



# Scout 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 Scouts 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 Scout upon completion at a regular session of the Meeting for Worship. The Scout'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](http://www.quakerscouting.org) or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/quakerscouting/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/quakerscouting/)

**Take an active part in your place of worship. You could get involved in community work, take a special part in services or celebrations or follow a training or study programme.**

**Reflections for Parents/Spiritual Advisor/Scouter:**

*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)*

*"Remember your responsibility as citizens for the government of your own town and country, and do not shirk the effort and time this may demand. Do not be content to accept things as they are, but keep an alert and questioning mind. Seek to discover the causes of social unrest, injustice, and fear; try to discern the new growing-points in social and economic life. Work for an order of society which will allow men and women to develop their capacities and will foster their desire to serve. (Quaker Faith & Practice, #23.01)*

*A child entered the meetinghouse and asked everyone, "When does the service begin?". Later, in the middle of Meeting, someone was led to observe: "A Friend has asked a very important question this morning: when does service begin? It begins at the rise of meeting."  
-- Anon*

**1) What is the difference between Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business?**

**2) Do you attend Meeting for Business? What did you think about the experience?**

**3) How were decisions made at Meeting for Business? How was the Meeting for Business organised?**

**4) As a Scout and as a Quaker, we are called to serve our community. How have you served the community as a Scout? How have you served the Society of Friends? Why are we called to serve?**

**Find out more about the origins of your faith. Share what you find out with others in the Troop.**

**Reflections for Parents/Spiritual Advisor/Scouter:**

*“As I had forsaken all the priests, so I left the separate preachers also, and those called the most experienced people; for I saw there was none among them all that could speak to my condition. And when all my hopes in them and in all men were gone, so that I had nothing outwardly to help me, nor could tell what to do, then, oh, then, I heard a voice which said, “There is one, even Christ Jesus, that can speak to thy condition”; and when I heard it my heart did leap for joy. Then the Lord let me see why there was none upon the earth that could speak to my condition, namely, that I might give Him all the glory; for all are concluded under sin, and shut up in unbelief as I had been, that Jesus Christ might have the pre-eminence who enlightens, and gives grace, and faith, and power. Thus when God doth work, who shall let [hinder] it? and this I knew experimentally.” (George Fox, Quaker Faith & Practice, #19.02)*

*“The Truth is one and the same always, and though ages and generations pass away, and one generation goes and another comes, yet the word and power and spirit of the living God endures for ever, and is the same and never changes.” (Margaret Fell, Quaker Faith & Practice, #19.61)*

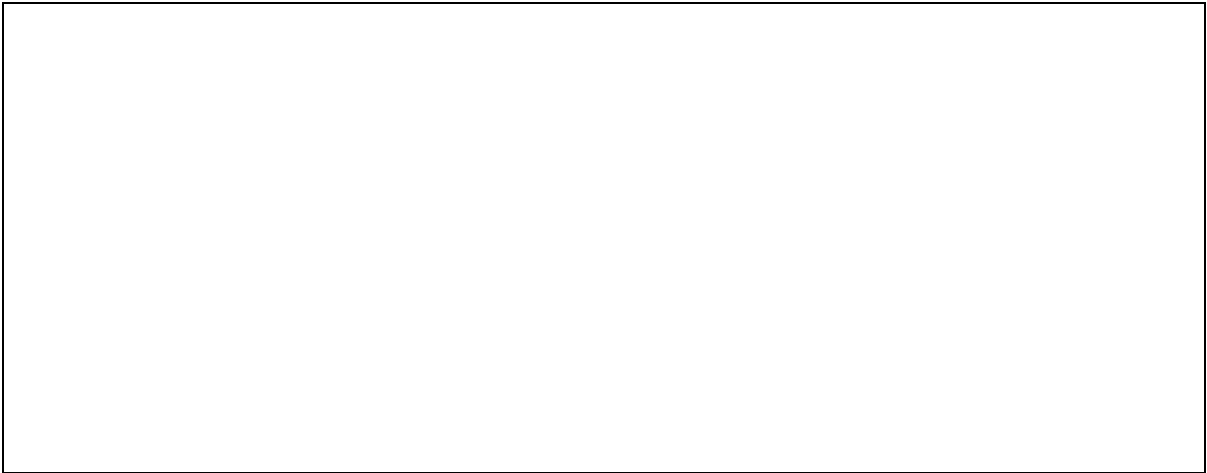
**1) Who was George Fox? Why do we remember him?**

**2) Investigate the biographies of the following early Friends. What is special about each of them?**

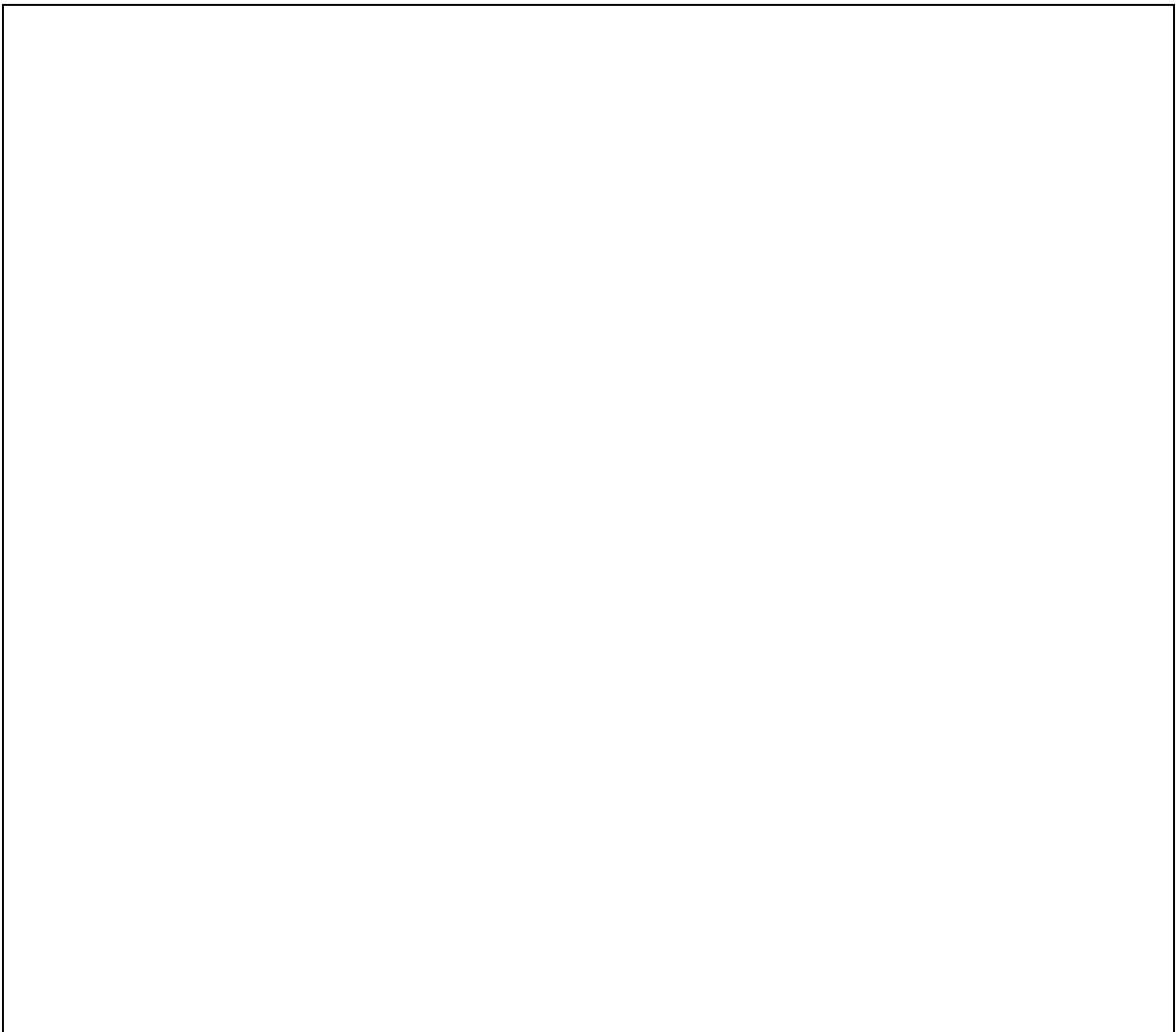
Margaret Fell	
James Naylor	
Robert Barclay	
Stephen Grellet	
Elizabeth Fry	
Joseph John Gurney	
Isaac Pennington	
Mary Fisher	

**3) What gave the Valiant 60 so much courage? What made it possible for these people to accomplish so much?**

**4) Why did so many early Quakers spend time in prison?**



**5) Why was George Fox and other early Friends led to rebel against the religious practice of the day?**



**Explore something about the history of your faith at a local, national or international level. You could learn about influential people, or visit a shrine or other holy place.**

**1) Why were Quakers awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?**

**2) Where is Pendle Hill? Why is the place remembered by Quakers? Consider visiting it.**

**3) Where is Swarthmoor Hall? Why is it a special place for Quakers? Consider visiting it.**

**4) When were the Local Meetings around you established? When were the local meetinghouses around you built?**



**5) Explore the following Quaker organisations and explain their role:**

Quaker Peace and Social Witness	
Quaker United Nations Office	
Friends World Committee for Consultation	
Friends Committee on Scouting	
Britain Yearly Meeting	

**6) Explore Quaker involvement in major historical conflicts. What was the role of the Friends Ambulance Unit?**

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**Explain to an adult some of the teachings of your faith. Explain how these affect the way you live your life.**

**Reflections for Parents/Spiritual Advisor/Scouter:**

*“And this is the word of the Lord God to you all: and a charge to you all in the presence of the living God: be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you come, that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one.”*

(George Fox, Quaker Faith and Practice, #19.02)

*“The heart of the Quaker message does not lie in the doctrine expressed in abstract terms, but in an experience of power and grace, known in our hearts and also related to the structure of the universe; also known individually and recognized as belonging to all. At the same time, this universal spirit is focused and made personal in Jesus in a way which makes it appropriate to speak of the Universal Light as the Light of Christ. It is from this double emphasis on universal and Christ-like that the Quaker message starts. It is these two elements, held firmly together, which provide the coherence and unity of Quakerism.”*

(L. Hugh Doncaster, 1972, Quaker Faith and Practice, #26.43)

**1) Summarize the Quaker Testimonies in your own words. Which is the most important to you?**

**2) What are the Advices and Queries? Which of the Advices and Queries are most important to you?**

**3) Why do Quakers reject creeds?**

**4) What does the idea of the “inner light” mean to you?**

**5) Why do Quakers generally refuse military service and the swearing of oaths?**