



Cub My Faith Activity Badge

Workbook for

Members of the Religious Society of Friends
(Quakers)



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Notes for Parents, Spiritual Advisors, and Scouters:

This workbook is intended to support Quaker Cubs in learning more about the history, faith, and practice of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) through The Scout Association's Faith activity badge.

- 1) Youth who are members or attenders of the Religious Society of Friends and are involved in Scouting should be encouraged to earn this badge.
- 2) Consider making arrangements for the Faith Activity Badge to be presented to the Cub upon completion at a regular session of the Meeting for Worship. The Cub's Scout Group or a representative of the group should be invited to attend the presentation whenever possible.
- 3) Volunteers from **Friends Committee on Scouting** are always ready to help a young Friend complete their Faith activity badge. Contact us via our website at www.quakerscouting.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/quakerscouting/

- I. Find out about your place of worship and something about:
- the people involved, their titles and what they do
 - the important or sacred objects
 - the festivals and customs
 - the stories and traditions. These could be from books, videos or other places.

Reflections for Parents/Spiritual Advisor/Scouter:

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20)

“Come regularly to meeting for worship even when you are angry, depressed, tired, or spiritually cold. In the silence, ask for and accept the prayerful support of others joined with you in worship...” (Advices & Queries #10)

1) Where does your Local Meeting meet? Is it a specific building? A person’s home?

2) What is the history of the meeting space? If a specific meetinghouse, when was it built? How was it built?

3) Why do Quakers call it a meetinghouse and not a church?

4) What is a Clerk? What is the name of your current Clerk?

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5) What is a Recording Clerk? What is the name of your current Recording Clerk?

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6) Are there other people in your Meeting with Titles?

Name	Title	What do they do?

9) Who leads Meeting for Worship? This might be a trick question!

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10) Who leads Meeting for Business?

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11) Does your Local or Area Meeting have any Committees?

Name	What does it do?

12) Describe the structure of the Yearly Meeting:

Name of your Local Meeting	Name of your Area Meeting	Name of your Yearly Meeting
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14) When is the next Yearly Meeting? Where will it take place?

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15) What will they do at the next Yearly Meeting?

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16) How Does Meeting for Worship usually conclude?

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17) Who can speak in Meeting? Why?

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B. Choose a favourite prayer or reading. You could even write the prayer yourself. Share it with the Pack at a time that's good for everyone. Explain to the Pack why you like it and what it means to you. Write a Prayer or Reflection

Reflections for Parents/Spiritual Advisor/Scouter:

"Be still and cool in thy own mind and spirit from thy own thoughts, and then thou wilt feel the principle of God..." George Fox, 1658

"Prayer is an act of sharing with God, the Spirit, and not an attempt to prompt God to action. It is a promise that I will do my best..." Quaker Faith & Practice, 5th ed, 2.27

"Prayer is not words or acts, but reaching down to love: holding our fellows in love, offering ourselves in love; and being held by, being caught up in love." Quaker Faith & Practice, 5th ed, 2.23

"Do not assume that vocal ministry is never to be your part. Faithfulness and sincerity in speaking, even very briefly may open the way to fuller ministry from others. When prompted to speak, wait patiently to know that the leading and the time are right, but do not let a sense of your own unworthiness hold you back. Pray that your ministry may arise from deep experience and trust that words will be given to you. Try to speak audibly and distinctly, and with sensitivity to the needs of others..." Advices and Queries #13

"...when we join with others in expectant waiting we may discover a deeper sense of God's presence. We seek a gathered stillness in our meetings for worship so that all may feel the power of God's love drawing us together and leading us." Advices and Queries #8

1) What does vocal ministry mean to you?

2) What do Quakers call a leading?

3) Have you experienced a leading of your own? What did you do about it?

4) How do you describe silent worship?

5) What are the Advices and Queries? If you were to add to the Advices and Queries, what advice would you give other young Friends?

6) What did you choose to share with your Pack?

C. Choose your favourite festival. Explain what it celebrates or means and talk about the food, clothes and customs associated with the festival.

Reflections for Parents/Spiritual Advisor/Scouter:

...the Quaker position is really summed up in the words 'John indeed baptised with water, but ye shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit. It is the inward change, the inward purification, the spiritual fact and not the outward symbol, that belongs in truth to the Kingdom of God. Neither in the refusal to baptise nor to take the supper do Friends set forth a negation. They assert, on the contrary, the positive truth that the religious life is the inward life of the spirit.' (Quaker Faith & Practice #27.37)

"To Fox and the early Friends, the whole of life seemed sacramental, and they refused to mark off any one particular practice or observance as more sacred than others. They took the same stand with regard to Sunday, or First Day; it was not in itself more holy than Saturday or Monday; every week-day should be a Lord's Day. Their whole attitude was gloriously positive, not negative. They were 'alive unto God' and sensed him everywhere" (Quaker Faith & Practice #27.39)

1. How do you celebrate your birthday? Is it a special day? Is it a holy day?

2. Why should you treat every day as special and holy?

2. Why do other Christians celebrate holy days such as Christmas and Easter?

3. Quakers used to dress in a peculiar way. Why did they do that? Should you?

4. Why did Quakers traditionally avoid using the month names and weekday names?

5. What kind of new tradition do you think Quakers should adopt?