

My Family

Required adventure • Family and Reverence

If you read nothing else

Mostly a home adventure. Requirements 1, 3, and 4 are conversations with a parent or legal guardian; the den meeting supports them and provides the workspace.

One den meeting, plus a share-back at the following meeting. Do not try to run someone's family faith traditions from the front of the room.

Your job here is to make every family feel their tradition belongs in this den — including families with no religious tradition, who fulfill these requirements through their own values.

The requirements

Official requirement text. Tick each one off as your Scouts complete it — the meeting plans below cover all of them.

- ☐ 1. With your parent or legal guardian, talk about your family's faith traditions. Identify three holidays or celebrations that are part of your family's faith traditions. Make a craft, work of art, or a food item that is part of your family's faith tradition holiday or celebration.
- ☐ 2. Carry out an act of kindness.
- ☐ 3. With your parent or legal guardian, identify a religion or faith that is different from your own. Identify two things that it has in common with your family's beliefs.
- ☐ 4. Discuss with your parent or legal guardian what it means to be reverent. Tell how you practice being reverent in your daily life.

Requirements 1, 3 and 4 are explicitly done with a parent or legal guardian. The den meeting below gives Scouts the craft time and the share-back; the conversations belong to families.

Meeting 1: Kindness, reverence, and making something

Goal: Scouts plan and carry out an act of kindness, talk about what reverent means, and have time and materials to make their family tradition craft or food.

Covers requirement 2, supports 1 and 4

Before the meeting

- Send the family letter home two weeks ahead so requirement 1 conversations happen before this meeting. Ask families to tell you what craft or food their Scout wants to make so you can have materials.

- Be careful and generous with the letter's wording. Some families are deeply religious, some are not religious at all, and both fully belong. "Faith traditions or the values your family holds" covers everyone.
- Gather general craft supplies plus anything specific families asked for.
- Have kindness project options ready that can be done in the meeting: cards for a nursing home or for deployed service members, care kits, a thank you delivery to your chartered organization or a fire station.

Supplies

- General craft supplies: paper, card, markers, glue, scissors, string, beads, paint
- Anything specific families requested
- Card stock for kindness cards
- Envelopes and stamps
- The family letter, second copy for anyone who lost it

Run of show

Time	What happens
5 min	Gathering: kindness chain
5 min	Opening: Scout Law, reverent
15 min	Activity 1: what does reverent mean?
20 min	Activity 2: the act of kindness
15 min	Activity 3: tradition craft workshop
5 min	Closing

Gathering — Kindness chain (5 min)

Each Scout writes one kind thing someone did for them on a paper strip, and one kind thing they could do this week. Loop them into a paper chain and hang it in the meeting space.

It is a simple gathering, and it gets them thinking in the right direction before you ask them to plan anything.

Activity 1 — What does reverent mean? (15 min)

A Scout is reverent. Ask them what they think it means and write down every answer without correcting any of them.

Then offer the frame that holds all of them: reverence is treating what is important with respect — your own beliefs, other people's beliefs, and the world around you.

Ask what being reverent looks like on an ordinary Tuesday. Push past "going to church," which is the answer they think you want. Good answers you may hear: being quiet when someone else is praying, not making fun of what somebody believes, taking care of a place, saying thank you and meaning it, keeping a promise.

Say something like

A Scout is reverent does not mean every Scout believes the same thing. It means every Scout takes their own beliefs seriously, and takes yours seriously too. Those are different things and Scouting asks for both.

This is preparation. Requirement 4 is the conversation the Scout has at home — say that plainly so nobody thinks tonight completed it.

Activity 2 — The act of kindness (20 min)

Requirement 2 is the one thing here the den can complete together, so make it real rather than symbolic. Let them pick, then do it in the room:

- Cards for a nursing home, a children's hospital, or deployed service members — handwritten, not printed.
- Care kits for a shelter: socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, granola bar, a note.
- A thank you delivery to the chartered organization, a fire station, or the school custodians, hand-delivered next week.
- Cleaning and tidying the meeting space properly, without being asked and without telling anyone it was them.

Do not let it become a competition or a photo op. Ask at the end how it felt, and let the quiet answer sit.

A Scout may also do their act of kindness at home instead. Both count.

Activity 3 — Tradition craft workshop (15 min)

This is workshop time for requirement 1. Scouts work on the craft, art, or food item their family identified. You supply table space, materials, and help — not the subject matter.

Expect real variety: a menorah or a dreidel, an Advent wreath or an ornament, a Diwali rangoli, an Eid card or lantern, a Day of the Dead marigold, a family recipe, a decorated egg. A family with no religious tradition might make something for a birthday, a harvest meal, a national holiday, or a family reunion — that fully satisfies the requirement.

Ask each Scout to tell the den the one-sentence version of what theirs is for. That share, not the craft, is where the learning happens.

If a Scout has nothing ready, give them paper and let them start; families can finish at home.

Send home with families

Talk about your family's faith traditions or values, and identify three holidays or celebrations that are part of them. Help your Scout finish the craft or food item. That is requirement 1.

Identify a religion or faith different from your own and find two things it has in common with your family's beliefs. Requirement 3 — this is a conversation, not a research report.

Talk about what reverent means and how your Scout practices it day to day. Requirement 4.

Sign the completion slip and bring it, plus the craft, to the next meeting.

Meeting 2: Share-back

Goal: Scouts show what they made and say what they learned about a faith different from their own.

Covers requirements 1, 3 and 4 completed at home; verified here

Before the meeting

- This is a fifteen-minute block at the start of your next regular den meeting, not a whole meeting. Say so in the family letter.
- Set up a table for the crafts and food items.
- Collect signed completion slips at the door.
- Invite parents to stay for it. Several will want to see the display.

Supplies

- Display table and a cloth
- Plates and napkins if food items came in
- Completion slips

Run of show

Time	What happens
15 min	Share-back circle and display
—	Then continue with your next adventure

Share-back circle (15 min)

Each Scout gets about ninety seconds: show what you made, say which holiday or celebration it belongs to, and name one thing you learned about a faith different from your own.

Set the rule before the first Scout speaks: we listen, we do not compare, and nobody's tradition is weird. Enforce it the first time and you will not need to again.

You will hear things you did not expect about families you thought you knew. That is the adventure working.

Ask one closing question: what did you hear tonight that was the same across two different families? The common ground is requirement 3 in the room rather than on paper.

Say something like

Six families in this room, and I count at least four different traditions. Every one of them has something about being thankful, and every one of them has something about taking care of other people. That is what reverent looks like from the outside.

Leader notes

- This is the most sensitive adventure in the Webelos year. Handle it with care and every family will feel seen; handle it carelessly and you will lose someone.
- Scouting requires a Scout to do their duty to God, but does not define God for them. A family with no religious affiliation completes these requirements through their own values and traditions — say so in the family letter, in those words.
- Never ask a Scout to explain or defend their family's beliefs. They share what they choose to share.
- If your pack is chartered to a religious organization, be especially deliberate about welcoming families of other traditions. The chartered organization sets the meeting space; it does not set the Scouts' beliefs.
- Religious emblems programs exist for most faiths and are earned outside Scouting through the family's own faith group. Mention them to families — this adventure is a natural on-ramp.

Safety

Before this adventure

Ask about food allergies before any food item is shared, and label everything that comes in.

Photo permission before posting anything from the share-back — some families will not want their traditions online.

Tracking

Write each Scout in and tick the requirement number as it is completed. Report to your advancement chair once the row is full.

Scout	1	2	3	4

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