

Spiritual Development in Scouting

The Scout Association is a Movement that explores faith, beliefs and attitudes as a core element of its Programme, and is one of our Values within the Fundamentals.

Scouting does not seek to undertake responsibility for religious development or education, but learning about faiths, beliefs and attitudes can help make the world a more tolerant and less frightening place. The spiritual development of all members is an important element of Scouting, and all members should be encouraged to follow the

The five principles of spiritual development

1. To develop and inner discipline and training.
2. To be involved in corporate (group) activities with others.
3. To understand the world around them.
4. To help create a more tolerant and caring society.
5. To discover the need for spiritual reflection.

The next few pages give some options of how you can explore faith, beliefs and attitudes with your child and work towards badges.



Make.

Do.

Share.

Faith Activity Badge

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Whilst **#ScoutingAtHome**, why not spend some time as a family reflecting on your faiths, beliefs and attitudes and celebrating what is important to your child and your family.

Write a prayer or reflection.

Spend some time at the end of each day with your child, reflecting on how they are feeling in this current, very different time of pandemic and lockdown. Another option is to sing the African American spiritual song Kum-ba-yah which means "Come by Here" - allowing your child to choose each verse as a response for the day. If you are unfamiliar, it can be found on Spotify, You Tube... or you could even ask Alexa to sing the Seekers' version!

Read or share a prayer or reflection.

Share with others through social media such as Twitter or Facebook your child's reflections, this could be written or a video of them in their uniform.

Find and tell a story about doing your best and helping other people.

Scriptures from Faiths all around World and traditional stories such as fairytale's and fables have hidden meaning behind the text. Read to your child stories that share Beaver Scouting values of 'being kind and helpful' and then reflect with them how that story might apply to them.

Learn about a place of worship and tell other Beaver Scouts about your visit.

You can do this with photographs, drawings, handouts, leaflets or information sheets. BBC bitesize and reonline.org.uk has tours of inside faith buildings you can explore online with your child. Then your child could then draw a place of worship of their choosing and label what they would find inside and why it is important.

