

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.



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World Faith Activity Badge

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Whilst **#ScoutingAtHome** spend some time discovering the true meaning to the world's different faiths, so you can find common ground in your personal relationships with others. Some activities will count towards your World Faith Activity Badge

Look in depth at one particular faith that you are not familiar with:

- ✿ Use the internet (safely) to explore a place of worship for that faith.
- ✿ Research the history of that place of worship.
- ✿ Find out the differences between this building and place of worship of other religions.
- ✿ Discover how this faith practiced in the UK and elsewhere in the world.
- ✿ Examine how following the teachings this particular faith affects an individual's daily life. This could include food or dietary laws, rituals, prayers and worship, or religious observances.

Explore more world faiths

- ✿ Learn about the life of a founder or a prominent leader of the faith. You could learn about people like Prince Siddhartha Gautama, Mohammed, or Jesus Christ.
- ✿ Study a saint such as St George, a Pope, or Reformer or someone whose faith has had a significant impact upon their life and wider society.
- ✿ Read a text from a faith that you are not familiar with and reflect how this compares to your own faith, beliefs and values.

Think about how you might present and share your findings and to what audience. This could link with other badges such as Digital Citizen Staged Activity Badge.

