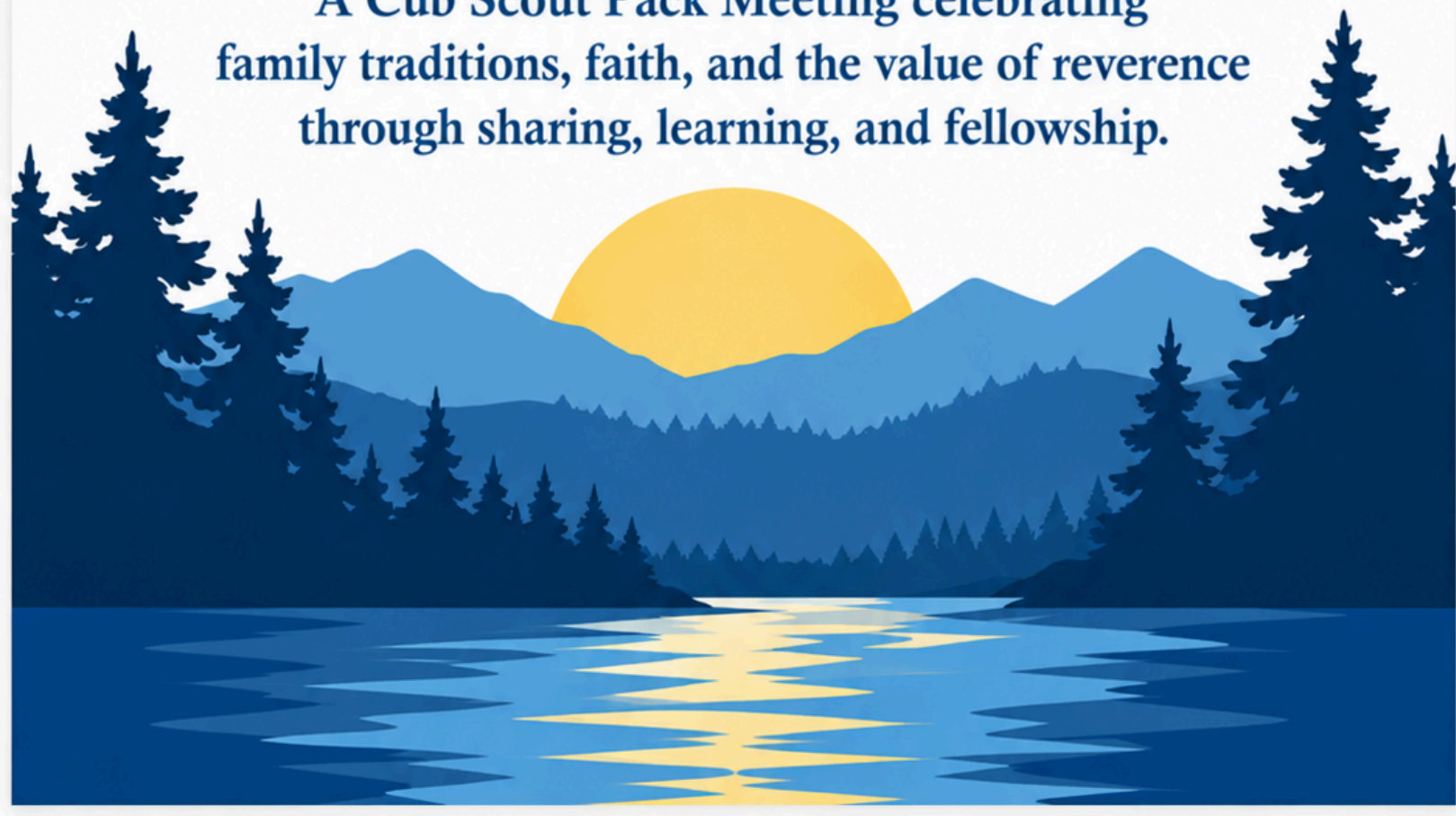


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SNAPSHOT OF THE PACK MEETING

Every family has a story. Every tradition has a meaning. In this pack meeting, families will share how they reflect on their beliefs, show gratitude, practice kindness, celebrate meaningful occasions, serve others, and pass values and traditions from one generation to the next.

Reverence is one of the twelve points of the Scout Law and a fundamental part of Scouting’s values. Scouting America recognizes the importance of faith, family beliefs, and spiritual development in building character and guiding young people to live lives of purpose, gratitude, and service. While families may express their faith and beliefs in different ways, Scouting encourages every Scout to grow in their own beliefs while learning to respect and appreciate the beliefs of others.

EVERY FAMILY BELONGS

Please be mindful that reverence in Scouting includes both being faithful to one’s own beliefs and respecting the beliefs of others. Every family deserves to feel welcomed, valued, and safe sharing their traditions without fear of judgment, ridicule, discrimination, or exclusion.

This Adventure is most successful when a parent or legal guardian takes an active role. Be sure to inform families about the Adventure in advance and give them time to review the requirements before beginning.

MEETING AT A GLANCE

PREPARE

Families select and prepare a meaningful tradition to share.

WELCOME

Gathering activity: introduce the 10,000 for the Troops service project, and invite Scouts to create encouraging cards for service members.

GUEST SPEAKER

A faith-based community organization explains how it helps people in crisis, regardless of their faith, and answers questions.

SHARE

Scouts introduce their traditions during Family Show & Tell.

EXPLORE

Families visit displays, ask respectful questions, and participate.

REFLECT

The interfaith service connects family beliefs with the Scout Law.

RECOGNIZE

Celebrate advancement with The Recipe for an Awesome Pack! Ceremony

SAFETY MOMENT

Before any activity, use the Scouting America SAFE Checklist and review the Guide to Safe Scouting and applicable program guidance. Follow state and local requirements that may supersede Scouting America guidance.

FOOD ALLERGIES & DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS

- Review the Food Allergies safety moment and applicable Annual Health and Medical Records.
- Ask families about food allergies, dietary restrictions, and religious or cultural food practices.
- If a participant carries an epinephrine auto-injector, follow the relevant Scouting America safety guidance and emergency plan.
- Review food-handling guidance. Clearly identify ingredients, and make all food sampling optional.

RESPECTFUL PARTICIPATION

Families should feel safe sharing traditions without ridicule, judgment, discrimination, or exclusion. Do not require Scouts to disclose private religious beliefs or participate in a religious practice that conflicts with their family's wishes. Encourage respectful questions and allow families to choose what to share.

ACTIVITY SUPERVISION

Review games, crafts, displays, and demonstrations for age appropriateness and adequate adult supervision. Check the Guide to Safe Scouting for applicable safety requirements. Keep walkways clear, plan for safe display setup, and review any craft-specific safety information before the meeting.

PACK MEETING PLANNING WORKSHEET

Use this worksheet to assign responsibilities before the meeting. Record the name of the leader or family responsible for each item.

MEETING PART	DETAILS	ASSIGNED TO
BEFORE THE MEETING	Coordinate families, worksheets, guest speaker, displays, supplies, and awards.	
GATHERING ACTIVITY	10,000 for the Troops: prepare and collect encouraging cards.	
OPENING FLAG CEREMONY	Traditional opening flag ceremony.	
OPENING REMARKS	Welcome families; introduce reverence and respectful participation.	
GUEST SPEAKER	Faith-based organization: service to people in crisis, regardless of faith.	
FAMILY SHOW & TELL	Brief presentations by Scouts and families.	
EXPLORE THE FESTIVAL	Visit displays, ask questions, and sample optional foods.	
INTERFAITH SERVICE	Complete Family Traditions Festival Interfaith Service.	
ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY	The Recipe for an Awesome Pack! Ceremony.	
CUBMASTER MINUTE	Interactive The Boy Who Cried Wolf story and reflection.	
CLOSING FLAG CEREMONY	Traditional closing flag ceremony.	
AFTER THE MEETING	Cleanup, supplies, follow-up, and advancement records.	

BEFORE THE MEETING

The Family Traditions Festival requires advance coordination with parents and legal guardians. Each family should have time to discuss its traditions, choose what to share, and prepare a simple display or activity. Written communication with clear instructions and links to planning worksheets is recommended.

PREPARATION TIMELINE

30 DAYS BEFORE

Confirm the meeting location and contact a representative of a faith-based organization. Ask them to explain how their organization assists people in crisis, regardless of faith.

PACK COMMITTEE / PARENTS' MEETING

Assign responsibilities using the Pack Meeting Planning Worksheet. Confirm a plan for the gathering service project and the awards ceremony.

14 DAYS BEFORE

Send families the rank-specific Family Traditions Festival Planning Worksheets and directions for choosing a tradition and preparing an item to share.

7 DAYS BEFORE

Send a reminder to families and the guest speaker. Purchase supplies and the appropriate Adventure loops and pins.

3 DAYS BEFORE

Send a second reminder. Confirm display arrangements, food needs, and any equipment for presentations.

MORNING OF THE MEETING

Send a final reminder with arrival and setup information.

DAY OF THE MEETING

Arrange a display space for each family, prepare the gathering activity, set up ceremony supplies, and review the meeting sequence with leaders.

PREPARING FAMILIES FOR THE FESTIVAL

This Pack meeting depends on advance communication between leaders and each Scout's parent or legal guardian. Families should have time to discuss their faith traditions and prepare something meaningful to share with the Pack.

WHAT FAMILIES SHOULD PREPARE

Invite each Scout and family to choose one tradition that represents how they practice or celebrate their faith. They may bring a special food, game, craft, photograph, meaningful object, or other simple activity that helps explain why the tradition matters to them.

HOW THE FESTIVAL WORKS

- **Family Show & Tell:** Scouts briefly introduce their tradition and what they brought.
- **Explore the Festival:** Families visit displays, ask respectful questions, and participate in optional activities.

RANK-SPECIFIC PLANNING WORKSHEETS

The rank-specific Family Traditions Festival Planning Worksheets are located at the end of this planner. Distribute the appropriate two-page worksheet at least 14 days in advance. These are family planning tools, not independent assignments.

FAMILY PLANNING WORKSHEETS

QUICK LINKS

Select a rank to jump directly to its planning worksheet.

Lion

Tiger

Wolf

Bear

Webelos

Arrow of Light

HELP EVERY FAMILY FEEL WELCOME

The goal is to learn about one another, not compare or judge religious beliefs. Participation should respect each family's comfort level and privacy. Families should never be pressured to disclose private beliefs. Remind everyone to listen respectfully and appreciate the traditions that families choose to share.

DURING THE MEETING

Use the following sequence to guide the Family Traditions Festival. Assign leaders in advance using the Pack Meeting Planning Worksheet.

GATHERING ACTIVITY — 10,000 FOR THE TROOPS

As families arrive and set up displays, invite Scouts to make encouraging cards for service members. Explain the purpose of the service project and collect completed cards for submission through the program.

OPENING FLAG CEREMONY

Conduct a traditional opening flag ceremony.

OPENING REMARKS

Welcome families, introduce the twelfth point of the Scout Law—A Scout is Reverent—and establish clear expectations for respectful listening and participation.

GUEST SPEAKER

Introduce a representative of a faith-based organization. Ask the speaker to explain how their organization serves people in crisis, regardless of faith, whom they help, and how. Allow time for questions.

FAMILY TRADITIONS FESTIVAL

Begin with [Family Show & Tell](#), followed by [Explore the Festival](#). Refer to the individual activity resource pages for setup, supplies, and step-by-step directions.

INTERFAITH SERVICE

Lead the complete Family Traditions Festival Interfaith Service.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

Celebrate advancement with The Recipe for an Awesome Pack! Ceremony. Present Adventure loops and pins only to Scouts who have completed the applicable requirements.

CUBMASTER MINUTE

Present the interactive Boy Who Cried Wolf reflection connecting Trustworthy and Reverent.

CLOSING FLAG CEREMONY

Conduct a traditional closing flag ceremony.

Select a blue-underlined activity title to jump to its resource page.

GATHERING ACTIVITY • 10,000 FOR THE TROOPS

FAMILY & REVERENCE | FAMILY TRADITIONS FESTIVAL

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

As families arrive and prepare their festival displays, invite Scouts to make encouraging cards for service members. Explain the purpose of the service project and collect completed cards for submission through the program.

SCOUTING AMERICA ACTIVITY RESOURCE

[Open the official activity webpage](#)

OPENING FLAG CEREMONY

ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Conduct a traditional opening flag ceremony. Assign flag bearers and a caller before the meeting, and ensure the ceremony is appropriate to the space and participants.

SCOUTING AMERICA ACTIVITY RESOURCE

[Open the official flag ceremony webpage](#)

OPENING REMARKS & GUEST SPEAKER

OPENING REMARKS — LEADER SCRIPT

Good evening and welcome to our Family Traditions Festival!

Tonight, we're celebrating what makes each of us special: our families, our beliefs, and the traditions that shape who we are.

Let me start by asking our Cub Scouts a question. Raise your hand if your family has a special tradition. Maybe it's a holiday you celebrate, a special meal you share, a prayer you say together, or something your family does every year.

Now, look around at all those hands! It's pretty amazing. Even though so many of us have family traditions, they aren't all the same. And that's one of the things that makes tonight so special. Tonight, we're going to learn about each other's traditions.

At this pack meeting, we're focusing on the twelfth point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Reverent. Reverence means being faithful to our own beliefs while respecting the beliefs of others. Faith and reverence are important parts of Scouting because they help us develop character, practice gratitude, and serve others.

As we explore our family's traditions tonight, there's one very important expectation: Every family belongs here, and every family deserves respect.

You may celebrate some things we have in common. And you may discover beliefs or traditions that are different from your own. That's an opportunity to learn! We listen respectfully, ask kind questions, and never make fun of or judge another family's beliefs. We don't have to believe the same things to treat one another with kindness and respect. Those differences are the things that make our families unique!

GUEST SPEAKER — LEADER DIRECTIONS

Introduce the guest speaker from a faith-based organization in the community and have them discuss how their organization provides a service that assists people in crisis, regardless of their faith. Have them explain whom they help and how.

Allow Cub Scouts and adults to ask questions. Thank the guest speaker and invite them to stay for the rest of the meeting if they would like.

FAMILY SHOW & TELL — ACTIVITY RESOURCE

SNAPSHOT OF ACTIVITY

Cub Scouts briefly introduce a family faith tradition and share an item or activity prepared with a parent or legal guardian. Families practice listening respectfully.

SUPPLY LIST

- Printer; rank-specific Family Traditions Festival Planning Worksheets
- Family-prepared displays: drawings, photographs, crafts, games, foods, or meaningful objects
- Designated display tables

DIRECTIONS — BEFORE THE MEETING

1. Communicate with parents or legal guardians in advance; invite each family to choose a tradition and prepare something meaningful.
2. Distribute rank-specific planning worksheets and allow preparation time.
3. Coordinate allergies, dietary restrictions, and venue food rules. Sampling is optional.
4. Arrange family display areas and confirm any special setup needs.

DIRECTIONS — DURING THE MEETING

1. Gather Scouts and families; explain that everyone should listen with curiosity and respect.
2. Invite each Scout, with family assistance as needed, to introduce their tradition, why it matters, and what they brought.
3. Allow approximately 30–45 seconds per Scout when group size permits. Do not require disclosure of private religious beliefs.
4. Thank each family. Remind Scouts that a Scout is Reverent and respects others' beliefs.

Additional resources: Rank-specific planning worksheets (appendix)

EXPLORE THE FESTIVAL — ACTIVITY RESOURCE

SNAPSHOT OF ACTIVITY

Cub Scouts and families visit displays, explore objects and drawings, sample optional foods, and participate in simple activities while practicing respectful curiosity.

SUPPLY LIST

- Printer; rank-specific Family Traditions Festival Planning Worksheets
- Family-prepared displays and designated display tables
- Optional games, craft supplies, and food samples as prepared by families

DIRECTIONS — BEFORE THE MEETING

1. Communicate with families and distribute the rank-specific planning worksheets.
2. Coordinate food ingredients, allergies, dietary restrictions, and venue rules; make sampling optional.
3. Check games, crafts, and demonstrations for age appropriateness and adult supervision.
4. Arrange a display space for each family and confirm setup needs.

DIRECTIONS — DURING THE MEETING

1. Invite Scouts and families to circulate among the festival displays.
2. Encourage examination of drawings, photographs, crafts, and objects, respectful questions, and optional activities.
3. Offer food samples only when appropriate, honoring allergies, dietary restrictions, and each person's choice.
4. Encourage Scouts to discover one similarity and one difference between traditions.
5. Give a brief ending notice and invite families to tidy their areas.

Additional resources: Rank-specific planning worksheets (appendix)

CEREMONIES & CLOSING — ACTIVITY RESOURCES

INTERFAITH SERVICE

Use the complete Family Traditions Festival Interfaith Service script. The service includes a call to worship, America the Beautiful, a Hindu prayer for universal well-being, a responsive reading of all twelve points of the Scout Law, reflection, silent prayer, and a closing benediction.

[OPEN COMPLETE INTERFAITH SERVICE SCRIPT](#)

[SCOUTING AMERICA — FAMILY & REVERENCE RESOURCES >](#)

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

Celebrate advancement with The Recipe for an Awesome Pack! Ceremony. Prepare a large mixing bowl, wooden spoon, apron, printed script, and the applicable Adventure loops and pins. Present awards only when requirements have been completed.

[OPEN COMPLETE ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY SCRIPT](#)

[SCOUTING AMERICA — FAMILY & REVERENCE RESOURCES >](#)

CUBMASTER MINUTE

Present the interactive Boy Who Cried Wolf reflection to connect Trustworthy and Reverent.

[OPEN COMPLETE CUBMASTER MINUTE SCRIPT](#)

CLOSING FLAG CEREMONY

Conclude the meeting with a traditional closing flag ceremony. Follow Scouting America's flag ceremony instructions and assign the color guard before the meeting.

[SCOUTING AMERICA — CLOSING FLAG CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS >](#)

INTERFAITH SERVICE — COMPLETE SCRIPT

Call to Worship

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” — attributed to Mahatma Gandhi

“Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve.” — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

As we begin this closing service, let us remember what we shared today. Our families may have different faiths, beliefs, and traditions, but we share a commitment to kindness, compassion, and helping others.

Opening Song (America the Beautiful)

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years. Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

Opening Prayer (Hindu Prayer for Universal Well-Being)

A traditional Sanskrit prayer, often called Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah, wishes well-being for everyone. Its message can be expressed in English as:

May everyone be happy. May everyone be healthy. May everyone experience goodness. May no one suffer. May peace be with all.

Responsive Reading

The Scout Law gives us twelve ways to live our values. As we recite each point together, let us think about how we can show reverence through our words and actions.

All: A Scout is trustworthy.

Leader: We tell the truth and keep our promises.

All: A Scout is loyal.

Leader: We stand by our families, friends, and the values we believe in.

All: A Scout is helpful.

Leader: We serve others without expecting a reward.

All: A Scout is friendly.

Leader: We welcome people, even when their traditions are new to us.

All: A Scout is courteous.

Leader: We listen politely and respect other people's customs.

All: A Scout is kind.

Leader: We care about others and never make fun of their beliefs.

All: A Scout is obedient.

Leader: We respect the guidance of those who teach us to do what is right.

All: A Scout is cheerful.

Leader: We show gratitude and share joy with others.

All: A Scout is thrifty.

Leader: We use what we have wisely and care for our shared world.

All: A Scout is brave.

Leader: We speak up when someone is treated unfairly because of their faith.

All: A Scout is clean.

Leader: We care for our bodies, our surroundings, and the words we choose.

All: A Scout is reverent.

Leader: We are faithful to our own beliefs and respect the right of others to follow theirs.

The Scout Law is more than words we say. It is a promise we live.

Reflection

Today, we learned about the beliefs and traditions that make our families special. Some were familiar to us, while others were new. Each helped us better understand the families who make up our pack.

Think about sitting around a campfire with your fellow Scouts. Every person around that fire has a different story. We come from different families, celebrate different holidays, and practice our faith in different ways.

Around the campfire, no one needs to believe the same things or share the same traditions to belong. There is warmth and light enough for everyone.

In that same way, there is room for every family in our pack.

We don't have to believe the same things to care for one another. We don't have to practice the same traditions to treat each other with respect.

For thousands of years, people of different faiths have taught the importance of kindness, compassion, and caring for others. Although their beliefs and traditions may differ, these teachings remind us of the values we share.

From the Christian Bible, Romans 12:10: "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

This teaching from Christianity reminds us to show love by treating others with kindness, humility, and respect.

From the Jewish Torah, Leviticus 19:34 (Revised JPS, 2023): “The strangers who reside with you shall be to you as your citizens; you shall love each one as yourself.”

This teaching from Judaism reminds us to welcome others and treat them with the same kindness and dignity we would want for ourselves.

From the Holy Qur’an, Surah Aal-Imran 3:134: “Who spend [in the cause of Allah] during ease and hardship and who restrain anger and who pardon the people—and Allah loves the doers of good.”

This teaching from Islam reminds us to show goodness through our actions—by sharing what we have, being patient, and forgiving others.

These teachings come from different faith traditions, but each reminds us that what we believe should guide how we treat others. Our traditions may be different, but our shared commitment to kindness, compassion, and service brings us together.

Silent Prayer and Reflection

Let us take a quiet moment. In your own way, you may pray, give thanks, or reflect on someone whose traditions you learned about today.

[Pause for 20 seconds.]

Benediction

Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Bahá'í Faith, taught: “The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens.”

As we conclude our Family Traditions Festival, may we remember that reverence means more than practicing our own faith. It also means respecting the right of others to practice theirs. May we leave proud of our families, grateful for what we learned, and committed to treating every person with kindness and respect.

Though our beliefs may differ, we share one community, one world, and one promise to live by the Scout Oath and Law.

A Scout is Reverent.

THE RECIPE FOR AN AWESOME PACK! — COMPLETE SCRIPT

NARRATOR: (Wearing the apron and holding up the bowl and spoon.) Scouts, I have a very important question. Who here likes FOOD? (Let Scouts cheer and raise their hands.)

Excellent! Because tonight, we're going to make something amazing. We're going to make... THE WORLD'S GREATEST CUB SCOUT PACK!

(Hold up the empty bowl.)

Hmm. Looks like we're missing a few ingredients!

Every family has its own special recipe for making memories. Some families celebrate holidays with special foods. Some sing songs, tell stories, practice their faith, or have traditions passed down from grandparents. And some have traditions that are brand new! Those traditions are important because they remind us where we come from, what we believe, and what makes our families special.

Now, let's see what makes our Pack so great! We are going to need some help from our Scouts with the ingredients.

Our first ingredient is a big scoop of LOVE! Because that's where family traditions begin. (Give a dramatic stir with the spoon in the bowl.) Will our Lion Cub Scouts and their adult partners please come forward? (Pause to allow them to come forward.) You have earned the Lion's Pride adventure. Families, please present these adventure loops to your Cub Scouts. (Families present the adventure loop to their Scouts.) Please return to your seats. (Pause to allow them to return to their seats.)

Next, we need a handful of FUN! Because the best family memories usually come with a little laughter! (Give a dramatic stir with the spoon in the bowl.) Will our Tiger Cub Scouts and their adult partners please come forward? (Pause to allow them to come forward.) You have earned the Tiger Circles adventure. Families, please present these adventure loops to your Cub Scouts. (Families present the adventure loop to their Scouts.) Please return to your seats. (Pause to allow them to return to their seats.)

Let's add a cup of KINDNESS! Because everyone deserves to feel welcome! (Give a dramatic stir with the spoon in the bowl.) Will our Wolf Cub Scouts and their families please come forward? (Pause to allow them to come forward.) You have earned the Footsteps adventure. Families, please present these adventure loops to your Cub Scouts. (Families present the adventure loop to their Scouts.) Please return to your seats. (Pause to allow them to return to their seats.)

A generous dash of RESPECT is next into the bowl! Because we don't all have to believe the same things to be friends! (Give a dramatic stir with the spoon in the bowl.) Will our Bear Cub Scouts and their families please come forward? (Pause to allow them to come forward.) You have earned the Fellowship adventure. Families, please present these adventure loops to your Cub Scouts. (Families present the adventure loop to their Scouts.) Please return to your seats. (Pause to allow them to return to their seats.)

Now we need to sprinkle on some CURIOSITY! Because learning about other people's traditions makes life more interesting! (Give a dramatic stir with the spoon in the bowl.) Will our Webelos Cub Scouts and their families please come forward? (Pause to allow them to come forward.) You have earned the My Family adventure.

Families, please present these adventure pins to your Cub Scouts. (Families present the adventure pins to their Scouts.) Please return to your seats. (Pause to allow them to return to their seats.)

And finally, we need to add a HUGE helping of REVERENCE! Because a Scout honors their own beliefs and respects those of others! (Give a dramatic stir with the spoon in the bowl.) Will our Arrow of Light Cub Scouts and their families please come forward? (Pause to allow them to come forward.) You have earned the Duty to God adventure. Families, please present these adventure pins to your Cub Scouts. (Families present the adventure pins to their Scouts.) Please return to your seats. (Pause to allow them to return to their seats.)

Now, let's see... (stirring the bowl enthusiastically), love, fun, kindness, respect, curiosity, and reverence...(Pretend to taste the mixture.) Hmm. It's good. But I think we're missing ONE very important ingredient! (Look around dramatically.) YOU! (Point toward the Scouts and families.) Every Scout and every family brings something special to this Pack. Some of our family traditions have been passed down for generations, and some are just getting started. Some are similar, and some are completely different. But each one helps make us who we are!

And that's the secret to our recipe! (Give the bowl one final, enthusiastic stir.) We don't all have to bring the same ingredients to make something wonderful together! We each bring our own traditions, share them with pride, and welcome the traditions of others with kindness and respect. Because when we do that, we're not just making a great Pack. We're living the Scout Law and showing what it really means to be reverent.

(Raise the spoon triumphantly.) Now THAT'S a recipe worth passing down! And tonight, every one of you helped make our pack something special! Let's give all our Scouts and families a HUGE round of applause! (Lead applause.)

CUBMASTER MINUTE — COMPLETE INTERACTIVE SCRIPT

The Boy Who Cried Wolf · Trustworthy & Reverent

Scouts, raise your hand if you've ever heard someone tell a story that wasn't true. (Pause for hands.) Some stories are made up just for fun. Others teach us something important. Those are called fables. Long ago, a Greek storyteller named Aesop became famous for telling fables. Tonight, we're going to bring one of his most famous stories to life! But I'll need your help.

First, I need everyone to become a villager. When I shout "WOLF! WOLF!" I want you to put your hands around your mouth and shout back, "WE'RE COMING TO HELP!" (Practice once.)

Great! Now, when I say "No wolf!" I want everyone to cross their arms and say, "THAT'S NOT FUNNY!" (Practice once.)

And when I say "A Scout is..." I want everyone to shout "TRUSTWORTHY!" (Practice once.)

Excellent! Now we're ready.

Once upon a time, a young shepherd boy had an important job. Every day, he watched his family's sheep on a grassy hillside near his village. His job was to keep the sheep safe from wolves. But the boy was bored. Really, really bored!

One day, he decided to play a trick on the villagers. He took a deep breath and shouted..."WOLF! WOLF!"

(Scouts put their hands around their mouths and shout back "WE'RE COMING TO HELP!")

The villagers dropped their tools and ran as fast as they could up the hill! (Encourage Scouts to run in place.)

But when they arrived, the boy was laughing! There was no wolf!

(Scouts cross their arms and say, "THAT'S NOT FUNNY!")

The villagers were frustrated, but they went back to work. A few days later, the boy got bored again and he decided to play the same trick! He shouted "WOLF! WOLF!"

(Scouts put their hands around their mouths and shout back "WE'RE COMING TO HELP!")

The villagers dropped their tools and ran as fast as they could up the hill again! (Encourage Scouts to run in place.)

But once again, there was no wolf!

(Scouts cross their arms and say, "THAT'S NOT FUNNY!")

Now the villagers were really frustrated. Scouts, give me a thumbs-up if you think the villagers trusted the boy MORE after his tricks, or a thumbs-down if they trusted him LESS. (Pause for responses.). That's right. Every time the boy lied, he lost a little more of their trust.

Then one evening, something happened. The bushes began to rustle. The boy looked toward the trees. And there, stepping out of the shadows, was a REAL WOLF! This time, the boy wasn't playing a trick. He shouted as loudly as he could..."WOLF! WOLF!"

(Scouts put their hands around their mouths and shout back "WE'RE COMING TO HELP!")

But the villagers remembered the boy's tricks. They heard him calling, but they thought he was lying again. So this time, nobody came. The wolf frightened the sheep, and the boy couldn't keep them safe. He had learned a very important lesson.

Scouts, why didn't the villagers believe the boy when the wolf was real? (Take two or three answers.). Exactly! He had lied so many times that people stopped trusting him. Now, let's do a quick Trust Test! If the action I describe is trustworthy, give me a thumbs-up. If it's not trustworthy, give me a thumbs-down.

You accidentally break something and tell an adult what happened. (Thumbs-up.)

You promise to help clean up, but sneak away when it's time to work. (Thumbs-down.)

You make a mistake during a game and admit it, even though nobody noticed. (Thumbs-up.)

You tell your friends something that isn't true just to get a laugh. (Thumbs-down.)

Great job! Being trustworthy means telling the truth, keeping our promises, and doing what's right-even when nobody is watching. It means people can count on us. But there's another point of the Scout Law that we learned about tonight that connects to this story.

Being reverent means being faithful to our own beliefs and respecting the beliefs of others. And just like being trustworthy, reverence isn't only about what we say or believe. It's about how we act and how we treat the people around us. The shepherd boy in our story knew that lying was wrong, but he didn't live by that lesson.

So Scouts, I have another question: If we say that honesty is important, but we don't tell the truth, are we really living by our values? (Pause to allow Scouts to answer.)

Exactly! Being trustworthy is one way we can put our values into action. It's one way we can practice reverence. Tonight, we've learned that our families may have different beliefs and traditions, but we can all live by the Scout Law. Remember Scouts: Our words tell people what we believe, but our actions - and the way we treat others - show people what those beliefs mean.

CLOSING FLAG CEREMONY

Traditional Closing Flag Ceremony

Use the traditional closing flag ceremony resource linked in this guide. Assign a color guard and review the ceremony with the Scouts before the meeting.

[Scouting America — Traditional Opening & Closing Flag Ceremony](#)

My Family Traditions!

LION • Family Traditions Festival

Scout name: _____

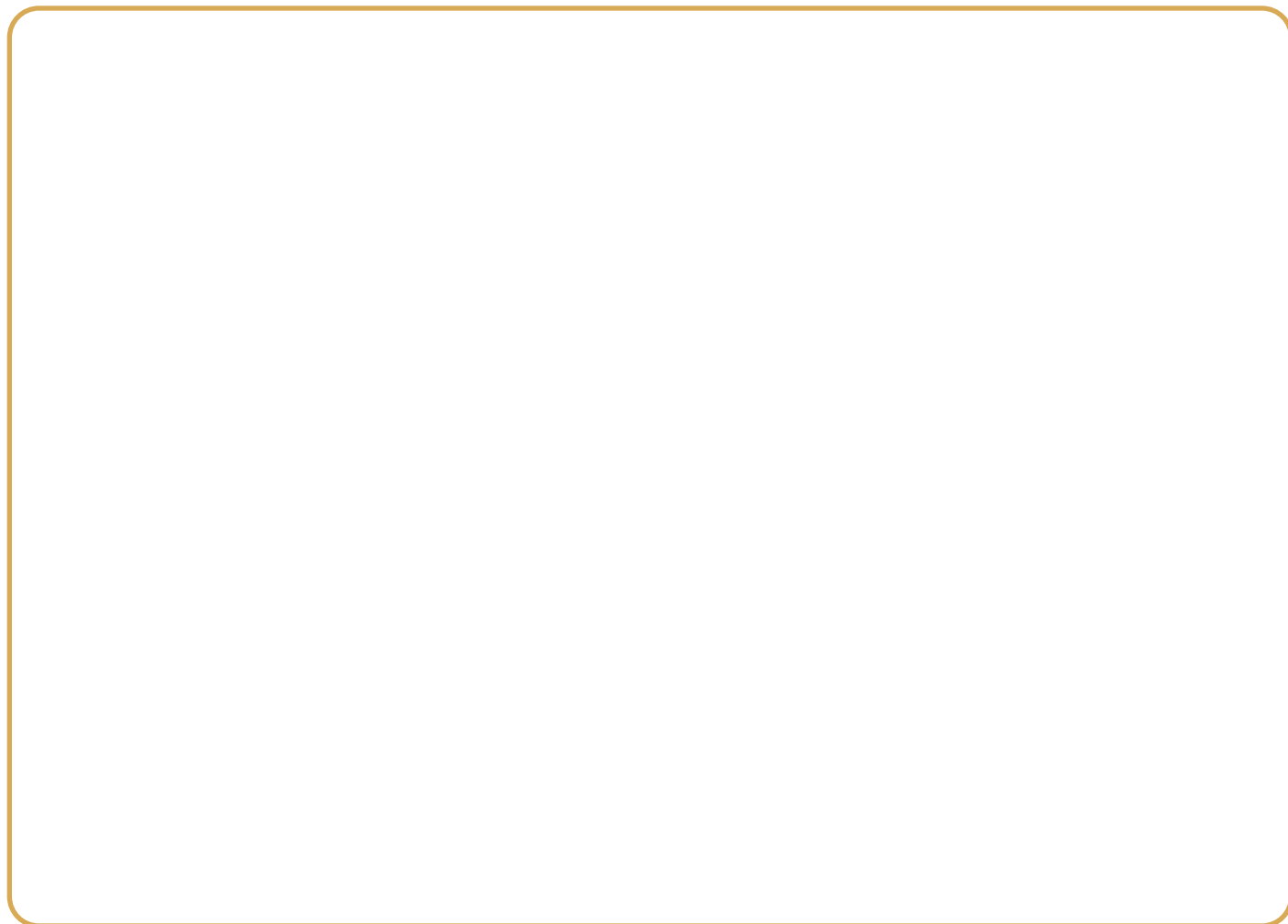
Talk with your grown-up!

With your parent or legal guardian, talk about your family's faith traditions.

What major holidays or celebrations does your family enjoy each year?

Draw your favorite!

Draw a picture of your favorite family faith tradition, holiday, or celebration.



Share! Tell someone about your picture and why it is special to you.

Our Family Traditions Festival Plan

LION • Family Traditions Festival

Scout name: _____

1. What will we share?

Choose a family faith tradition, holiday, or celebration.

2. How will we share it?

A food, game, craft, story, demonstration, or display? Draw or write!

3. Supplies to bring

List or draw materials, ingredients, display items, and serving supplies.

4. Our family game plan

Who will prepare, bring, and explain our tradition at the festival?

TIGER • FAMILY TRADITIONS

Scout name: _____

Explore your family traditions!

With your parent or legal guardian, talk about your family's faith traditions.

Identify three holidays or celebrations that are part of your family faith traditions.

Our three holidays or celebrations:

1

2

3

Draw a picture!

Show a favorite family faith tradition, holiday, or celebration.

SHARE! Tell a grown-up about your picture.

Our Family Traditions Festival Plan

TIGER • Family Traditions Festival

Scout / family: _____

1. What will we share?

Choose a family faith tradition, holiday, or celebration.

2. How will we share it?

A food, game, craft, story, demonstration, or display? Draw or write!

3. Supplies to bring

List or draw materials, ingredients, display items, and serving supplies.

4. Our family game plan

Who will prepare, bring, and explain our tradition at the festival?

WOLF • FAMILY TRADITIONS

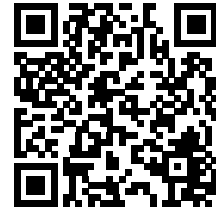
Scout name: _____

Explore your family traditions!

With your parent or legal guardian, talk about your family's faith traditions.

Make a craft or work of art of your favorite family faith tradition, holiday, or celebration.

Think about your favorite tradition. What could you create to represent it? Draw or jot down your ideas below!



Need a little inspiration?

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Footsteps Family and
Reverence ideas

SKETCH YOUR IDEA

Draw what you want to make.



PLAN YOUR SUPPLIES

What will you need?

- _____
- _____
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BRING YOUR IDEA TO LIFE!

Now create your craft or artwork using the ideas you planned above.

SHARE! Tell a grown-up what your artwork represents.

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BEAR · FAMILY TRADITIONS

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LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER FAITH

With your parent or legal guardian, identify a religion or faith different from your own. What are two things it has in common with your family's beliefs?

First thing we have in common:

Second thing we have in common:

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WEBELOS • FAMILY TRADITIONS

Scout name: _____

Explore your family traditions!

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Make a craft or work of art of your favorite family faith tradition, holiday, or celebration.

Think about what you could create to represent your tradition. Sketch your idea and plan your supplies below.



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My Family adventure
Family and Reverence
ideas

SKETCH YOUR IDEA

Draw what you want to make.



PLAN YOUR SUPPLIES

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First thing we have in common

Second thing we have in common

WHAT DOES REVERENCE MEAN TO YOU?

Discuss with your parent or legal guardian what it means to be reverent. Tell how you practice reverence in daily life. Write your thoughts here.

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ARROW OF LIGHT • FAMILY TRADITIONS

Scout name: _____

Faith traditions and the Scout Law

Discuss with your parent or legal guardian your family's faith traditions or one of your choosing. Choose a view or value of that faith tradition that is related to the Scout Law. Discuss with your family how each family member demonstrates this value.

Our chosen faith tradition and value:

How does our family demonstrate this value?

My Duty to God

Discuss with your parent, legal guardian, or adult leader what "Duty to God" means to you. Tell how you practice your Duty to God in your daily life.

Write your thoughts here:

SHARE! Talk with your family about the values you practice every day.

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