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Lesson of the Pearls Rededication

What you need: Adults as Leaders, Adults as Pearls, Treasure Chest, 2 Candles, 10 large plastic pearls

Leader #1: Tonight we are gathered to share in the dedication of our new and old leaders to the ideas of Girl Scouting.

Leader #2: At this time, the members of Service Unit will share with each other the "Lesson Of The Pearls", found in our discovered treasure chest of Girl Scouting.

Pearl #1: The first pearl stands for WISDOM. You have shown your joy in exploring wisdom through Girl Scouting. (Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #2: The second pearl shall symbolize BEAUTY. You are beautiful to your sister Girl Scouts for you give of yourself. (Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #3: The third pearl is STRENGTH. You are the strength of the future of Girl Scouting. (Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #4: The fourth pearl will be the symbol of TRUTH. You are the example of the truth of the ideas of Girl Scouting. Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #5: The fifth pearl will be FIDELITY. You have kept your promise and have affirmed it for life. (Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #6: The sixth pearl is our symbol for FELLOWSHIP. You have extended the hand of friendship and you have gained the rewards. (Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #7: The seventh pearl is COOPERATION. You are an example of total cooperation and your many accomplishments reflect your willingness to work in harmony with others. (Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #8: The eighth pearl will be a symbol for LOYALTY. You are committed to the law of Girl Scouting and strive to live by it. (Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #9: The ninth pearl will be for VISION. You can see the future of Girl Scouts and will do your part to ensure its continued success. (Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #10: The tenth pearl shall stand for SERVICE. You continue to give of yourself to others in need. (Place pearl in treasure chest)

Leader #3: You stand here, a golden link in our chain of green and gold. A chain of friendship that encircles the globe. Our chain is made strong by your caring, your sharing and a desire to be the best that you can be.

Leader #4: Our wish is for you to explore the many treasures to be found in our chest of pearls. Remember to always be a golden link in our chain of friendship and let nothing break this chain of green and gold. Please join me in reciting the

Girl Scout Promise.

Everyone: Recite the Girl Scout Promise.

Candlelight Rededication

Materials: 9 candles, 3 for promise, plus six for value statements

Leader: Today (or tonight) we came in silence as we rededicate ourselves to Scouting. We light three candles signifying the three parts of our Promise as together we renew it.

All: On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Leader: Our opportunity comes to us through value - the right to grow through our experience in the Promise and Law. This candle becomes a bright as we realize our golden opportunities. (light candle)

Adult: On my honor I will TRY. I cannot succeed if I do not try. So I will try, I may not always succeed but I will grow with every new experience as I put into practice the Promise and Law.

Leader: Our goal is to help girls be good citizens today and active citizens tomorrow. (light candle)

Adult: I am proud of God and my country. And on my honor I will try to serve God, my country, and help people at all times to the best of my ability.

Leader: The Scout loves her country and has knowledge of it's relationship to the world. (light candle)

Adult: All women are sisters. We learn that there are many likenesses in all people, but where there are differences we gain exciting opportunities of understanding.

Leader: The pathway of Girl Scouting grows broader and other people become involved. (light candle)

Adult: Others need me. It is good to know that I have skills and knowledge, which can make someone else happier.

Leader: Opportunities to develop into a more capable person are given to the Girl Scout as she assumes her role in the troop and in her patrol. (light candle)

Adult: I am a link in the golden chain of Girl Scouting. It can be no stronger than each link.

Leader: Each Scout is an individual and by keeping herself forever fit, she is better ready to serve others and to enjoy everyday living. (light candle)

Adult: It is my privilege to keep myself physically fit, to live with kind thoughts and unselfish deeds and to keep myself morally strong.

Leader: And so the light grows brighter as it now fills this room and these hearts with the flame of accomplishment.

Pin new leaders, having them each repeat the Promise, if desired.

Great Thoughts Rededication

Part 1: "Girl Scouting is not a world apart, but a part of the world." As we dedicate ourselves today, let us keep in mind ways in which we can make Girl Scouting an even stronger part of our world.

Here are some thoughts:

Part 2: Juliette Low frequently reminded the National Board, when much organizational planning had to be done, "We mustn't lose sight of the girls. The girls must always come first."

Part 3: Thomas Edison said, "Genius is 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration."

Part 4: "Thank you for loaning me your daughter, For letting her make me smile, Thank you for letting her be a Girl Scout. It's an organization worthwhile" - Author Unknown

Part 5: "We cannot learn from one another - until we stop shouting at one another; until we speak quietly enough so that our words can be heard as well as our voices." - Richard Nixon

Part 6: Girls are the only reason for Girl Scouting. Everything in Girl Scouting is designed for their particular needs and interests

Part 7: "You don't have to think about doing the right thing. If you are for the right thing then you will do it without even thinking." Maya Angelo (I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings)

Part 8: Girl Scouting is multi-cultural. We not only welcome, but seek, members from all racial, ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic groups.

Part 9: Look up and not down - Look forward and not back - Look out and not in - Lend a hand

Part 10: According to Peter Drucker, often called the founding father of the discipline of management, "The best run organization in the United States is the Girl Scouts. Tough, hardworking women can do anything."

Part 11: When in charge - ponder. When in trouble - delegate. When in doubt - mumble

Part 12: "Ideas are clean. They soar in the supreme heavens. I can take them out and look at them, they fit in books, they lead me down that narrow way. And in the morning they are there. Ideas are straight - but the world is round, and a messy mortal is my friend - come walk with me in the mud..." - Hugh Prather

Part 13: Girl Scouting is people, people like you who give their time, their energy, and their love to help prepare today's girl for tomorrow's world.

Part 14: Let's all join in saying the Girl Scout Promise

(All say the Promise together)

Colors

Based on a Native American Legend

Materials needed for each person involved with the ceremony:

1 Strip of leather about 7 inches long

1 pony bead of each color: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet

Suggested:

Above colors streamers either attached to walls or on the floor where the colors are to stand are a nice touch

Once upon a time the colors of the world started a quarrel, all claimed that they were the best, the most important, the most useful, the favorite.

RED shouted out: "I am the ruler of all of you -- I am blood -- life's blood! I am the color of danger and of bravery. I am willing to fight for a cause. I bring fire into the blood. Without me, the earth would be as empty as the moon. I am the color of passion and of love, the red rose, the poinsettia and the poppy."

ORANGE started next to blow her trumpet: "I am the color of health and strength. I may be scarce, but I am precious for I serve the needs of human life. I carry the most important vitamins. Think of carrots, pumpkins, oranges, mangos, and pawpaws. I don't hang around all the time, but when I fill the sky at sunrise or sunset, my beauty is so striking that no one gives another thought to any of you."

YELLOW chuckled: "You are all so serious. I bring laughter, gaiety, and warmth into the world. The sun is yellow, the moon is yellow, the stars are yellow. Every time you look at a sunflower, the whole world starts to smile. Without me there would be no fun."

GREEN said: "Clearly, I am the most important. I am the sign of life and hope. I was chosen for grass, trees, leaves - without me, all animals would die. Look over the countryside and you will see that I am in the majority."

BLUE interrupted: "You only think about the earth, but consider the sky and the sea. It is the water that is the basis of life and drawn up by the clouds from the deep sea. The sky gives space and peace and serenity. Without my peace, all of you would be nothing."

INDIGO spoke, much more quietly than all the others, but with just as much determination: "Think of me. I am the color of silence. You hardly notice me, but without me, all of you become superficial. I represent thought and reflection, twilight and deep water. You need me for balance and contrast, for prayer and inner peace."

VIOLET rose to her full height. She was very tall and spoke with great pomp: "I am the color of loyalty and power. Kings, chiefs, and bishops have always chosen me for I am the sign of authority and wisdom. People do not question me - they listen and obey."

And so the colors went on boasting, each convinced of his or her own superiority. Their quarreling became louder and louder. Suddenly, there was a startling flash of bright lightning...thunder rolled and boomed. Rain started to pour down relentlessly. The colors crouched down in fear, drawing closer to one another for comfort.

In the midst of the clamor, rain began to speak: "You foolish colors, fighting amongst yourselves, each trying to dominate the rest. Don't you know that you were each made for a special purpose, unique and different? Join hands with one another and come to me."

Doing as they were told, the colors united and joined hands. The rain continued: "From now on, when it rains, each of you will stretch across the sky in a great bow of color as a reminder that you can all live in peace. The rainbow is a sign of friendship and hope for tomorrow."

And so, whenever the rain washes the world, look up... and as the rainbow appears in the sky, let us all remember our friendships new and old... and that tomorrow is always a new day."

I learned this ceremony at Chaparral Girl Scout Council leader training. We stood in a circle and were handed the thin strips of leather. As different people read the different colors, we were given the same color pony bead and put it on our leather strip in order. When the last person was reading from "And so the colors went on boasting..." we took our finished strip and tied it around the wrist of the person to our right. The beads were put on in the same order as the colors of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet. It was a very touching ceremony and I remember it to this day and keep my bracelet in my purse.

This Door

[A ceremony to challenge adults to serve youth] Setting: Room lights dimmed. Spot light on a closed door. Narrator reads off stage.

Narrator: "This door can let people in . . . or it can keep people out.

"This door could lie open to more girls in Girl Scouting . . . or it could be slammed in their faces This door.

" This door could carry a welcome sign . . . or 'Keep Out' . . . 'Full House' This door.

" It can open into the warm light of training sessions . . . or it can be kept locked and dark.

" This door . . . for a girl . . . could open to a great, wide, wonderful world . . . or it could open to a jail, or a homeless shelter This door.

" This door opens to only one of every three; two girls are turned away from the door that opens to adventure . . . to wholesome experiences . . . to an understanding of themselves . . . to an appreciation of, and love for, our Earth.

" Doors must be opened for girls. Girls will seldom go up and knock on a door.

" What girls do . . . and what they think . . . should not be left to chance.

" Open that door for just one more. Open that door for just one more."

Nobody Told Me

Reader 1 :

Nobody told me I would really feel part of something so big, so wonderful, that when we said the Promise together tonight that I would mean every word. Will I ever know all the words? You'll learn them, I was told.

Reader 2 :

Nobody told me that while I worried and fretted about about "doing the right thing at the right time", I would now be looked upon as "knowing all the answers" by the younger scouts. What if they won't listen to me? They'll learn from you, I was told.

Reader 3 :

Nobody told me I would really have to cook on an open fire. "I don't know how to scramble eggs or put up a tent." You'll learn, I was told. Nobody told me that I would really want to go camping again. You'll learn, I was told.

Reader 4 :

Nobody ever told me that I would become queasy or that my voice would crack when I led the Flag Ceremony. "But, I've never done a flag ceremony, I said. What if I forget the words? You'll learn, I was told.

Reader 5 :

Nobody told me that the Laws were made to help us become better people. How will I learn to get along with so many girls, we're all so different. You'll learn, I was told.

Leader :

Nobody told me that getting to know these girls would be so much fun. Nobody told me, I learned.

In Unison :

We are Girl Scouts. Four words, but, behind them, hundreds of feelings and thoughts. We are Girl Scouts because we love the out-of-doors, singing, reading, learning how to make things, and because we enjoy sharing with our friends in Girl Scouting. Nobody told us that we would make so many friends! Nobody told us. We learned.