

Peace Light: Cub Scouts

What is the Peace Light?

In early December each year, a candle is lit in the Church of the Nativity, in Bethlehem. This flame is taken by Palestinian and Israeli Scouts to Tel Aviv Airport where is flown to Austria. From Vienna, Scouts transport it across Europe and beyond.

In the week before Christmas, there will be Light distribution services across Ireland. From these Scouts will take the Light to their communities: to, community centres, hospitals, homes, and to places of worship. This chain of lights is a symbol of peace, warmth, love, and family. By passing on this Peace Light we want to help spread happiness and hope into the hearts of all those who come in contact with it.



Cub Scouts can help spread the Light across Ireland and beyond by taking part in a Peace Light ceremony. For information on the Light Sharing events: facebook.com/IrishPeaceLight. Also check out: scout.org/peacelight

Plan:

- Learn about the Peace Light, perhaps a Scouter could give a short presentation
- In your Sixes make a plan – how will you transport the Light Safely? where will you spread it to?

Do:

- Play some games learning about peace
- Take part in a Peace Light Ceremony
- Spread the Light in your community

Review:

- Show pictures of the activity
- Make a map all the places the Peace Light went to

Peace Light: Games

The River [insert] flows by me

All the Cub Scouts, except one sit on chairs in a circle. The remaining Cub Scout stands in the middle says “The River (use your local river, Shannon, Lee, Liffey etc) flows past me and everyone else who *and then says a characteristic about themselves”. Everyone who shares that characteristic has to rise off their chair and find another chair to sit on, including the Cub Scout in the middle also tries to find a chair to sit on. Then, the Cub Scout without a chair goes to the middle and then says “The River ___ flows past me and everyone else who [and then says a characteristic about themselves” etc... Examples of characteristics: Likes swimming. Speaks a second language. Plays an instrument. Has travelled to another country. Respects nature. Has a pet. Etc

Appliances

In their Sixes, the Cub Scouts decide on a machine or appliance with moving parts that they want to imitate, e.g. toaster, cuckoo clock, sewing machine, dish-washer, lawn mower, washing machine... The Six creates that machine from their bodies, each Cub Scout plays one part of the machine. They can then add sounds. Once they have worked out how to depict the machine they demonstrate this to the rest of the Pack who have to guess what machine it is.

Compliment Relay

Cub Scouts play a simple game based on sharing compliments. Explain what we mean by a compliment is and give some examples: “I like the way you _____,” “Thank you for _____,” or “You’re really good at _____.” All Cub Scouts sit in a circle for the game passing compliments. One Cub Scout will give a compliment to the person sitting next to them, who will say, “Thank you,” and pass another compliment on to the next Cub Scout, and so on. The game ends when the relay has gone around the circle one time.

Peace Light: Games

Sixes juggling

Peace work often involves juggling many different factors, conflicts etc... In this game Cub Scouts help each other to juggle many balls, representing these many factors. In a circle, pass a ball around so that each Cub Scout receives it once and passes it one other person who has not yet caught the ball. The Cub Scout to receive the ball passes it back to the first. The ball is thrown around the circle again in the same order. The third time the ball is thrown around the circle a second ball is added after the ball has gone half way around the circle. Next time a third ball is added, and so on until the Six is passing many balls around the circle at the same time, i.e. group juggling.

We all fit together

Get a blank jigsaw you can draw on (available in arts and crafts shops), or make your own one. Have each Cub Scout draw themselves and write their name on a piece (some Cub Scouts might need help with the writing). Then, they have to put the jigsaw back together. Talk about how each Cub Scout is important and how together they make up one special group.

Needs and responsibilities

A Scout explains the ideas of 'Needs and Responsibilities' and discusses them with the Cub Scouts. Point out that each Cub Scout has duties and responsibilities to their families and the community which, just like their needs, must be acknowledged and carried out. Have each Six draw a poster showing their needs and responsibilities, at home, in school, in Scouts. Then, have each Six share their poster and display them in your meeting space.