

# PACK RESOURCE SHEET

MARCH 2012

## Core Value For March

**Compassion:** Being kind and considerate, and showing concern for the well-being of others. Cub Scouts will develop care and concern for the well-being of others by participating in the effort to collect items for charities.

## Preopening Activity: Compassion Basket

**Materials:** Name tags with different phrases written on them, slips of paper with phrases, paper bags. For examples of phrases, see below.

As people arrive, give each person a name tag and eight to 10 slips of paper that match the phrase on the name tag, and a paper bag. Tell them the paper bag is a basket and they need to fill the basket with compassion. Instruct them to go around the room and collect one slip from each person. Encourage people to collect different slips. They cannot put their own slips in their baskets.

During the meeting, recognize the person who collected the largest number of different slips.

Examples of phrases:

- Be friendly.
- Smile.
- Be interested in the feelings of others.
- Be sensitive to the feelings of others.
- Show kindness.
- Help those in need.
- Consider the feelings and needs of others.
- Help someone who is being treated unfairly.
- Include others in the group.
- Be willing to forgive others.

## Opening Ceremony: The Key

**Materials:** A large cardboard door marked with “happiness” and a keyhole; key-shaped cutouts with large words “effort,” “knowledge,” “wealth,” “honesty,” “truth,” and “hard work” written on them; one key-shaped cutout in different shape and color from other keys with “compassion” written on it; one large gift-wrapped package.

**Arrangement:** Place the package on the other side of the door where the audience cannot see it. All but the narrator act in silence. Make sure the boys show the labels on their keys.

CUB SCOUT 1: (With the “effort” key, he tries to open the door but cannot unlock it. He steps aside.)

CUB SCOUT 2: (With the “knowledge” key, he tries to open the door but cannot unlock it. He steps aside.)

CUB SCOUT 3: (With the “wealth” key, he repeats the action.)

CUB SCOUT 4: (With the “honesty” key, he repeats the action.)

CUB SCOUT 5: (With the “truth” key, he repeats the action.)

CUB SCOUT 6: (With the “hard work” key, he repeats the action.)

CUB SCOUT 7: (With the “compassion” key, he opens the door to reveal a large gift-wrapped package.)

**NARRATOR:** Compassion opens the door to happiness because with compassion comes the gift of sharing your knowledge, wealth, and effort. Compassion is the spirit of caring and sharing. Let us keep compassion in our lives all year round, for that is the spirit of Cub Scouting.

## Recognition Ceremony: Warm Fuzzies for a Service Project

**Materials:** Warm Fuzzy Pin or Neckerchief Slide (page 44) for each recipient

**CUBMASTER:** I'd like to read you a story. But I need your help. Every time I say “warm fuzzy” or “warm fuzzies,” please give your best smile.

“Once upon a time, there was a tiny village. Each person in the village was very happy because he had a bag of **warm fuzzies**. You could reach into your bag and pull out a **warm fuzzy** whenever you wanted, and everybody wanted them all the time. **Warm fuzzies** were given to other people on the street, at home, everywhere. The more you gave away, the more you got. **Warm fuzzies** made you feel like they sound—warm, happy, and contented. Everyone was happy.

“With time, people became afraid that if they kept giving away their **warm fuzzies** that there wouldn't be any left for themselves. So people stopped giving them away and they hid them. They hid them away in jars, in cupboards, and in attics. After a while people forgot about the **warm fuzzies** and the village became cold and dreary. People were no longer happy.

“This went on for years and years until one day a little boy found a **warm fuzzy** and asked his grandmother what it was. The grandmother looked at it and pondered. Then she took it in her hand. Immediately, she could feel warm and happy and she told her grandson how there used to be an abundance of **warm fuzzies** in the village. The little boy gave the **warm fuzzy** to his grandmother with a hug and went on his way. Remembering the old days, the grandmother gave the **warm fuzzy** to another villager. It was the first **warm fuzzy** given in some time. The village people soon remembered hiding their **warm fuzzies** and, one by one, they went home to find theirs and soon everyone was giving out **warm fuzzies** again. To their surprise, the more **warm fuzzies** they gave away, the more they had.”

We have some Cub Scouts, leaders, and family members who gave many warm fuzzies to others by being involved in the pack service project. I'm sure the warm fuzzies they gave will multiply beyond the people they helped. I would like to recognize each of them with a warm fuzzy of their own. (Call up the recipients and present them each a warm fuzzy.)

**Character Connection:** Compassion

What does being compassionate mean? Can you think of a time when someone was kind or compassionate toward you? How did that make you feel? How would you have felt if the person or people were not kind or compassionate? What are two ways you can show compassion at school?



See *Fun for the Family*, No. 33012, for family activities related to this month's core value, compassion.

## Cubmaster's Minute: One Wish

"What would you do if you are to be granted one wish? I have a story for you. There once was a poor man who lived in a run-down shack. He was cold and wished he could afford a better place. Then one night a wizard came to his place and told him he could grant one wish to only one person. The poor man thought this was his chance to have a large house. He was about to ask for that. Then he thought of a sick girl who lived down the street. The poor man smiled and said, 'I could ask for money but there is a sick little girl who could use your help more than I.' So the wizard went to the house where the little girl lived and offered to grant her one wish. The little girl asked why he came to her. The wizard told her that the poor man sent him. She smiles and said, 'It would be lovely if I got better but I'm not unhappy. I have many friends and a loving family. I know a man who could use your help. He's rich but I think he's very lonely.' So the wizard went to see the rich man. The rich man thought and thought and realized that he was not lonely. There was a little girl who thought of him. He smiled. He could even try to make friends on his own. So he told the wizard that there must be other people who needed his help. The wizard left. Do you know who was smiling the most? You are right, the wizard!"

## Closing Ceremony: Happiness Brings Happiness

*Arrangement:* Five Cub Scouts read two lines each of the following poem.

We may not always realize that everything we do  
Affects not only our lives but touches others, too,  
For a little bit of thoughtfulness that shows someone you care  
It creates a ray of sunshine for both of you to share.  
Yes, every time you offer someone a helping hand,  
Every time you show a friend you care and understand,  
Every time you have a kind and gentle word to give,  
You help someone who helps others in the precious lives they live.  
For happiness brings happiness, and loving ways brings love,  
And giving is the treasure that Cub Scouting is made of.

## Activity: Pass It On

*Materials:* Gift items (socks or other items)

This activity is conducted in conjunction with a goodwill project to collect new socks or other items for those in need. This is not a competition but an activity to emphasize the spirit of cooperation and compassion.

Dens line up facing the gift table. The first Cub Scout picks up a gift and passes it over his head to the boy behind him, while saying, "Pass this on to help others." The next Cub Scout passes the gift under his legs to the next boy while saying "Pass this on to help others." Repeat passing over and under to the end of the line. The last Cub Scout places the gift in a bag and says, "Thank you for helping other people." The first boy then moves to the back of the line. Repeat the process until all gifts have been passed.

## Skit: Magic in a Smile

*Materials:* Simple magic trick, gardening tools

*Setting:* Cub Scout 1 is trying a magic trick. Cub Scouts 3–5 are watching. Cub Scout 2 enters, watches, then asks:

CUB SCOUT 2: What are you doing?

CUB SCOUT 1: I'm a magician!

CUB SCOUTS 3–5: Yeah, he's doing magic tricks.

CUB SCOUT 2: Really? Why are you doing magic tricks?

CUB SCOUT 1: I like to do magic tricks because that makes people happy and, when people are happy, they smile, and I like to see people smile.

CUB SCOUT 2: I can make magic!

CUB SCOUTS 3–5: Oh, sure! No, you can't.

CUB SCOUT 2: Yes, I can, but I need all of you to help with this magic trick. (*Leaves the stage.*)

CUB SCOUT 1: I didn't know he knew magic tricks.

CUB SCOUT 3: I'll bet he doesn't know any magic.

CUB SCOUT 4: He probably won't even come back.

CUB SCOUT 5: He's just showing off.

CUB SCOUT 2: (*Enters with gardening tools.*)

CUB SCOUTS 3–5: Gardening tools?

CUB SCOUT 5: You call that magic?

CUB SCOUT 2: No! But with your help and these tools, we can make magic.

CUB SCOUTS 3–5: Oh, sure! Gardening tools aren't magical. How can they make magic?

CUB SCOUTS 2: You said magic makes people happy, didn't you?

CUB SCOUTS 1: Yes, but . . .

CUB SCOUTS 2: Well, if we take these tools over to Mrs. Robinson's and clean her front yard, I'll bet she would be happy and she would smile the biggest smile you have ever seen.

CUB SCOUTS 3: Say, I think you've got magic. I'll rake leaves.

CUB SCOUTS 4: I'll go and get a lawn mower. I've always wanted to do magic tricks!

CUB SCOUTS 5: Me too! I'll prune her shrubs. I really like Mrs. Robinson. I like to see her smile. (*Boys agree and start to leave.*)

CUB SCOUT 1: Hey, what about my magic?

CUB SCOUT 3: We all want to try his magic.

CUB SCOUT 1: Oh, that's a good idea. Wait for me!

## Project: Warm Fuzzy Pin or Neckerchief Slide

*Materials:* Large pompom, two wiggle eyes, ribbon. Pin-back, half-inch PVC pipe section, glue, scissors

Glue two wiggle eyes on the pompom. Optionally, attach two pieces of ribbon on the back to form streamers. Attach a pin-back or a PVC piece to the back.

## Snack: Mini Cheesecakes

*Ingredients:*

- Graham cracker or vanilla wafer
- Soft cream cheese spread, plain or flavored
- Fresh or canned fruit

Spread cream cheese on graham cracker. Top with a choice of fruit.

*Note:* Be aware of food allergies and diet restrictions.

## Did You Know?

**Interactive Uniform Game.** Cub Scouts and their families can test their knowledge of the Cub Scout uniform for all ranks and occasions on an online interactive uniform game, available at [www.scouting.org/cubscouts](http://www.scouting.org/cubscouts).