

RELIGION IN LIFE PROGRAM



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RELIGION IN LIFE EMBLEM PROGRAMS

Membership in the Girl Guides of Canada and Scouts Canada is open to all girls and boys who wish to make the promise, regardless of race, colour or creed. The purpose of the *Guide/Scout* programs is to assist girls and boys in their character development by encouraging them to be responsible citizens of their country. An important part of the program is to assist in the spiritual growth of each girl or boy, and to encourage them to participate actively in their own religious denomination. Girl Guides of Canada and Scouts Canada uphold the principle that specific religious instruction is the responsibility of parents and religious authorities.

THE EMBLEM

The Emblem consists of a great circle, the symbol of eternity. In the circle are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, *Alpha* and *Omega*, the symbol of God Himself; a reminder that the worship and service of God form an essential part of life's program from beginning to end.

REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for the program differ in each faith and denomination and are prepared nationally by the churches or religious bodies to suit their particular needs.

INSTRUCTION

It is the responsibility of the group/section committee and leadership team to arrange for instruction of candidates with the candidate's own spiritual leader or appointee.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of the emblem is made by the candidate's spiritual advisor, and can form an impressive part of a regular *Scout* meeting, a church service, or a special evening for parents.

STAGES

The Religion in Life program is in four progressive stages, colour-coded and adapted to the age groups concerned.

Stage 1 — Yellow Border

Stage 2 — Green Border

Stage 3 — Blue Border

Stage 4 — Red Border

Candidates may start at any stage appropriate to their capabilities. Only one emblem — the latest stage earned is worn.

WHERE OBTAINABLE

The emblems may be obtained from provincial offices or through regular badge channels.

WHERE WORN

Scouts Canada — see *By-Law, Policies and Procedures*.

Girl Guides of Canada — see *Policy, Organization and Rules*.

REQUIREMENTS

STAGE 1 — YELLOW

Word

1. Memorize the Lord's Prayer
2. Memorize John 3:16
3. Memorize Psalm 23
4. Memorize The Ten Commandments (short form)

Worship

Regular attendance at Sunday School for two months.

Witness

1. Write a 300 word essay about Jesus Christ the Son of God.
2. Draw a picture to illustrate one of Jesus' parables.

STAGE 2 — GREEN

Word

1. Memorize the Books of the New Testament in order.
2. Memorize the Beatitudes.
3. Explain the difference between the Old and New Testaments.
4. Retell in your own words one of Jesus' parables.

Worship

Regular attendance at Sunday School for three months.

Witness

1. Write a 500 word essay on one of Jesus' parables.
2. Draw a picture to illustrate what you write about.

STAGE 3 — BLUE

Word, Worship and Witness

Successful completion of the "Foundations of Faith Program" junior level ("I Believe" program).

STAGE 4 — RED

Word, Worship and Witness

Successful completion of the "Foundations of Faith Program".



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