

Peace Light: Beaver Scouts

What is the Peace Light?

In early December each year, a candle is lit in the Church of the Nativity, in Bethlehem. This flame is taken by Palestinian and Israeli Scouts to Tel Aviv Airport where it is flown to Austria. From Vienna, Scouts transport it across Europe and beyond.

In the week before Christmas, there will be Light distribution services across Ireland. From these Scouts will take the Light to their communities: to, community centres, hospitals, homes, and to places of worship. This chain of lights is a symbol of peace, warmth, love, and family. By passing on this Peace Light we want to help spread happiness and hope into the hearts of all those who come in contact with it.



Beaver Scouts can help spread the Light across Ireland and beyond by taking part in a Peace Light ceremony. For information on the Light Sharing events: facebook.com/IrishPeaceLight. Also check out: scout.org/peacelight

Plan:

- Learn about the Peace Light, perhaps a Scouter could give a short presentation
- In your Lodges make a plan – how will you transport the Light Safely? where will you spread it to?

Do:

- Play some games learning about peace
- Take part in a Peace Light Ceremony
- Spread the Light in your community

Review:

- Show pictures of the activity
- Make a map all the places the Peace Light went to

Peace Light: Games

Compliment Relay

Beaver Scouts play a simple game based on sharing compliments. Explain what we mean by a compliment is and give some examples: “I like the way you _____,” “Thank you for _____,” or “You’re really good at _____.” All Beaver Scouts sit in a circle for the game passing compliments. One Beaver Scout will give a compliment to the person sitting next to them, who will say, “Thank you,” and pass another compliment on to the next Beaver Scout, and so on. The game ends when the relay has gone around the circle one time.

We all fit together

Get a blank jigsaw you can draw on (available in arts and crafts shops), or make your own one. Have each Beaver Scout draw themselves and write their name on a piece (some Beaver Scouts might need help with the writing). Then, they have to put the jigsaw back together. Talk about how each Beaver Scout is important and how together they make up one special group.

My favourite

A game for all the Colony. Gather the Beaver Scouts in the centre of your meeting place or in an open space. Then, ask everyone to think of their favourite colour, assign a spot in the space for that colour, and then have everyone run to the spot for their colour. Repeat this for food, TV shows, music etc. Afterwards talk about how everyone has different favourites and that’s okay.

Acts of Kindness

Beaver Scouts help others. Each Beaver Scout should draw a picture of how they helped someone recently – it can be anything from helping cook dinner at home, to feeding the birds, to giving money to charity. Put together all the draws to show all the good deeds the Colony is doing. Have everyone promise to do more acts of kindness this week.