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Blessed are the Cub Scouts

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Heart of America Council

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them.

For their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are led with patience and understanding

For they will learn the strength of endurance and gift of tolerance.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communion

For they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth,

For they shall search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God

For they will find Him early and will walk with him through life.

Blessed are the Cub Scouts who are loved and know that they are loved

For they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.

AMEN



Seeds of Kindness

GATHERING ACTIVITIES

Good Will Word Search
Piedmont Area Council

H	A	P	P	Y	B	A	E	S	K	J
M	E	Q	D	O	E	R	D	C	U	B
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G	O	O	D	O	Y	T	N	T	E	S
W	E	J	S	S	E	N	D	N	I	N

mom	best	kindness
happy	arrow	cub
fun	of	scout
meeting	light	snow
dad	gift	boys
wolf	pack	bobcat
Webelos	helping	den
tree	other	awards
do	people	ox
your	nine	send

OPENINGS

GREETINGS

Set Up: The Den Chief explains that the audience is to respond by doing as the boys say and then introduces the ceremony.

The boys hold cards that spell out the word G-R-E-E-T-I-N-G-S. Each exposes his card as he speaks his line.

G - Glad to see you here tonight.

R - Reach out your hand to a friend left or right.

E - Everyone smile and shake his hand,

E - Everybody smile and nod at another friend.

T - Together now, stand up on your feet,

I - I'd like for you all to take your seat.

N - Now that we're all friends, we'll start the show,

G - Good will is a feeling we all like to know.

S - So now we say greetings to everyone.

All - We've tried to sow the seeds of kindness in all that we have done. So Cubmaster, our program's begun.

The boys motion for Cubmaster to come on stage

Building A Better World

Santa Clara County Council

11 Cub Scouts, each holding a card with a letter on the front and his line on the back. Each speaker holds up his letter as he says his line. Last line delivered by all.

Den leader introduces this Opening by stating – All this month we have been learning how a Cub Scout gives goodwill and through this goodwill he can help build a better world. We will now show you how a Cub Scout can help build a Better World -

B for BROTHERHOOD, boosting for each other's good

E for EVERY LAND to share in earth's riches everywhere

T for TRUSTFULNESS, trusting more and fearing less

T for TEAMWORK, for joining hands to put things through

E for EQUAL CHANCE for each nation to advance

R for REAL RESPECT in spite of race, creed, or sect.

W for WILL TO WORK for peace with faith and skill

O for OPPORTUNITY to keep our speech and action free

R for REVERENCE for a guiding providence

L for LOVE TO SPREAD around when need and bitterness are found

D for DIGNITY of man devoted to a better plan.

(All hold up letters)

Den leader - There you have it - that is how you build A BETTER WORLD.

G-I-V-E-S- Goodwill

This skit can be incorporated into many ceremonies. It is especially suitable for use during the time that your community is participating in a United Way campaign or an independent finance drive for Friends of Scouting (FOS) or Sustaining Membership Enrollment (SME).

PERSONNEL: Five Cub Scouts.

EQUIPMENT:

Five large cards, each printed with a letter of the word G-I-V-E-S on front and the part on back in BIG print

ARRANGEMENT:

Each of the five Cub Scouts holds his card with the blank side to the audience.

One at a time the boys step forward, turn their card so the audience may see the letter, and recite the phrases given below. When all have recited, they will be lined up left to right, their letters spelling out the word GIVES.

Cub # 1: G-Stands for Giving. It's always good to give.

Cub # 2: I-Stands for Intentions. May mine be always right.

Cub # 3: V-Stands for Valiant. A trait of great might.

Cub # 4: E-Stands for Eager. From beginning to end.

Cub # 5: S-Stands for Sharing. This makes me a friend

Starry Night

Baltimore Area Council

Dim or turn off room lights except for an electric candle or flashlight

This is the season of lights and stars, when days are short and nights are long with beautiful stars.

Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, once said this to his Scouts, "I often think when the sun goes down, and the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven. But the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size; some are big, and some are little. So some men have done great deeds, and some men have done small deeds, but they have all made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven."

Let's remember when we look at the starry sky, to make our own hole in the blanket, by doing good deeds and helping other people.

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

Goodwill Enlightens the World

Santa Clara County Council

Setting: Place a world globe on a table. Place candles around the globe, one for each rank to be given out. Dim the room lights. Assistant Cubmaster holds a lighted candle.

Cubmaster: We read in the newspaper every day about wars. Television shows us daily pictures of bombings and destruction in many parts of the world. This is a dark picture, and not what each of wants for our children and ourselves.

Scouting is one of the things that helps to bring people together because its ideals and goals are the same everywhere. We tend to think of Cub Scouting as just our Pack and our Den. But there are Cub Scouts like us in countries around the world.

(Name of Leader) holds a candle representing the spirit of Cub Scouting. As we present our advancement awards tonight, he will light a candle next to the globe fore each rank.

We have some boys who have passed the requirements for the rank of Bobcat. Will (call Scouts receiving awards) and their parents please come forward? (Present badges to parents to pin on boys' uniforms and parent pins to boys to give to parents. Light the Bobcat candle.)

(Repeat for each rank.)

Notice how the darkness surrounding the world has gone away as the light of the Cub Scout spirit has spread around the globe. If we all continue to work on our achievements and have our Cub Scouts give Goodwill by keeping the Cub Scout Promise, we can keep the light bright and help our world to be a better place for everyone.

Snowflakes (Advancement Ceremony)

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

CM: One of the most beautiful objects formed by nature is a snowflake. It would take most of us a long time to design a shape as beautiful as a single snowflake. Yet, in an ordinary snowfall, billions upon billions of snowflakes fall to the earth, and no two are exactly alike.

CM: Tonight we are gathered much like snowflakes, in that we are here because of beautiful objects; our sons and their "designs" are each as different and unique.

CM: When water freezes to become a snowflake, it forms crystals. This simply means that the water comes together in a geometric shape we call a crystal. As it freezes, the crystals are small and almost invisible. But when the snow is formed, these crystals are carried up and down in the atmosphere on currents of air.

CM: Let us look at our Tigers & Bobcats tonight. We gathered them up, and now they are being carried along the path of Cub Scouting. Would _____ and their parents please come forward to receive their honors?

CM: As the crystals move up and down, some of them begin to gather around each other, forming a nucleus that lets the crystals grow larger. Soon, there may be hundreds of crystals together. Our Wolves and Bears are much like the crystals at this stage. They have gathered in groups together around their Den Leader. They have grown through their achievements and their electives. Would _____ and their parents please come forward to receive their honors?

CM: When a group of crystals is large enough, it begins to float down toward the earth and we call it a snowflake. These represent, of course, our Webelos Scouts - growing rapidly and maturing constantly. They are gaining ground toward their next step in Scouting, Boy Scouts. Will _____ and their parents please come forward?

CM: I would like all the Scouts who received awards tonight to please stand. Each snowflake begins as a single drop of water and grows to different sizes. You too are growing. May you always recognize the beauty of your differences and enjoy your unique place in life.

SONGS

When You're Helping And You Know It *(Tune: When you're happy and you know it)*

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

When you're helping and you know it, Lend a hand

When you're giving and you show it Things are grand

If you're helping and you're giving

Then you help make life worth living

Keep on helping, keep on giving Take a stand

Do Your Best - Are You Sleeping

Piedmont Area Council

(Tune: Are You Sleeping)

When you do your best
When you do your best
You'll feel great
You'll feel great
Make and do for others
Make and do for others
Spread good cheer
Spread good cheer

Be Kind To Your Scouting Friends

Piedmont Area Council

(Tune: Stars and Stripes)

Be kind to your Scouting friends,
That's a pledge from one Scout to another.
Be kind to your leaders today,
'Cause for helping they don't get any pay.
Be kind to your neighbors and friends,
'Cause by caring you follow Scouting's letter.
Scouting and friendship are grand,
And as we grow, the world will know,
We've made things better.

Give a Gift

(Tune: I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing)

Simon Kenton Council

I'd like to give the world a gift,
That all men will be free.
And though I'm just a growing boy,
There's things that I can see.
I see that Scouting is a way
To start to understand,
That caring, helping, smiling, learning
Help me be a man.
And so at Christmas there's a gift
That you can give to me.
Please help me grow in mind and spirit
To be what I can be.

PIZZAZZ

Piedmont Area Council / San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Bravo (For an excellent performance) The cheer leader says: "That deserves a Bravo ! We'll do this in a circle." He then proceeds to have one end of the circle start with the 'BRR' sound and proceeds to point around the circle while they do the 'AVOOOO' sound. The sound level should rise as more of the circle comes in.

Canned Laughter: Laugh when lid is removed from a can, and stop when lid is closed.

Good Turn Applause: Stand up and turn around.

Snowball Applause: Reach down and pick up a pretend handful of snow, pack it into a ball, pull you arm back, throw, and yell "SPLAT!!"

Great Job Cheer: Have one half of the audience say "Great" and the other half say "Job." Alternate each side.

Ice Cube Cheer: Shape an ice cube with a thumb and index finger, saying, "COOOOOOOL!"

Double Ice Cube Cheer: Make an ice cube with a thumb and index finger of each hand, saying, "TOOOOOO COOOOOOOL!"

RUN-ONS

JOKES & RIDDLES

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Q: What do bears and wolves get when they walk along the beach?

A: Sandy Claws!

Q: Where do snowmen keep their money?

A: In snowbanks!

GAMES

Who Stole the Cookies?

Baltimore Area Council

Cubs sit in a circle and are numbered.

They start to alternately slap their own knees and then clap hands with the Cubs on each side of them.

The Cubs chant: Who stole the cookies from the cookie jar?

The Leader chants: Number (i.e. 5) stole the cookies from the cookie jar.

Number responds: Who me?

All reply: Yes, you!

Number 5 chants: Couldn't be!

All reply: Then who?

Number 5 replies: Number (i.e. 12) stole the cookies from the cookie jar!

Number responds: Who me?

And the game goes on -

The idea of the game is to keep the, rhythm of slaps and claps going, while continuing the chant with new number being called each time. As the Cubs get used to the game, the leader can speed it up.

Snowball Relay

Baltimore Area Council

Players divide into two teams and

Each team lines up behind starting line.

Give each team a "snowball," either Styrofoam or cotton and a piece of cardboard.

On signal, first player on each team tries to move ball across floor and back by fanning it with cardboard.

Player may not touch snowball with hands or cardboard. First team to finish is winner.

Snowball Fight

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

This is an oldie, but a goodie. Designate an area and determine the turf for each of the teams. This can be halves of a room or even quarters of a room. Provide old newspapers or scrap 8½ x 11" copy paper to each team with instructions that they are to crumple them up, piece by piece (you may want to pre-tear the pages in half) to make snowballs and then throw them at another team. After a set time, the team with the least number of snowballs on their turf is the winner. Everyone helps clean up and make sure they all wash the newsprint off their hands!

Snow blowers

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Before the game, have each Cub paint and decorate a paper towel tube (snow blower). You will need to attach large cups to the long edges of the tube, making sure the cup lips are level with the tube surface. Fill each cup halfway with small prizes (candy, erasers, etc.) and clear the chairs away from the table. Pair up the Cubs and have them on opposite sides of the table (maybe do 2 pair at a time). Place a ping-pong ball on the table between each pair and let them blow through their snow blowers. If the ball goes off the table, place it on again. Once a Cub gets his ball into one of the cups, he may select one prize. Then the next pair of Cubs plays. Play continues until every Cub has won at least one prize.

Service Activities

Piedmont Area Council

Give some of the toys Cub Scouts may have made as part of the Craftsman badge to a children's home, hospital, or institution for handicapped children.

Use Craftsman skills to repair or refurbish toys for the same purpose.

Collect good used books and magazines for the library of a children's home or institution for the elderly.

Service, best exemplified by the daily Good Turn has long been a tradition in Scouting. Good citizenship is best taught by service in action.

To get the most Cub Scouting has to offer, boys should have opportunities to take part in den and pack service projects. This is one of the best way to show boys that helping other people is not only beneficial to others, but is fun and rewarding for themselves. They will experience a warm feeling that comes from giving to others.

Den Activities

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

Cubs need to be reminded periodically that not all people face this holiday season with the same anticipation. Help them look closely at your own community. Are there people who may not have enough to eat or enough money for a tree and decorations (let alone presents) or people who are in need of company? Some of these may say for "Christmas," but starting now gives the boys more time to participate and if you are working with an organization, you often have to sign up well in advance. Churches or specific organizations have some plans for addressing these issues. Maybe you can join in those efforts or devise your own "good turn." Here are some ideas:

- ✓ Collect clothing, toys, book, school supplies, decorations, and canned goods for shelters for needy families.
- ✓ Make decorations for someone's home or apartment.
- ✓ Help an elderly person or shut-ins to decorate their home for Christmas. Be sure to help them take down the decorations after Christmas.
- ✓ Save money from recycling and purchase a Christmas tree for a needy family.
- ✓ Make a full holiday meal and serve it to low-income elderly (assign each den family to make a certain item).
- ✓ Go caroling on the children's floor at the hospital, at the nursing home or around town.
- ✓ Visit the elderly and share a craft or put on a simple skit or read to them.
- ✓ Select some needy person and become their "secret Santa." Each week of December, mail them some little knick-knack, card, or memento.
- ✓ Make bird feeders: String popcorn and cranberries and hang them where the elderly and the shut-ins may watch the birds come to feed.
- ✓ Have each family bring a piece of clothing (gloves, hat, socks etc.) to the Pack meeting. Have them hang these on a clothesline. Donate all the items to a local homeless shelter.
- ✓ Do yard work regularly during the month for a church, temple, elderly, or shut-ins.
- ✓ Clean up the grounds or plant flowers for the chartered organization.
- ✓ Collect books and magazines for needy families and send them with homemade bookmarks.
- ✓ Share what blessings each of us has

Please note:

*Most institutions have restrictions, so be sure to clear with them before you undertake a project. When you are visiting a place that is normally isolated from the outside world, like a nursing home or convalescent home, please be careful about taking children who have severe colds. The patients/residents are susceptible to outside germs. Remind the boys that a service project is not limited to the holiday season. Many organizations need help throughout the year. The holiday season is just a good time to start a service project. Have the boys get involved in service projects year round. Projects don't have to be big. Please read pages 9-10 to 9-11 in the **Cub Scout Leader Book** for a service project that will be ideal for other times of the year.*

World Food Game

Viking Council Pow Wow book; modified slightly.

One of the most important human needs is enough food to stay healthy. Yet in many parts of the world, including our own country, there are people who don't have enough food. Try this activity to see how the world's food supply is divided.

To play, you need a group of 15 – 20 people, one small box (1 ½ oz.) of raisins, and one large box of raisins. First, give one person the small box of raisins (about 100 raisins). Then five people may have 25 raisins each from the large box. The rest give four raisins each.

The group represents all the people of the world. The raisins show the amount of the world's food most people in different areas of the world have to eat. The person with the small box of 100 raisins has a share like people in the USA, Canada, or Western Europe. Those with 25 raisins represent a share in Eastern Europe or the Soviet Union. The rest represent the share people in Africa, Asia, and Latin America has.

After the raisins are divided, have the group think about how they felt. Were the raisins divided fairly? How did you feel about your share? Why shouldn't everyone get an equal share? Is it possible for everyone to have 100 raisins, with the total number available? How would you divide the raisins to be fair? What does this tell you about doing to others, as you would have them do unto you?

This may not make you feel good inside, but it may make the boys aware of what it is like to grow up in another part of the world. It may make them think about the things they need and what they could really do without.

Holiday Placemats*San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils*

Give each boy a sheet of heavy white paper.

Draw, write on, and decorate each side with stickers.

Include festive images and greetings.

Be sure each boy writes his name on the bottom of one side and "(Wolf or Bear) Den, Pack ____."

Cover these with contact paper and deliver them to shut-ins before Thanksgiving or Christmas.

POMANDER*Baltimore Area Council*

Materials: Firm, fresh oranges or lemons, whole dried cloves, toothpick, nylon net, ribbon or pretty yarn

Directions:

- ✓ Use the toothpick to poke holes in the orange skin,
- ✓ Insert a whole clove into each hole. You can randomly place the cloves in the orange, as close together as you can, or you can make a neat vertical or horizontal pattern.
- ✓ If you want to add a richer, spicier scent, roll the finished pomander in a mixture of cinnamon, allspice, and nutmeg. Now, set the pomander aside to dry for several weeks.
- ✓ It will shrink and get hard (as the orange gets dehydrated).
- ✓ Wrap it in a square of nylon net and tie the ends with the ribbon.
- ✓ It's ready to hang in a closet or kitchen, or give as a gift.

**Cookie Cutter Bird Treats***Baltimore Area Council***Ingredients & Materials:**

1 cup shortening	3½ cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. Baking soda	1½ tsp. Cream of tartar
½ tsp. Salt	3 eggs
Cookie cutters	Mixed birdseed
Drinking straws	Ribbon

Directions:

- ✓ Cream the shortening and beat in the eggs.
- ✓ Sift together flour, soda, cream of tartar, and salt.
- ✓ Gradually add the dry ingredients to the shortening/egg mixture.
- ✓ When well mixed, cover and chill.
- ✓ Flour surface and roll dough out to about ¼ inch thick.
- ✓ Cut out shapes with cookie cutters.
- ✓ At the top of each cookie, make a hole with the straw.
- ✓ Press in a coating of birdseed.
- ✓ Preheat oven to 350° and bake for about 12 minutes.
- ✓ When the cookies are cool, insert a length of ribbon through each hole and tie.
- ✓ Hang on tree outdoors for birds to enjoy.

**Square Knot Slide***Piedmont Area Council*

A number of you have mentioned this simple square knot. Simply dye cotton rope in appropriate colors,

1. Tie the knot, and use a little glue to hold it together.

2. Attach a loop and you're set!

3. If you're using nylon rope, you'll need to melt the rope ends a bit to prevent fraying.

4. We used clothesline cut into 4-inch strips.

5. We had to melt the ends to keep from fraying. Since most cheap clothesline is made from nylon, the adults should do this step so that the melted nylon does not burn the scouts.

6. We then painted one strip blue and one strip yellow.

7. After the paint dried, we assembled a square knot and fused a strip of clothesline on the back for the slider part."

Borax Crystal Snowflake*San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils*

Grow a snowflake in a jar!

You will need:

string

wide mouth jar

white pipe cleaners

blue food coloring (optional)

boiling water (with adult help)

borax (available at grocery stores by laundry soap)

pencil

Directions:

- ✓ With a little kitchen science you can create long lasting snowflakes as sparkly as the real ones.
- ✓ Cut a white pipe cleaner into 3 equal sections. Twist the sections together in the center so that you have a "six-sided" star shape. If your points are not even, trim the pipe-cleaner sections to the same length.
- ✓ Now attach string along the outer edges to form a snowflake pattern.
- ✓ Attach a piece of string to the top of one of the pipe cleaners and tie the other end to a pencil (this is to hang it from).
- ✓ Fill a wide mouth jar with boiling water.
- ✓ Mix borax into the water one tablespoon at a time.
- ✓ Use 3 tablespoons of borax per cup of water. Stir until dissolved, (don't worry if there is powder settling on the bottom of the jar).
- ✓ If you want you can add a little blue food coloring now to give the snowflake a bluish hue.
- ✓ Insert your pipe cleaner snowflake into the jar so that the pencil is resting on the lip of the jar and the snowflake is freely suspended in the borax solution.
- ✓ Wait overnight and by morning the snowflake will be covered with shiny crystals.
- ✓ Hang in a window as a sun-catcher or use as a wintertime decoration.

Snowglobe*San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils***Supplies:**

Baby food jars (medium or large jars)

Florist clay

Small figurine

White glitter or fake snow (available at stores during the holiday season)

Glue gun/glue or aquarium sealing glue (hot glue is cheaper)

Optional: Any ribbon, garland plastic greenery

Directions:

1. Make sure jar is washed and clean. Note: Any jar will do if you desire a larger snow globe.
2. Attach figurine to inside of jar lid using florist clay. If you are using a small object, it's a good idea to build up the clay so the object will appear taller. Attach any optional items with the clay (greenery, berries, etc.). Use your imagination, but make sure it is waterproof and won't dissolve.
3. Fill jar with water to within ½" (1 cm) of top. Use cold water; warm water tends to cloud.
4. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon (25 ml) of glitter, or snow into water.
5. Insert figurine in water; screw on lid. Let stand overnight -- lid side up.
6. Use glue/sealer to ensure it is waterproof and attach decorative ribbon over lid. You may also paint the lid rather than use ribbon. Use your imagination; the possibilities are endless!

Tips:

- ✓ Make sure the objects are secure in the clay; you could even glue them for added security.
- ✓ Before gluing or sealing the lid, make sure you have a sufficient amount of glitter. Depending on the size of the jar, you may need more or less.
- ✓ To make a more elaborate snowglobe, add tiny objects to float in the water, use a drop of colored oil to create a swirling effect, use food coloring in the water, various
- ✓ Colors of glitter, etc. This can be altered in any way to be a one-of-a-kind. Use your imagination and have fun.
- ✓ Choose a theme: Birthday, sports, holiday, Victorian, seashells, etc.
- ✓ This activity may be used with any size jar; have fun with this and be creative.

The Origin of the Kettle - A great story to share while the boys are making a craft

San Gabriel, Long Beach Area, Verdugo Hills Councils

In December of 1891, a Salvation Army Captain in San Francisco had resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner to the area's poor persons. But how would he pay for the food? As he went about his daily tasks, the question stayed in his mind. Suddenly, his thoughts went back to his days as a sailor in Liverpool, England. He remembered seeing passersby at Stage Landing place their charitable contributions into a large pot they called "Simpson's pot."

The next morning, he secured permission from the authorities to place a similar pot at the Oakland ferry landing at the foot of Market Street. No time was lost in securing the pot and placing it in a conspicuous position so that all those going to and from the ferryboats could see it. In addition, a brass urn was placed on a stand in the waiting room for the same purpose.

Thus, Captain Joseph McFee launched a tradition that has spread not only throughout the United States but also throughout the world.

Now kettles are used in Korea, Japan, and Chile and in many European countries. Everywhere, public contributions to the kettles enable the Salvation Army to bring the spirit of Christmas to those who would otherwise be forgotten - the aged and lonely, the ill, inmates of jails and other institutions, the poor and unfortunate. In the United States, the Salvation Army annually aids more than 7,000,000 Americans at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Kettles have changed since the first utilitarian cauldron set up in San Francisco. Some of the new kettles have such devices as a self-ringing bell and a booth complete with a public address system that broadcasts traditional Christmas carols. Behind it all, though, is the same Salvation Army message, "Sharing is Caring."

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Helping Others

Piedmont Area Council

Divide audience up into six parts.

Assign each part an action to do and say when their key word is read. Practice as you assign parts.

Lights:	"Blink, blink, blink"
Cub Scout:	"Do Your Best"
Helping Other People:	"Warm Fuzzy"
Pack:	Yell the Pack Number
Old Lady:	"No, I Don't Want To Go"
Tree:	"Ahhhhhhhhh"

Once upon a time, in a **CUB SCOUT PACK** a **CUB SCOUT** was learning about **HELPING OTHER PEOPLE**. The **CUB SCOUT** helped an **OLD LADY** across the street. But the **OLD LADY** did not want the **CUB SCOUT** to help her. The **OLD LADY** did not care that the **CUB SCOUT** had been learning about **HELPING OTHER PEOPLE** or that the **CUB SCOUT** and his **PACK** had set out to do good deeds. The **OLD LADY** just wanted to get a **TREE**. But the **CUB SCOUT** and his **PACK** were learning about **HELPING OTHER PEOPLE** and really wanted to **HELP OTHER PEOPLE** and so the **CUB SCOUT** helped the **OLD LADY** across the street. The **OLD LADY** thought what kind of a **PACK** is this?

The **OLD LADY** just wanted her **TREE** and pretty **LIGHTS**. The **CUB SCOUT** said, "Nice **OLD LADY**, my **CUB SCOUT PACK** and I are learning about **HELPING OTHER PEOPLE**. I'll help you get your **TREE** and put your pretty **LIGHTS** on, if you will just let me learn about **HELPING OTHER PEOPLE** by getting you across this busy street." The **OLD LADY** sighed and smiled and said "Thank you."

Good Turn Closing Thought

Viking Council

Most of us are happiest when we are doing something for others. Think, for a moment of a time when you were helpful to someone. Chances are it made you feel pretty good. Of course, we feel best when we do something for others without being found out. When we help others regularly, it soon becomes a habit and gets to be a natural thing. Once a Cub Scout establishes this habit, he learns the real meaning of a good turn.

Goodwill Closing Ceremony

Viking Council

Set Up: 8 Cub Scouts each with a sign with one of the letters on front. The words are written on the back in large print. Boys say their parts in turn.

G - Good Cub Scouts are friends to all.

O - On their honor to obey the pack law

O - Once they spread goodwill all around.

D - Doubled friendships will surely be found.

W - Working together to make the world a better place.

I - Including as friends -- boys from each faith and race.

L - Leaving behind them a path of good cheer.

L - Let's all practice it now and all through the year.

A Cub Scout Gives Goodwill

In a recent issue of Scouting magazine, there is a story about a Webelos Scout named Daniel Simon of Pack 381, Buffalo Grove, Illinois. Daniel earned a \$750 gift certificate, and instead of spending the money on himself, he filled seven shopping carts with toys for other children who might not get anything that holiday season. It was a fine act of kindness and generosity. For Daniel, the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack aren't just words; they represent a way of life. Especially the phrase, "A Cub Scout Gives Goodwill." Wouldn't it be a great holiday tradition if we all followed Daniel's example and performed some special good turn for someone in need, giving a little goodwill in the process? That would bring a lot of joy to the people we served. It would also bring a lot of joy to us, knowing that we had done something to make someone's life a little better. Think about what you can do to **give good will and serve** others at holiday time. What better way to build good memories that will last forever?

Cubmaster's Closing Minute

Chief Seattle Council

"I will do my best!" Do these words sound like there is a job that has to be done? Yes, it does. What do they mean? These words explain what every Cub Scout, Webelos, and adult leader has promised to do.

What do they mean for the young 7 year old Cub Scout? For him they mean that he will try to do his best in all things that are taught to him by his Den Leader at den meetings and by his Cubmaster at pack meetings. He has to do his best in helping around the house, school, and community.

What do they mean for the Webelos? He now turns his thought to going on Scout trips, hiking, and camping out under the stars with just the sounds of the night all around him. He learns the first part of the Scout Oath that says, 'On my honor, I will do my best. Yes, like the knights of old, he has to be gallant, brave, and strong. He has to do his best to be kind, courteous, thrifty, and prepared at all times, especially when called upon in times of need.

What do they mean for the adult Scouter? This is the person who lives up the street and has volunteered to see that activities for the boys get carried out. The adult leaders have to do their best in showing and teaching the boys how to do their best. They give up their time to go to training, committee meetings, and den and pack meetings.

But what is the true meaning of "To do your best"? It means doing the best work and service that you are a of at all times. Service to your family, to God, and to your community. As we leave tonight, let us all remember that doing his best is one way a Cub Scout Gives Goodwill during the holiday season and throughout the year.

The Key (could also be done as a skit)
Baltimore Area Council

Props:

- ✓ A large door marked “Happiness” with easily read letters
- ✓ Seven cut outs resembling keys with words written on them in large letters. One key labeled on front for each item listed below

Personnel: 7 Cub Scouts.

Each Cub takes his key and tries to open the door. As he crosses in front of audience, make sure the key is in front of him with the word facing the audience. *If you want, have Cubs announce what their key is (read the one word)*

Cub # 1: (key called Effort) - He tries to open the door but cannot unlock it. (He steps aside.)

Cub # 2: (key called Knowledge) - He tries to open door, but cannot (He steps aside).

Cub # 3: (key called Wealth) - Does same as other boys.

Cub # 4: (key called Honesty) - Does as others.

Cub # 5: (key called Truth) - Does as others.

Cub # 6: (key called Cooperation) - Does as others.

Cub # 7: (key called Love) - He opens the door to find a big gift.

Narrator: Love opens the door to happiness because with love comes the gift of sharing your, knowledge, wealth, effort, and honesty, and truthfully in a cooperative spirit. Love is the spirit of caring and sharing. Let us keep the caring, sharing, feeling all year round for that is the Spirit of Scouts.

Good Turn - CM Minute
Piedmont Area Council

Most of us are happiest when we are doing something for others. Think for a moment of a time when you were helpful to someone. Chances are, it made you feel pretty good. Of course, we feel best when we do something for others without being found out. When we help others regularly, it soon becomes a habit and to be a natural thing. Once you establish this habit, you will learn the real meaning of the good turn.

What Cubs Are Made Of

Cub Scouts are made of all of these,
Scarves of gold, patches on sleeves,
Trousers of blue and well-worn knees,
That's what Cub Scouts are made of.
They're partly Indians, of fringe and feather,
And beads and buttons and bits of leather,
With war-paint and freckles mixed together,
That's what Cub Scouts are made of.
They're made of a promise, a pledge, and a prayer
Of hands that are willing, of hearts that play fair,
With something inside them that God put there,
And that's what Cub Scouts are made of.

~Baltimore Area Council