

A sample reading you may want to incorporate into your Girl Scout Sunday service

Girl Scout Sunday Responsive Reading

Leader: When Girl Scouts across the country make their promise, they agree also to live by the Girl Scout Law. The basic principles of this law are not new but have existed for centuries.

Leader: I will do my best to be honest and fair

People: **Speak truth to your neighbors, for we are members of one another.** (Ephesians 4:25).
Justice, and only justice you shall pursue. (Deuteronomy 16:30).

Leader: ...friendly and helpful

People: **Love one another with mutual affection.** (Romans 12:10). **How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a person in need and yet refuses to help? Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.** (1 John 3:17-18).

Leader: ...considerate and caring

People: **Thus says the Lord of hosts: show kindness and mercy to one another.** (Zechariah 7:9).

Leader: ...courageous and strong

People: **Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord God is with you wherever you go.** (Joshua 1:9).

Leader: ...and responsible for what I say and do

People: **Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Father through him.** (Colossians 3:17).

Leader: ...and to respect myself and others

People: **God's temple is holy and you are that temple.** (1 Corinthians 3:17). **Pay to all what is due them – respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.** (Romans 13:7).

Leader: ...respect authority

People: **Whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed.** (Romans 13:2).

Leader: ...use resources wisely

People: **The person who uses well what she is given shall be given more, and she shall have abundance.** (Matthew 25:29).

Leader: ...make the world a better place

People: **Let us not grow weary in doing what is right. Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all.** (Galatians 6:9-10).

Leader: ...and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

People: **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.** (Mark 12:31). **Encourage one another and build up each other.** (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Leader: These are the laws which we, as Girl Scouts, promise to keep. They are laws of the past and the present which can help us build a better future.