

Introduction



Jamboree Reflections

In all the bustle and activity of preparing for and then taking part in the Jamboree, it's easy for us to overlook the need to think about how our faith is reflected in what we do and how we can use that faith to make sense of our experiences. Individuals will approach this in their own way but these reflection cards will help.

Put together by a team who drew on suggestions from a much wider group of people, they will help Unit leadership teams in particular to incorporate appropriate ways of observing our faith in the activities of the Unit, both in the run up to the Jamboree and during the event itself.

There will be a second issue of more cards for the Jamboree itself; in the meantime, we hope that these cards will help us all to keep our religion and faith in the position it must be: in the forefront of all that we do.

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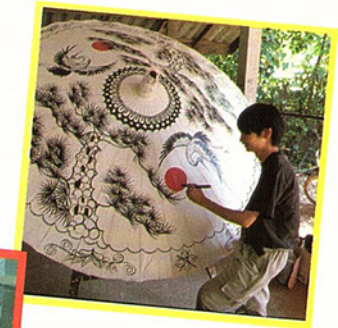
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Sawaddee you Pray? A Join-in-Jamboree Spiritual Resource



2. Welcome



PRAYERS

Eternal God

We say good morning to you
Hallowed by your name.
Early in the morning, before we begin
our work we praise your glory
Renew our bodies as fresh as the
morning flowers.
Open our inner eyes, as the sun casts
new light upon the darkness which
prevailed over the night.
Deliver us from all captivity.
Give us wings of freedom, like the
birds in the sky, to begin a
new journey.
Restore justice and freedom as a
mighty stream running continuously as
day follows day.
We thank you for the gift of this
morning and a new day to work with
you
Masao Takenaka, Japan



ACTIVITIES

Hello World!

Ask participants to introduce themselves; first the British way (shaking hands and exchanging names); then the Eskimo way (rubbing nose); the Japanese way (a polite bow); the French way (kisses on both cheeks); and the Thai way (the 'wai' with palms together held between the nose and the chin)



1. Welcome



POEMS & STORIES

Coming together is a beginning
Keeping together is a process
Thinking together is unity but
Working together is success
Seeking

PRAYERS

A Muslim Prayer

Spread peace among you... Love each other. Peace be with you.

It takes sixty four muscles to frown,
only eighteen to smile!
Anon



1. Welcome



PRAYERS

A Welcome Prayer

Each day's a new beginning
So start it with a smile,
Enjoy the art of living
Do things that are worthwhile,
Like loving and forgiving
And having time to spare
To make some person happy
By showing that you care

POEMS & STORIES

Healing hands, caring hands
Soothing hands, sharing hands
Playing hands, making hands
Giving hands, taking hands
Helping hands, teaching hands
Praying hands, beseeching hands.
Hands in friendship,
Hands in peace.
Hands from North, South, West
and East,
Reaching out across the sea
To enfold our world in unity
Babs Sweet

ACTIVITIES

The suck blow game!

Ask everyone to stand in circles of 10
- boy/girl/boy/girl. Distribute one
playing card per circle. One person in
each circle holds the card flat to
their mouth kissing it, then passes it
to the next person by sucking it to
hold and blowing it to release.
No hands!



2. Welcome



POEMS & STORIES

Jump on, join in!

Reach beyond yourself today. There
are skills you don't yet know you have.
There are friends you haven't yet
met. There are possibilities you have
never before considered. There are
wonderful experiences waiting to be
lived, and a whole world of new things
to learn. What a waste it would be if
today was just like yesterday, and if
tomorrow was just like today. Go
beyond what you're familiar with. Go
beyond the things you're comfortable
with. Get out and explore some new
territory
Ralph Marston

A stranger is a friend you haven't
yet met.
Seeking



1. Friendship



PRAYERS

My Neighbour

I am glad you made my neighbour different from me; a different coloured skin, a different shaped face; a different response to you. I need my neighbour to teach me about you; he knows all the things I don't know.

Monica Furlong - The Prayer Garden

The prophet (peace be upon him) said - "None of you (truly) believes until he wishes for his brother (Friend) what he wishes for himself"

POEMS & STORIES

Circle of Friends

A circle can be so strong and forbidding. It's fine for those inside, but for those outside it's not that good. May our circles of friends always be open to the needs of others, so that we may be generous and not mean, thoughtful and not spiteful, for Jesus' sake.

Our best friends are those in whose presence we are able to be our best selves.

C.W. Kohler

A Childs Wish

Though young I am
My bones are small
I wish to tell you something - all
I wish to see the greatest signs
That Allah kindly gives mankind
I wish to plant my growing feet
On the path of joy and peace
I wish to grow with Islamic conscience
And know my creators love and patience
I wish to learn these humble tasks
And do the things that Allah asks
I wish to act on how to best
Help my parents and give them rest
My food and water I wish to share
With other children because I care
And for my neighbours I wish to try
To be their friend and bring them smiles
So brothers and sisters teach me please
Pour into my heart your expertise
And train me all I need to know
To strive into the world I go.

Adapted from Aisha Bint Mahmud

2. Friendship



POEMS & STORIES

Cheerfulness

Smile please!

It costs nothing, but creates much;
It enriches those who receive without
impoverishing those who give;
It happens in a flash and the memory
of it sometimes lasts forever.

None are so rich that they can get
along without it;

None are so poor, but are richer for
the benefit.

It is rest to the weary, sunshine to
the sad,

And nature's best antidote for
trouble,

It cannot be bought, borrowed or
stolen,

For it is something that is no earthly
good until it is given away,

And yet when it is given away, it
always comes back;

And nobody needs a smile so much as
those who have none to give.



Many people will walk in and out of
your life,
But only true friends will leave
footprints in your heart
Eleanor Roosevelt..

Friends, you and me....
You bought another friend....
And then there were 3....
We started our group....
Our circle of friends....
And like that circle....
There is no beginning and end....
Eleanor Roosevelt



2. Friendship



PRAYERS

Room at the Inn

Almighty God, full of mercy, look down with pity upon all the innkeepers of the world who turn guests away because of their colour or creed or condition. Prepare room in our hearts, that those who are hurt or rejected or ignored in the world may find kindness there. In the name of our Saviour who was born in a stable.

Amen

The Prayer Garden

Thank you for friends. Help me to be a good friend - loyal, honest, dependable and true.

POEMS & STORIES

SMILING is infectious, You catch it like the flu

When someone SMILED at me today, I started SMILING too

I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin

When he SMILED, I realized I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that SMILE, then realized its worth,

A single SMILE just like mine could travel 'round the earth.

So if you feel a SMILE begin, don't leave it undetected,

LET'S START AN EPIDEMIC QUICK
AND GET THE WORLD INFECTED



You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.

Indira Ghandi

No companion of mine should convey to me anything unpleasant concerning another, for I desire that when I meet a person my mind should be clear with regard to everyone.

Hadith. Saying of Prophet Muhammad

1. Friendship



ACTIVITIES

The Left Hand

Start by holding a Bible up in the air on tips of fingers, remove and then start to tell story.

A bunch of fingers were arguing one day between themselves. The Index Finger said 'I am the most important, I am the First Finger. I point'. (Point to someone).

'I'm the most important' said the Second Finger, 'I'll prove it. Come on all of you, stand up by me, There now, who is the tallest. Why I am. That proves I must be the most important'. The Third Finger said 'Neither of you are, because I'm the most important, I'm the pretty one, I wear the ring so I must be the most important'.

'Oh no you're not' said the Little Finger. 'I may be little but I know I'm the best because I get into all the awkward places'. (Ear then nose)...Laughter.

Now the thumb was listening to all this. (Hold up the thumb). 'If you're as important as you say you are then try this. Pick up this book., (Each finger tries but fails. Make comment as each tries.) Thumb then offers to help each finger and each finger in

turn is able to pick up the book. (Make comment as each finger finds he is able to so this such as - 'I knew I could do it!'. The Thumb could then comment 'Yes with a little help'. 'Look at me' - 'Yes you can do it with a little help'.

After each has lifted the Bible, the Thumb then says 'If you let God help you, just think what you could do, and if you all joined together, with God's help you could become a Hand. A Hand of Friendship - The Hand of Scouting.



Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.



2. Faith Celebrations



Stars

Some people have one big star on top of their Christmas trees, others hang smaller stars on the branches of the tree. The stars remind us of several things. The wise men were led to Bethlehem to worship Jesus by a star.

There are millions of stars in the sky, but to Christians this is a very special one and in pictures it is drawn bigger than the others, The stars remind us to worship Jesus just as the wise men did. The stars also remind us that Jesus helped his Father to make the world at the beginning of time, including the stars. The great king and saviour who helped make the stars loved us enough to be born beneath them as a baby.

Presents

The presents under the tree
We all like receiving presents at Christmas and the best ones are those that are surprises. The best thing about presents is not whether they are big or small but that they were brought and given to us by some one who loves us.
Presents remind us that we were given a great gift that very first Christmas. Jesus was given as a gift to the world by God.

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ACTIVITIES

Chinese Good Luck Tantra

- Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
- Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.
- When you say "I'm sorry", look the person in the eye.
- Never laugh at anyone's dreams. People who don't have dreams don't have much.
- Don't judge people by their relatives.
- Talk slowly but think quickly.
- When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"
- When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
- Remember the three R's. Respect to self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
- Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
- When you realise you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
- Spend some time alone.



1. Faith Celebrations



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January/February

- Chinese New Year - The New Year should start with as much good luck as possible. There are many stories about the twelve animal signs.

February/April

- Lent, Good Friday and Easter - Lent lasts for 40 days before Easter. Christians give up something they like during Lent. Good Friday recalls the death of Jesus and Easter Sunday his resurrection.

March/April

- Eid ul adha - The Muslim festival recalling the obedience of Ibrahim and son Ishmael to the Will of God.
- Pesakh (Passover) - The Jewish celebration of God freeing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.
- Holi - The festival of love and harvest. It is a light-hearted festival, recalling the amusing tricks that the god Krishna played.
- Baisakhi - This Sikh festival celebrates the founding of the Khalsa. It supports standing up for one's beliefs, and defending the helpless.

May/June

- Wesak - Buddhists celebrate the three events in the life of the Buddha: his birth, his enlightenment and his death, which all happened on

the same day in different years.

September/October

- Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year. Yom Kippur, nine days later, is a time for remembering the failures and faults of the past year and preparing for a new start.

October/November

- Divali - Celebrates the New Year, and also recalls the story of Rama and Sita from the Ramayana. Oil lamps are lit in the windows of Hindu homes.
- Guru Nanak's Birthday celebrates the birth of the founder of Sikhism. It is celebrated by reading the scripture, the Guru Granth Sahib, by singing the hymns he wrote and by telling stories about him.

December/January

- Advent and Christmas. Advent starts four Sundays before Christmas Day. Christmas Day, December 25, which celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, Son of God.
- Ramadan and Eid Ul Fitr - The Muslim period of fasting and subsequent celebration of being a Muslim and living in 'Islam' - submission to Allah.



1. Faith Celebrations



PRAYERS

The happiness of Christmas
There are fat, squashy presents,
long, thin, bending presents,
presents which are huge,
presents which are very small.
Amongst all the excitement of
guessing,
And the pleasure of receiving,
Never let us forget
The gladness of giving
The Prayer Garden

POEMS & STORIES

'I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted and every hill and mountain shall be made low. The rough places will be made plain and the crooked places will be made straight... With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountains of despair the stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to work together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing we will be free one day...

'When we allow freedom to ring from every town and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Great God Almighty, we are free at last."

Martin Luther King

Chinese Lion Dance

Moving along with many feet,
the lion dances up the street.
Humping his back and shaking his head,
opening his mouth,
with tongue of red,
moving forwards, writhing, turning,
enormous eyes, gleaming, burning,
as the rhythm drives him on,
until the lion dance is done.

Light the Festive Candles (Hanukkah)

Light the first of eight tonight -
the farthest candle to the right.
Light, the first and second, too,
when tomorrow's day is through.
Then light three, and then light four
every dusk one candle more.
Till all eight burn bright and high,
honouring a day gone by
When the Temple was restored,
rescued from the Syrian lord,
and an eight-day feast proclaimed -
The Festival of Lights - well named
To celebrate the joyous day
when we regained the right to pray
to our one God in our own way.
From Hadith, saying of Prophet Muhammed

A Hindu festival: Ganesh Chaturthi

The birthday of Ganesh, the elephant-headed Hindu god, is celebrated in August or September during a festival called Ganesh Chaturthi. Hindus often paint a picture of Ganesh on their walls to bring good luck.

2. Faith Celebrations



POEMS & STORIES

A New Year

The door of my last year is closing,
The door of my new year is opening,
Wherever I go
Whatever I do,
Walk with me Lord,
So that I may live with thanksgiving in
my heart
And love in all that I do.
The Prayer Garden

New Year

This night
of all nights
is the years last.
All, all
the other nights
are gone, are past...
After
the evening, with
its fading light,
put the lid
on the hour
and close it tight.
Close up
your tired eye,
close up the day.
Bid the old year
Goodbye,
and come away.

PRAYERS

Christmas Love

Once again
There is excitement in the air,
Holly and mistletoe,
Christmas trees, fairy lights,
And cards from forgotten friends.
Streets and shops possess a different
feeling.

The world is green and beautiful, and
God has appointed you his stewards
over it.
From Hadith, saying of Prophet Mohammed

ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS

Ask nine young people to each hold a letter from the word Christmas, everyone else should then see how many words they can find relating to Christmas or the Nativity using these letters.

Fairy Lights

Most Christmas trees have lights on them. Some make pretty patterns. Some are coloured and others just plain white. In times past candles were used instead of today's electric lights. The lights remind us that the Bible calls Jesus the light of the world. Christians believe that Jesus brings the light of love into a world that is made dark with sadness and wrong.

1. Quiet times

POEMS & STORIES

Serenity

Do not force the pace of life,
Though much you have to do,
Take some time for being quiet,
A minute, maybe two
To make a break from all that drives
you on from day to day
Give yourself a chance to stop,
To think, perhaps to pray.
You need to soothe the jangled
nerves
And calm the worried mind
To ease the overburdened heart
To rest and to unwind.
Find a peace within yourself
And stronger you will be
Having learned the precious secret
Of serenity.



Your own time with your own God
Reflect on anything you enjoy about
your God's creations today -
The air that you breathe.
The sky you take for granted.
The sound of water; rivers, rain,
streams and seas.
The colours and different types of
trees and plants during the seasons
of the year.
The Sun that sustains life.
The animals and birds you have
noticed.
Friends whose company you like and
appreciate.
Think of the people here in our
group who are valued.
Thank God for creating all this and
for wanting you and your group to be
his people in it.

Adapted from Scripture Union



2. Quiet times

PRAYERS

Master of the Universe
Grant me the ability to be alone;
May it be my custom to go outdoors
each day
Among the trees and grasses,
Among all growing things,
And there may I be alone,
And enter into prayer
To talk with the one
That I belong to.
Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav

POEMS & STORIES

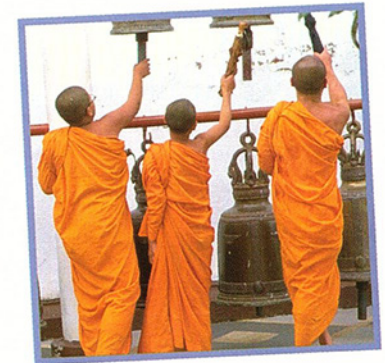
Take Time

Take time to think - it is the source
of power.
Take time to play - it is the secret
of perpetual youth.
Take time to read - it is the
fountain of wisdom.
Take time to pray - it is the
greatest power on earth.
Take time to love and be loved - it is
a God-given privilege.
Take time to be friendly - it is the
road to happiness.
Take time to laugh - it is the music
of the soul.
Take time to give - it is too short a
day to be selfish.
Take time to work - it is the price
of success.

“Take time to be charitable - it is the
key to heaven
Seeking

Don't hurry, don't worry. You're here
for a short visit. So be sure to stop
and smell the flowers.
Walter C. Hagen

Silence. Words are clumsy things,
with us. Stumbling they fall -
blundering, fumbling, stating the
obvious. Take a moment of silence to
sit in quiet and reflect.”



2. Quiet times

“ A lot of people are like wheelbarrows - no good unless pushed.
Some are like kites - if you don't keep a string on them they will fly away.
Some are like kittens - they are more contented when petted.
Some are like balloons - full of air and ready to blow up.
Some are like footballs - You can't tell which way they will bounce next.
Some are like trailers - they have to be pulled.
Some are like neon lights - they keep going on and off.
And some are like a good watch - open face, pure gold, quietly busy and full of good works.
Help us to live so that at the end of each day we may be ashamed of nothing and glad of something we have done or have tried to do.”

Adapted from 'Let us Pray' Anglia Guide Publication

ACTIVITIES

Group meditation

All the group should huddle together in a crouching position. The leader begins with a low hum using the words 'paix, pax, peace' (the word for peace in three languages). The group should all join in the chant slowly getting louder and with each chant the group

should rise a little until eventually everyone leaps into the air and shouts at the same time then gradually the chant becomes quieter and the group lowers itself until it is sitting on the floor in silence.

POEMS & STORIES

Important Words

The four most important words

'It was my fault'

The three most important words

'If you please'

The two most important words

'Thank you'

The one most important word

'We'

The least important word

'I'

Anon



1. Quiet times

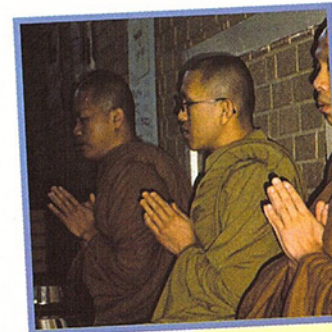
PRAYERS

Lord of all created things
Let me lift up my eyes just once this day.
May the passing problems of my waking hours
Be reduced to their proper size and place
Beneath the infinite sky.
May I know your presence,
Feel and breathe the breath of life
Which is your daily gift,
And may I see
In the beauty of the heavens
The measure of your love.
'Lord of my days

POEMS & STORIES

A Wise Old Owl

A wise old owl lived in an oak,
The more he heard, the less he spoke;
The less he spoke, the more he heard,
Why can't we all be like this bird?
Anon



ACTIVITIES

Uncomfortable changes

Everyone is asked to cross their arms and hold this pose for one minute. Then everyone is asked to change the pose so that the arms are folded the opposite way with the different arm on top. How do people feel when the arms are crossed in a different way? How many people felt uncomfortable? Are people always resistant to change?

“ Sometimes I sits and thinks and sometimes I just sits.
Satchel Paige

2. The Future

Creator God,
As we journey through this world,
Give us the grace to allow your Holy Spirit
To work through us.
Help us speak, think and work
With honesty and compassion
To celebrate all that is life-giving,
To restore hope where it has been lost,
And to bring about change where it is needed.



Yesterday is history.
Tomorrow is a mystery.
Enjoy today - it is a gift...
...that's why we call it - the present..!



1. The Future

PRAYERS

A Muslim prayer for the new Millennium:

May ALLAH give us all the best for the days yet to come...
May ALLAH give all the poor their needs and help them to earn their food without asking people to do so...
May ALLAH give all the children in the world their rights of living a full life of dignity and validation of their rights...
May ALLAH give all the decision makers the ability and thoughts to overcome all the conflicts and stop wars, killing, and...
May ALLAH help all the people in disasters to relief and recover from their bad conditions...
May ALLAH help us all to know the truth where ever it is and to follow it what ever is costs...
May ALLAH show us no bad days but good ones...
May ALLAH help me to be a good person following his rules and going far away from the things that makes him angry with me...

POEMS & STORIES

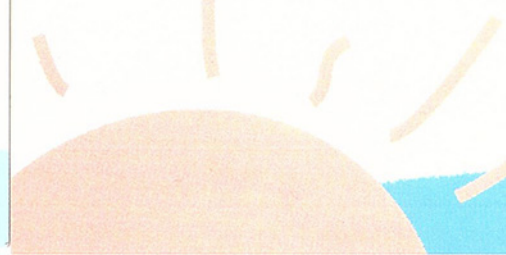
Forget the past, it's gone and can't be Undone.
Tomorrow is for living, how will you Use it?
Rise to the challenge of Eternity.

Standing at the threshold of Tomorrow
Assess the future and your Role
Think about your life Style.

Take the time to work it Out.
Dare to challenge your Attitudes
You have the future in your hands.
N Hailey

To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.
Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The past is but the beginning of a beginning, and all that is and has been, is but the twilight of the dawn.
H G Wells



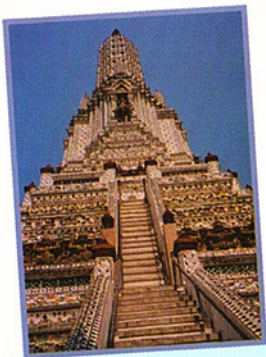
1. The Future

No Way Back
Lean on the future. There
If anywhere
You walk upon water.
All that was true at first
Is true at last
But there is no way back
Into the past
But through the future. There
If anywhere
The miracle must happen.
Nothing fixed or final - poems by Sydney
Carter

ACTIVITIES

Imagination

Ask people to move around the room
in different ways
as waiters
as people with very large dogs on
leads
as elderly people
as if the floor was made of hot coals
as a policeman
as an elephant



The future's in your hands!
On a piece of paper make a list of
everything you've learnt from your
experiences here. Then write down
two of your dreams for the future.
Fold the paper up and put it in your
pocket. Next time you wear you put
your hand in your pocket you will be
reminded of the dreams you wish to
pursue!

In that past
The future lives for ever,
what I hope for
is still around the corner.
last verse from The Future in the Past- poems
by Sydney Carter

Trust God and wait for each day to
bring new things; and don't forget
to enjoy being young 'cos you soon
won't be!

2. The Future

POEMS & STORIES

The Millennium Resolution

Let there be
respect for the earth
peace for its people
love in our lives
delight in the good
forgiveness for past wrongs
and from now on a new start.

Respect for the earth
Grant us a spirit of concern for the
future of our environment;
Bring an end to the exploitation of
the earth's scarce resources;
Encourage us to be responsible
stewards of your creation.
Lord, make us prophets of our time.

Peace for its people
Grant us a spirit of respect,
recognising the value and integrity of
each person;

Help us become advocates of peace,
bringing an end to conflict
and division;
Renew our commitment to challenging
the causes of injustice.

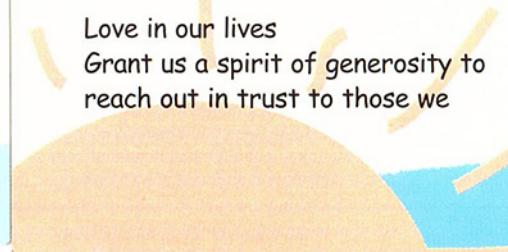
Love in our lives
Grant us a spirit of generosity to
reach out in trust to those we

encounter;
Help us to embody God's love in our
relationships with one another.

Delight in the good
Grant us a spirit of openness to see
God within us and around us;
Help us to rejoice in the good we have
experienced as we move forward to
the future.

Forgiveness for past wrongs
Grant us a spirit of truth to recognise
failings which have hurt us others and
the world;
Give us the humility to ask forgive-
ness for our part in any wrong doing;
Encourage us to be accepting of
ourselves and others.

And from now on a new start.
Grant us a spirit of hospitality to
welcome the new Millennium with its
joys, possibilities and challenges;
Let us go forward into the new
Millennium with a vision of how things
could be and the commitment to make
our ideas a reality.



1. Journeys



ACTIVITIES

Messy Footprints

Individuals with bare feet step into trays of different coloured water-based paint. They then make their footprints on large sheets of paper, rolls of wallpaper or plain white material. They sign or print their names using permanent marker pens next to their footprints. They could also write a sentence about the place they would most like to visit. Don't forget to provide bowls of water for rinsing off the paint.



Each of us has to discover his own path - of that I am sure. Some paths will be spectacular... and others peaceful and quiet. Who is to say which is the more important? I am thankful for the tasks still left to do - of the adventures still lying ahead.

Sir Edmund Hillary



2. Journeys



PRAYERS

Lord Be My Guide

It's quite misty today down at Burbo Bank, Lord. I watch a bulk tanker setting out to sea, despite the mist. The ship sets out because of the skipper's confidence in his charts, compass and radar. I think, Lord, how many times our spiritual lives are sort of misty. For us, you are the chart, the compass and the radar. You are the way, the truth and the life.

Lord, help me to trust in you when the way ahead seems misty and uncertain. Lord, help me have the courage to set sail on uncharted seas, knowing that you are there with me, to help me and to guide me.

Meditations by the Sea, Father John Seddon

Only a light bulb can go out every night and still be bright in the morning.

Searching

I would urge that (at the Jamboree) we do not let our young people be content with the mere fact of being in camp with those of other nations, but that we should encourage them to utilise every minute of the short time they have to make acquaintance and from acquaintance friendship, with their brother Scouts, their future fellow men in the world. Each young person could then go forth from the Jamboree with a new responsibility, that of an apostle of peace and goodwill.

Adapted from Baden-Powell, Footsteps of the Founder



2. Journeys



“ The mind is like a parachute - It only functions when it's open! ”

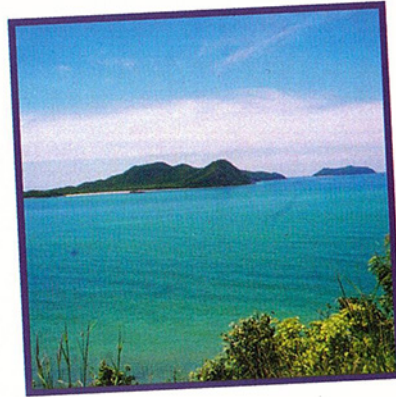
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PRAYERS

Always There

In your journeys to and fro
God direct you
In your happiness and pleasure
God bless you
In care, anxiety or trouble
God sustain you
In peril and danger
God protect you

Adapted from Archbishop Timothy Olwfosoye



1. Journeys



PRAYERS

Travelling

Lord of Journeyings
When I have to travel
Far from my home
And I experience
A separation from my culture and people
Remind me that I have a special opportunity
To proclaim your presence in all places
And your good news of peace to all nations
Join me to those I love back home
And to those I meet close by in thy name

The Word and the World

POEMS & STORIES

People wander because they don't know where they are going or what they want. People travel because they have a destination to reach, a goal to attempt. Which are you, wise or foolish? If we go on a long journey we need a map of some kind to guide us. We might have to refer to it to save getting lost; we might need it because we are lost and with it we can find the right road again. In our journey through life we have a map, a guidebook - the Bible. We also have a very good set of Laws and a Promise,

which has at its heart God. If we really keep both we can't go far wrong. We need a centre into our lives. If self is at the centre of your life then I am afraid you are going to be discontented and unhappy; you will wander. If, however, God is at the centre, then your life will be happy and fulfilled and you will travel.

Sharing

“ A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. ”

Lao-Tze

ACTIVITIES

Slipped Disc

Get into groups of 8 to 10. You will need one paper plate per group. Groups lie face down on the floor in a circle, with heads to the centre. One person has a paper plate between his or her shoulder blades. On "Go!" the game is to transfer the paper plate from person to person around the circle without dropping the plate.



2. Service

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Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can
John Wesley

By service I mean the submission of self to the willing rendering of helpfulness to others, without thought of return or reward.
Baden-Powell, January 1924

ACTIVITIES

Famous People

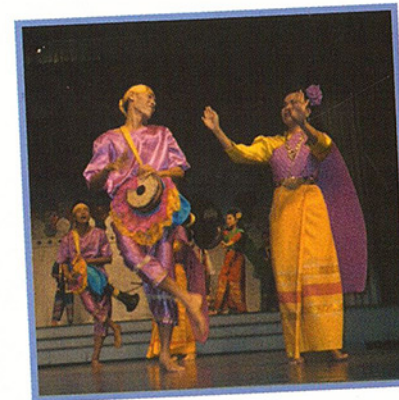
You need a hat and some paper, a pen and something to stick the paper to the hat. Write down the name of a famous person and place it on a hat. Without revealing the name, ask one member of the group to wear the hat so that the rest of the group can see the name. Now the hat bearer has to ask questions to find out their identity. The group can only answer yes or no. Take it in turns.



1. Service

PRAYERS

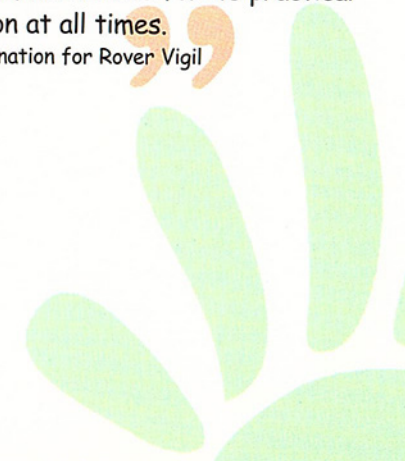
Of gifts I ask of Thee but one - more love
More love to spread the kindly thought;
More love to feel less the unkind word;
More love to pour out sympathy;
More love to lift and help;
More love to do and dare;
More love to honour you,
More love to serve you,
More love to adore you,
Amen.



POEMS & STORIES

This story concerns four people - Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but in the end Nobody did it. Everybody got very angry over this because it really was Somebody's job. Everybody thought Somebody would do it, but Nobody realised that Anybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody had asked Anybody.
Searching

“
Service is not for spare time only.
Service should be an attitude of life which will find outlets for its practical expression at all times.
Self-Examination for Rover Vigil



1. Service



“Two courses lie open to every man - self or service. He has to choose for himself which is to be his real motive. Self is the more comfortable; service involves sacrifice...Where he practises (sacrifice) ...let him be assured that life will be to him a real and happy possession.”

Sacrifice is the salt of service



ACTIVITIES

To show how we are stronger when we work together.

Let each person chooses two thin sticks (or similar) from a pile in the centre or from a bundle offered to them. At a given time ask each person to break one of the sticks into two pieces. The other sticks are collected together to show that as a bundle, the sticks cannot be broken into pieces. This demonstrates the strength of the group as opposed to the individual.



2. Service



POEMS & STORIES

Listen or wait

A young and successful executive was travelling down a neighbourhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids running out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something.

As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door! He slammed on the brakes and reversed back to the spot from where the brick had been thrown. He jumped out of the car, grabbed the kid who threw the brick and pushed him against a parked car shouting. "What was that all about? Just what the heck are you doing?"

Building a head of steam he went on. "That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost me a lot of money!!"

"Please, mister, please. I'm sorry, I didn't know what else to do!!" pleaded the youngster. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..." Tears were dripping down the boy's chin as he pointed around the parked car. "It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Sobbing, the boy asked the executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."

Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He lifted the young man back into the wheelchair and took out his handkerchief and wiped the scrapes and cuts, checking to see that everything was going to be okay. "Thank you and May God bless you," the grateful child said to him. The man then watched the little boy push his brother down the sidewalk toward their home.

It was a long walk back to his Jaguara long, slow walk. He never did repair the side door. He kept the dent to remind him not to go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention.

God whispers in your soul and speaks to your heart. Sometimes when you don't have time to listen, He has to throw a "brick" at you. It's your choice: Listen to the whisper, or wait for the brick...

Anon

1. Caring



PRAYER

Help us to love
Most glorious God,
your love beats at the heart of the
world;
make our hearts generous with love
that we may share in your yearning
for the peace and healing of all.

POEMS & STORIES

Peace

Peace is simple

It's like holding the door open for a
stranger and waving to a child in the
car next to you.

Peace is about stopping to pick up a
fallen boy or girl.

It's doing something nice for
someone without getting caught and
giving and sharing with those who
are in need.

Peace is reaching out and holding
back.

Peace is about never having cause to
say sorry.

Peace is practising the golden rule as
often as you can, and remembering
to say please and thank you.

Peace is saying hello to people you
pass on the street.

Peace is living each day with the
spirit of Peace in your heart.

The Paradox of our Time- George Carlin



2. Caring



ACTIVITIES

Sitting circle

A group of 10 or more people is
required

- Group stands in a close circle, in
queue form, with right shoulders
towards the centre of the circle.
 - Circle closes so that everyone is
touching the person in front and
behind them.
 - Participants hold the waist of
the person in front
 - Everyone bends their knees until
they feel themselves supported
on the knee of the person behind.
 - If successful (rare first time),
the whole group is self-supported
on the knee of the person behind.
- This can only be successful if the
circular shape is maintained
throughout and it is helpful if the
group leans slightly towards the
centre as they are trying to
settle down.

Variations - After secure sitting
position is achieved

- Everyone leans inwards slightly
and raises left leg.
- All stretch arms in unison.
- Try alternate stepping
with right and left feet,
(very difficult).



A Buddhist blessing:

May you be well and happy;
May you be free from pain and
suffering



2. Caring

POEMS & STORIES

Only Seeds

A new shop opened up in the village.
A woman went in and found God
behind the counter.

Woman - 'What are you selling here?'

God - 'Everything you could possibly
wish for.'

Woman - 'Oh good. I'll have happi-
ness, wisdom, love, freedom from
fear, and peace, please. Oh, and for
everyone.'

God - 'Sorry, you got it wrong. I'm
not selling any fruits. Only seeds.'

Anon

Ask the Group - What does God
mean by only selling seeds?

“ He who has no compassion will
receive none. ”



1. Caring

“ Prophet Mohammed (Peace be upon
him) said

- 'Whoever is kind, God will be kind
to him; therefore be kind to man on
the earth. He Who is in heaven will
show mercy on you.'

- 'What actions are most excellent?
To gladden the heart of human
beings, to feed the hungry, to help
the afflicted, to lighten the sorrow
of the sorrowful, and to remove the
sufferings of the injured.' ”

ACTIVITIES

Listening

One way of showing that we care for
others is by listening to them.

Ask the group to divide into pairs
and for one person to tell the other
about the previous day (any topic can
be used). The other person should
listen carefully and after three to
four minutes feed back the main
points. It is important that they do
not contribute to the story.

The pairs should then swap. At the
end of the exercise, consider the
following questions:

- Is it easy to listen carefully to
others?
- What normally distracts us?
- How can we listen more carefully?



2. Water

PRAYER

O heavenly Father
Take into your loving care
All sailors and fishermen
In their lonely lives at sea.
When their boats pitch and toss
In the angry storms,
Help them with your presence.
Show them how to guide their boats
Safely back through the raging seas.
Comfort their loved ones at home;
Help them to realise that you are
Near to us all, whether on land or sea.
Amen.

Christ-The Light of the World - A Worldwide
Prayer Book



ACTIVITIES

Thankful for water

Give each person a cup of water
Let's thank God for clean water to sip
(everyone takes a sip)
Let's thank God for clean water to
gulp (everyone takes a gulp)
Let's thank God for clean water to
slurp (everyone takes a slurp)
Let's thank God for water to gargle
(everyone tries gargling)
Let's thank God for clean water to
drink (everyone takes a drink)
Thank you God for your precious gift
of water.



1. Water

PRAYERS

Sea

Far out at sea the white horses toss,
Near at hand onto the rocks
The waves crash and hiss and roar:
The sea is a great and wonderful
mystery to me,
O Lord.
It reminds me of your power and very
great beauty.

The Prayer Garden



Dear Lord, be good to me.

The sea is so wide
And my boat is so small.
Prayer of a Breton fisherman

“People travel to wonder at the height
of mountains, at the huge waves of
the sea, at the long courses of rivers,
at the vast compass of the ocean, at
the circular motion of the stars; they
pass themselves without wondering.”

St Augustine

ACTIVITIES

Water Team Pass

Divide into groups of about 10 people.
You'll need one plastic cup per person
and some water. Each group should
stand in a circle all with cups in their
mouths - held by the lip of the cup.
One person in each group has a cup
filled with water and holds it in his or
her mouth. On "GO!" the group sends
water around the circle without
hands, from cup to cup. How much
water is still left at the end?

1. Water



POEMS & STORIES

Songkran

Thai's love festivals. On April 13th they celebrate Songkran - Thai New Year by the traditional Thai calendar. Songkran is a time for prayers, fireworks, dancing and lots of water!! The day before Songkran, houses are spring cleaned, old clothing and rubbish burned all to eliminate bad luck in the new year. The Songkran festival lasts for three days. During this time water is used to purify people and objects. Statues of Buddha are bathed in water and the biggest and most spectacular displays of water can be found in the street. It's impossible to stay dry during Songkran!



Beware of water serpents!

An old Thai story tells of serpents called nagas. The nagas brought rain by spouting water from the sea. The more they spouted, the more rain fell on the land. You probably won't see any nagas today, but at Songkran, children take the place of nagas and shower everyone with water!

Thailand is a noisy, happy and WET place during Songkran. All over the country, young people toss water at each other and at people on the street. Sometimes they even throw flour. No one is safe! But since Songkran is held in the hottest month of the year, everyone enjoys the chance to have fun and be cool. As we enjoy the gift of water, both at the Jamboree and at home. Let us remember those without water.



2. Water



POEMS & STORIES

O Humanity!

What keeps us from thanking the Most High?
Which of our Lord's blessings would we deny?
Have we not sight when others are deprived?
Have we not water that tumbles from the sky?
And we have children and wealth and food
Let us praise God and show our gratitude

Adapted from Aisha Bin Mahmud

“Over 70% of the human body is made up of water!”



PRAYERS

O Lord, my God
I pray that these things never end:
The sand and the sea,
The rush of the waters,
The crash of the heavens
The prayer of the heart.
The sand and the sea,
The rush of the waters,
The crash of the heavens
The prayer of the heart.
Hannah Senesh



1. Giving and Receiving

PRAYERS

I asked for strength that I might achieve, he made me weak that I might obey
 I asked for health that I might do better things, I was given grace that I might do greater things
 I asked for riches that I might be happy, I was given poverty that I might be wise
 I asked for power that I might have the praise of men, I was given weakness that I might feel the need for God
 I asked for all things that I might enjoy life, I was given life that I might enjoy all things
 I received nothing I asked for - my prayer was answered.

POEMS & STORIES

The Best Thing to Give

The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness;
 To an opponent, tolerance;
 To a friend, your heart;
 To a child, a good example;
 To a father, deference;
 To your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you;
 To yourself, respect;
 To all people, charity.
 Seeking

“ A closed hand can't receive - partly because it is shut and nothing can get in, but mostly because it has nothing to give.”

Anon

ACTIVITIES

Thankfulness Pebble

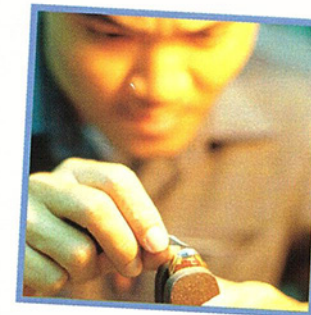
Ask each member of your group to find a pebble and get them to sit in a circle. Ask them to sit in silence and think of all the things they can be thankful for at the moment. At the same time, they should study the pebble, noticing its shape, texture and colour. Encourage your group to keep the pebble and take it home. When they next see it, they will remember all the reasons they had to be thankful.

2. Giving and Receiving

PRAYERS

Receiving Gifts

Help us, O Lord,
 To receive all our gifts
 With the generous and open-hearted joy
 That comes from knowing
 That all life is a gift of love from you.
 The Prayer Garden



“ Usefulness is the rent we pay for living on Earth.”

Baden-Powell

ACTIVITIES

What have you received from your friends?

Ask the group to stand in a circle and get each member to stick a plain piece of paper to their back. Each person will also need a pen. Every member of the group must write a thank you note on the other members' backs for what they have received from that person. For example: 'Thank you for always making me laugh'. It may be shorter if each person writes thank you messages for five others, but try to ensure that nobody's paper is left blank. At the end, each person can look at their own piece of paper or fold them up and look at them in the future.



2. Giving and Receiving

ACTIVITIES

Jamboree Message

This activity needs preparation! Ask each member of your group to purchase a Jamboree postcard, complete with a stamp to return it to the UK. Ask each member to fill in their address and to add a short greeting to an unknown Scout. The members of the group should swap postcards and give them out to foreign Scouts during the day. Encourage the foreign Scouts to complete the postcard with their own greeting and post it back to the UK.



POEMS & STORIES

Sharing

We share our happiness with each other - and it becomes greater.
We share our troubles with each other - and they become smaller.
We share one another's griefs and burdens - and their weight becomes possible to bear.

Wisdom of Words



1. Giving and Receiving

POEMS & STORIES

'Atithi' - The Unexpected Guest

Hindus love to feed guests. So much so that a long-standing Hindu tradition is that a place must be left at the table for the 'Atithi' - the unexpected guest. No such guest, even a beggar at the door, can ever be turned away without being fed. The custom goes further - the best kind of guests are the 'Atithi', because it is said that they always bring good fortune to the houses they visit.

Hinduism Information

ACTIVITIES

Hindu Incense Stick

Ask your group to assemble around a lighted incense stick. As the stick burns, ask them to say one or all of the following Hindu mantras (translated from Sanskrit), which link to the symbolism of the incense:

May all be happy. May all be healthy.

May all experience what is good and let no one suffer.

Traditional Prayer

May there be tranquility on earth, on water, in fire, in wind, in the sky, In the sun, on the moon, on our planet, in all living beings, in the body,

In the mind and in the spirit. May that tranquility be everywhere and in everyone.

Mangalam Mantra

Explain to the group that the mantras link to how the incense stick provides a positive, tranquil, peaceful and fragrant atmosphere as it lives out its life - in the process of doing so, it asks for nothing in return. At the end of its life, it turns to ashes, just like a human at the end of their life.



Lots of people think they are charitable if they give away their old clothes and the things they don't want.

Myrtle Reed



2. Global Community



POEMS & STORIES

A rich industrialist from the North was horrified to find the Southern fisherman lying lazily by his boat, smoking a pipe. "Why aren't you fishing?" said the industrialist. "Because I have caught enough fish for the day," said the fisherman. "Why don't you catch more than you need?" said the industrialist. "What would I do with it?" asked the fisherman. "You could earn more money," was the reply. "With that you could have a motor fixed to your boat. Then you could go into deeper waters and catch more fish. Then you could make enough money to buy nylon nets. These would bring you more fish and more money. Soon you could have enough money to own tow boats... maybe even a fleet of boats. Then you could be a rich man like me!" "What would I do then?" asked the fisherman. "Then you could sit down and enjoy life," said the industrialist. "What do you think I am doing right now?" Said the contented fisherman.



1. Global Community



POEMS & STORIES

Two Brothers

Once there were two brothers who both wanted to be artists, but as they came from a very large family and were very poor they knew they would never have enough money to study. However, one day Albrecht said to Franz, 'I have an idea, let one of us study painting while the other earns the money and then we can change over. That way we can both become artists'. Franz agreed to the plan but only on the condition that Albrecht, the younger and better artist, should be the first to learn from the great Masters.

So Albrecht studied hard while Franz laboured to keep them both. Eventually Albrecht finished his studies and joyfully he told Franz that it was his turn. But poor Franz held up his hands, which were now knarled, calloused hands of a workman and useless to an artist. He couldn't even hold a pencil. Albrecht was grief-stricken and he said, "There is only one way in which I can repay you. I shall draw a picture that will speak to men's hearts - a picture of these hands for sacrifice and love." 400 years later the picture of the Praying Hands is known and loved the

world over. Albrecht Durer became one of Germany's greatest painters but his brother, to whom he owed his success is almost forgotten.

Sharing

The Paradox of our Soul

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider roads, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less. We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbour. We've conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. These are days of quick trips, disposable nappies, throwaway morality, one-night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer to quiet, to kill. Adapted from George Carlin



1. Global Community



PRAYERS

Jewish Prayer

We pray for all humanity
Though divided into nations and races,
Yet all people are your children,
Drawing from you their life and being
Commanded by you to obey your laws,
Each in accordance with the power to
know and understand them.
Cause hatred and strife to vanish,
That abiding peace may fill the earth,
And humanity may everywhere be
blessed with the fruit of peace.
So shall the spirit of family among
people, show forth their faith that
You are Father of all.

Liberal Prayer Book

I was born with a bronze skin, and I like it. Some of my friends were born white or black or yellow. They were not consulted. But that's alright. There are yellow roses, white roses and red roses and the fragrance of the one is about as nice as the other. I hope my children will live in a world where people of all colours can sit and work together.

Chief Walking Buffalo of the Stoney Indians - Sharing

ACTIVITIES

Rhythm Clap

This is good for large groups of 10 or more. Everyone closes their eyes and begins to clap or beat any rhythm he or she chooses. At first, it will sound disjointed and chaotic, but gradually people try to change subconsciously in order to create a fine rhythmical experience. It can end at any time by players opening eyes or by slowing down the rhythm. People who believe themselves to be without rhythm will feel pleased with the activity.



2. Global Community



ACTIVITIES

People to People

Players find a partner. The odd one out is the referee and calls out actions e.g. nose to nose, back to back, head to knee etc. When the referee calls 'people to people' everyone must change partners. The one who is left over becomes the new referee.

The central challenge we face today is to ensure that globalisation becomes a positive force for all the world's people instead of leaving billions of them behind in squalor.

Kofi Annan, UN Secretary General - April 2000

PRAYER

Keep the candle going

I asked God for water, he gave me an ocean.

I asked God for a flower, he gave me a garden.

I asked God for a tree, he gave me a forest.

I asked God for a friend, he gave me You!

There is not enough darkness in the world to put out the light of one candle.

Anon

POEMS & STORIES

Valued

A plain iron bar may be worth £5. Made into horseshoes it may be worth £10; into needles £4000; into balance wheels for watches £250,000. Your value depends on what you make of yourself.

Do you know what the human body is made of? There is enough:

- Fat to make seven bars of soap
- Iron for a medium sized nail
- Sugar for 16 helpings of cornflakes
- Lime to whitewash a hencoop
- Phosphorous to make 2000 match heads and a pinch each of magnesium, potassium and sulphur.

This adds up to about £10. Is that all a Guide or Scout is worth? Certainly not! Everyone is a person and adds up to more than the sum of their parts. Whatever physical features someone has, whatever their personality and characteristics, these make them loving and loveable. Whatever others think of them, to God they are invaluable.

Sharing

2. Share our world, Share our cultures

POEMS & STORIES

If the world were a village with 1000 inhabitants its population would be made up of:

60 North Americans
80 South Americans
86 Africans
210 Europeans
564 Asians

If the world were a village with 1000 inhabitants:

700 would not be white
300 would be white
300 would be Christian
60 people would own half of the total wealth
500 would not have enough to eat
600 would live in slums
700 would be illiterate

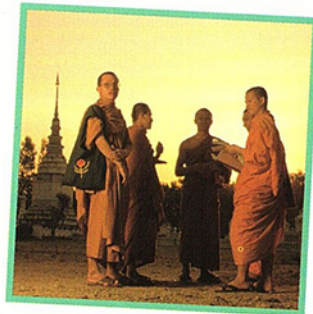
If this village were our village, would we want it to change? In fact, this village is our village, since it is the world.

Seeking

“Prophet Mohammed said “Allah does not look at your images or your colours but he looks at your hearts (intentions) and your deeds.”

PRAYER

Lead us from death to life
From falsehood to truth.
Lead us from despair to hope
From fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love
From war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts
Our world, our universe.
Let us dream together,
Pray together,
Work together,
To build one world
Of peace and justice
For all.



1. Share our world, Share our cultures

POEMS & STORIES

Today is a day to rejoice in good fortune. It is a day to hold your head up, to stand up straight, to look positively forward and to smile with such genuine intensity that good and wonderful things are drawn to you like a magnet.

Today is a day to be confident and purposeful. It is a day to get things done and to move the whole world forward with your enthusiasm.

What makes this day so special? Today is your day to enjoy, experience and make the very best to the most precious gift you have - your life. The possibilities are endless and those possibilities are all yours, here, now, and in this moment.

Ralph Marston

A nun working in India with leprosy patients was once asked by a visiting Bishop if she had learned the language of the locals. She hesitated for a moment then said, “Oh yes, Your Grace, I learned five of them:

The language of smiling
The language of weeping
The language of touching
The language of listening
And the language of loving

In the silence of the Heart: Meditations by Mother Teresa of Calcutta

ACTIVITIES

Impressive Challenge!

Everyone is given the challenge of meeting someone from another country during the day and to learn something about that person's language, culture and tradition. Later in the day ask each individual to act out what he has learned and everyone else should guess which country he or she is pretending to be from.

Introductions

The group stands in a circle everyone then takes it in turns to say the following in their own language or accent.

“Hello, My name is..... I am from..... I am happy to be here.”



1. Share our world, Share our cultures



PRAYERS

You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be and, whatever your labours and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

from an inscription in St Paul's Church, Baltimore, dating 1692

We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes that you may know each other.

The Koran

We are one hunk of ground, water, air, clouds, floating around in space. From here it really is one world.

Frank Borman, Astronaut speaking from the moon

POEMS & STORIES

When God gave out brains, I thought he said trains - So I missed mine
When God gave out noses, I thought he said roses - So I asked for a red one.

When God gave out chins, I thought he said gins - So I asked for a double
When God gave out heads, I thought he said beds - So I asked for a soft one

It pays to listen!

Loving God, who in your wisdom gave us two ears and only one mouth, help us to listen twice as much as we speak so that our lives might be enriched by the wisdom of others.



2. Share our world, Share our cultures



POEMS & STORIES

Others - that's what we call them...
It's never you or I,
Him or her are others,
I wouldn't tell a lie,
Some are fat, some thin,
Some back or white or yellow,
Some are blind, or cannot hear,
There's that one-legged fellow,
Protestant, Catholic, Buddhist, Sikh,
Muslim, Hindu, Jew,
They're all so very different...
The many and the few,
But look again more closely,
Bone and hair, and skin,
They laugh, they cry, they live,
they die,
There's so much there within.
Perhaps they're not so different,
Those others - him, her, them...
For deep down in our heart of hearts,
We're really all the same.
So, next time you meet a person,
Be kind, and say 'hello'.
Take time to get to know them,
Don't treat them like a foe.

Carol Baker

ACTIVITIES

World in your hands

Whilst the following words are read, an inflatable World globe is passed carefully from hands to hands amongst those present...

"The world is like a crystal ball ready to smash into pieces at any moment. We, the young generation, hold the ball in our hands."

We musn't let it crash.

We can bring love and peace.

We can fight for this. We can keep the ball still. Well, let's fight.

We can stop war and hate and bring back the missing lives.

Because life and the world belongs to us.

Josephides Panaiiota, 17, Cyprus

Where in the World?

Have on display a very large World map. Ask each person to mark on the map with a map pin, the country (and place) they come from.



1. Exploration



POEMS & STORIES

New Horizons

A small capsule blasts into a horizonless heaven. Day after day, week after week, perhaps even month after month or year after year, straight ahead with no safe haven in sight. No assurance of ever returning safely to earth. No guarantee of surviving on what planet you land. No promise of not sailing for ever into oblivion amongst the unknown. Such is the reality of being an astronaut exploring the heavens.

Have you ever stopped to wonder what it must have been like for those explorers, those pioneers? The first to feast their eyes on the mighty Niagra. The first to face to challenge of crossing the vast wall of the Rockies.

Scouts once hiked out along a limestone cliff that jutted each rocky finger far into the clear waters of Georgian Bay, Canada. It took all day to walk, crawl, climb and struggle to the destination. The farthest tip of this vast wall was separated from all civilisation by the chilling water and virgin forest that surrounded it. The dangers of this quest were unknown - snakes, a bear, a slip of a foot would mean a deadly plunge. It too was a struggle into a new world.

At last the goal was achieved! What a feeling! What a thrill! What a wave of exhilaration swept over each Scout as they stood in satisfaction. Perhaps they were not the first but there was no proof to the contrary. Did Columbus and Neil Armstrong feel the same? A new horizon had been reached... The things that dreams are made of.

Adapted from 'Thoughts for Sharing'

Fill your life!

Everyday is filled with treasures yet to be discovered. But if you go through the day filled with resentment, anger or envy, you'll walk right on past those treasures without even glimpsing them. There's no need to be stopped by what you cannot do. Instead, move yourself ahead by doing what you can do. Sure, you have limitations just like everyone else. Yet the possibilities are far greater than your limitations.

Ralph Marston



2. Exploration



POEMS & STORIES

A Modern Parable

Long ago, when the world was very new, there was a certain lobster who determined that the Creator had made a mistake. So he set up an appointment to discuss the matter.

"With all due respect," said the lobster, "I wish to complain about the way you designed my shell. You see, I just get used to one outer casing, when I've got to shed it for another. Very inconvenient and rather a waste of time."

To which the Creator replied, "I see. But do you realise that it is the giving up of one shell that allows you to grow into another?"

"But I like myself just the way I am," the lobster said

"Your mind's made up?" the Creator asked.

"Indeed!" the lobster stated firmly.

"Very well," smiled the Creator. "From now on, your shell will not change, and you may go about your business just as you are doing right now."

"That's very kind of you," said the lobster, and left.

At first the lobster was very content wearing the same old shell. But as time passed he found that his once light and comfortable shell was becoming quite heavy and tight. After a while, in fact, the shell became so cumbersome that the lobster couldn't feel anything at all outside himself. As a result he was constantly bumping into others. Finally, it got to a point where he could hardly breathe. So with great effort, he went back to see the Creator.

"With all due respect," the lobster sighed, "contrary to what you promised, my shell has not remained the same. It keeps shrinking!"

"Not at all," smiled the Creator. "Your shell may have gotten a little thicker with age, but it has remained the same size. What's happened is that you have changed - inside, beneath your shell."

The Creator continued "You see, everything changes continuously. No one remains the same. That's the way I've designed things. And the wisest choice is to shed your old shell and grow another." said the Creator.

"I see," said the lobster. "but remember, all growth carries with it both the possibility of discomfort... and the potential for great joy, as you discover new parts of yourself. After all, you can't have one without the other."

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2. Exploration



PRAYERS

O God, the Creator,
Who provides for us through nature
The means of life;
Grant that we may use aright
And with discretion
The soil and plants and animals
And all thy gifts,
And that we may mutually serve
And care for one another
As thou, Lord,
Dost care for us
And all thy creatures. Amen
Christ-The Light of the World - A Worldwide
Prayer Book

POEMS & STORIES

A Dancing Star

I will love the sun...for it warms my
bones
I will love the rain...for it cleanses my
spirit
I will love the light...for it shows me
the way
I will love the darkness...for it shows
me the stars
I will love happiness...for it enlarges
my heart
I will love sadness...for it opens my
soul
I will acknowledge rewards...for they
are my due
I will welcome obstacles...for they are
my challenge.
Eileen Campbell

What is this life if, full of care
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass
Where squirrels hide their nuts in
grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight
Streams full of stars like skies at
night.
No time to turn at Beauty's grace
And watch her feet, how they can
dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.
W H Davies

ACTIVITIES

Nine Dots

Ask everyone to draw nine dots on a
piece of paper (or in the sand). The
dots need to be arranged so there are
three dots down, three dots across
and three dots diagonally. Now set
the challenge: to link all nine dots with
just four lines without taking your
pencil off the paper.
Did anyone think of going outside the
box? How open minded are people to
trying new ideas and crossing new
boundaries?
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1. Exploration



PRAYERS

Someone waits for me...
Somewhere along the road, someone
waits for me.
Beyond these present storms that
blow, waiting patiently.
No secrets held in an open heart...a
spirit that soars over mountains.
Somewhere along the road, someone
waits for me
Somehow, a guiding light, always
shows the way.
to those that lose their way ay night,
searching for the day.
A day away from happiness...tomorrow
will be a new sunrise.
Somewhere along the road, someone
waits for me.
Sometime, when winds are still,
unexpectedly
Perhaps, beyond this silent hill, a voice
will call to me.
Raise your eyes to see my world...
raise your voice and sing out.
Somewhere along the road, someone
waits for me.
Reproduced from Scouting magazine.

“ My happiness depends not on the
events I meet, but on the way I meet
the events of life.”

Anon

“ A man should never be ashamed to
admit he has been in the wrong; which
is but saying that he is wiser today
than he was yesterday.”
Alexander Pope

A pessimist finds difficulty in every
opportunity; The optimist finds
opportunity in every difficulty.
Anon

The real voyage of discovery consists
not in seeking new landscapes, but in
having new eyes.
Marcel Proust

Shoot for the moon.
Even if you miss it, you will land among
the stars.
Les Brown from 'A Dancing Star'

ACTIVITIES

Map out!

Sketch a map of the camp you are in,
showing the entrance, the main areas
of the camp etc. It does not need to
be elaborate, just so long as someone
else can find their way by it. Be
certain to include the north line and a
rough scale. If you have no paper, use
the sand and stones beside your tent!

1. Parting



POEMS & STORIES

Live Slowly

Live Slowly, think slowly, for time is a mystery.
Never forget that love requires that you be
The greatest person that you are capable of being.
Be grateful for the manifold dreams of creation,
And the many ways of the unnumbered peoples.
Be grateful for life as you live it,
And may a wonderful light
Always guide you on the unfolding road.



ACTIVITIES

BHP = Beautiful Human Person

Everyone gets into groups of 6 to 10, and they form a circle.
Everyone puts arms around each other's shoulders in a group hug formation.
Ask everyone to tell the person on the right, one thing that they like about that person. Affirmation then goes round the circle.
Encourage participants to try to do this without laughing and being too embarrassed.
We are not experienced enough at giving and receiving affirmation.
It is most beneficial if the game is played with real openness and honesty.



2. Parting



PRAYERS

Gaelic Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rain fall softly upon your fields
until we meet again.
May God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

Going Home

Thank you for the times we've shared together, for the friends we've made from around the world, for the fun we've had and the goodness we take with us.
Thank you for our families who are waiting for us and for all the adventures that lie ahead.



“Every Scout knows that when you break up your camp there are two things you should leave behind you:
1) nothing;
2) your thanks - to God for the good time you have had and to the owner of the land who has let you use it
Baden-Powell”



2. Parting

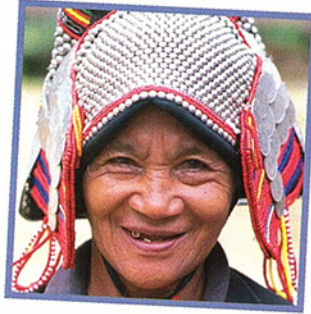


PRAYERS

End of camp

Father, the beauty of your world has been emphasised by what we have seen here over the last week. We praise you for this showing of your creation.

Thank you, Father, for the time we have had together over the last week. Help us to make this togetherness grow. We make these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.



“When one door closes another opens. Expect that new door to reveal even greater wonders and glories and surprises. Feel yourself grow with every experience, and look for the reason for it

Eileen Caddy from 'A Dancing Star'



ACTIVITIES

Design your own business card and leave it with one of the friends you have made during the Jamboree.

Try and keep in contact!



1. Parting



PRAYERS

As you Go

As you go may God go with you,
Showing all he has to give you
May the kindness you have shown to me and others find you
May the break of each new morning constantly remind you that
As you go, so God will guide you,
He will ever walk beside you
leading on into the future where new joys attend you

where the people you will meet are waiting to befriend you
But as you go may God remind you of the friends you leave behind
There will always be a place for you when you're returning
I will ever pray for you and keep the fire burning

so as you go may God go with you and take the love I have to give you.

Anon



“God never shuts one door without opening another.
Searching

