



DECEMBER- LET'S CELEBRATE

December is a month filled with celebrations. The challenge is to think of something out of the ordinary.

OPENING

CUB SCOUT SPIRIT

Personnel: 5 Cub Scouts
Cubmaster

Equipment: 5 index card with script written on each
US flag
Pack flag

Setting: Flags are already in place in the front and each Cub Scout enters from the side one at a time and reads his script.



- 1st: December is a fun time of the year. It is a time for giving and sharing.
 2nd: As we gather for the last pack meeting for 19..... let us remember the good times.
 3rd: Let us end this year with new determination to keep the Cub Scout Spirit going.
 4th: As we begin our program tonight, let us keep in mind the true holiday spirit.
 5th: Remember, to give of yourself is more important than any gift you can buy.
 CM: Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

LIGHT OF SCOUTING

Personnel: 4 Cub Scouts-- As each cub scout speaks he will turn and light his candle or turn on his flashlight.

Equipment: Battery operated candles or paper candles large enough to hide a flashlight.

- 1st: "This is the light of Scouting - it radiates enthusiasm. As light brings out the sparkle in diamonds, enthusiasm brings out the sparkle in scouting."
 2nd: "This is the light of Scouting - it's energy gives us the strength to do our best."
 3rd: "This is the light of Scouting - it touches everyone. Remember the brotherhood we share together in this place."
 4th: "This is the light of Scouting - it brightens the way of the path we will follow."
 ALL: "Feel the warmth from the glow of the light. may it warm your heart."

HANUKKAH OPENING

- H** Stands for Hannah, courageous and true, who would not yield, so her sons they slew.
A Stands for Antiochus, Syrian King, who tried to from Judea, Greek worship to bring.
N Stands for night, so joyful in many ways, because the oil in the cruse burned for 8 days.
U Stands for unfurling the Macabee banner, who led us onward in so valiant a manner.
K Stands for kindness, goodness, and glory.
K Is for keepsake of candles so bright, that father, with "Brochos" will light every night.
A Stands for all, living far and wide, who tonight are glowing with pure Jewish pride.
H Stands for Hebrew, our language so old, in which the story of Hanukkah is told.

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CLOSING

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Have boys read this, one boy reads each line.
 Our pack meeting's over
 It is time to say good night
 We trust our efforts pleased you
 As your presence gave us delight
 We take down our program and close it
 There is nothing further to say
 But to all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays



SEASON OF LIGHTS

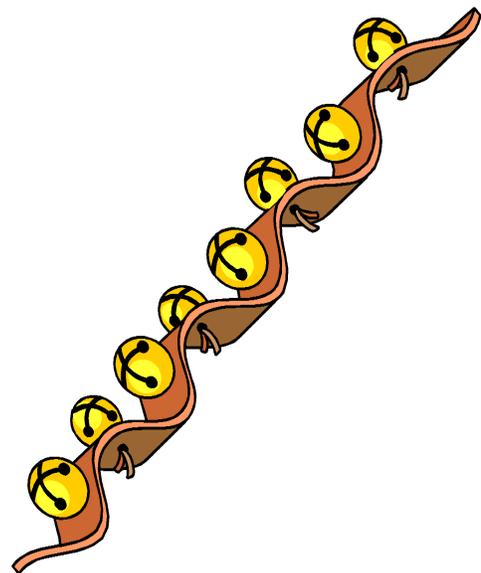
(Have a long strand of lights plugged in and string them through the audience. Try to get a set that has a dimmer control. Start low and have someone inconspicuously turn them up during thought. Turn off all other lights in the room.)

This is the season of lights. It is a time when friends and family come together to share the spirit and joy of the holiday season. Everything in life is interconnected, just like this strand of lights. When we do something to help another person, we have no idea of how it touches the lives of others, including our own lives. The miracle of Christmas comes with the spirit of giving, of doing a good turn for others. As we all share in the light of the season, let our hearts be filled with the glow that comes from giving

ADVANCEMENT

TWAS THE NIGHT OF THE PACK MEETING

Twass the night of the pack meeting and all through the place,
 Not a boy was stirring, anticipation on each face.
 It was time for advancement and they all turned an ear,
 So when their name was called they would hear it loud and clear.
 The Cubmaster was checking his list, not once but twice,
 To see which boys had worked hard and earned awards this night.
 When all of a sudden, the Cubmaster was ready with helpers high,
 To pass out awards as the boys were called and they filed by.
 First came the Bobcats all new to the pack.
 Akela is ready with the guidance and experience they lack.
 Come up all you new Cubs, you're our Bobcats tonight
 Your final steps as a Bobcat is to do a good deed,
 And you must do it right.
 (Call boys and their parents forward and present awards)



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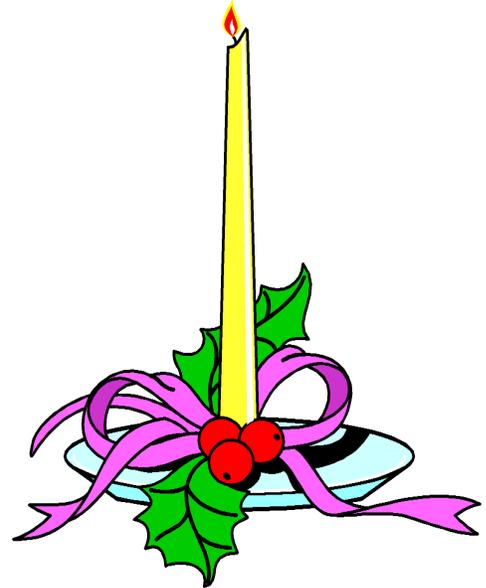
ADVANCEMENT CONTINUED

TWAS THE NIGHT OF THE PACK MEETING continued

Second are the wolves, experienced that's true,
But there is still much to learn, Akela's not through.
Come up all our Wolf Cubs, you are Wolves to be praised.
Achievements and electives you've done,
So with Wolf badge and arrow points,
In rank you are praised.
(Call boys and parents forward and present awards)

Third are the Bears most experienced so far.
Akela's teaching they've heeded, they're way above par.
Come all our Bear Cubs, your work and skills are to be applauded.
For completing achievements and elective, tonight you're reward.
(Call boys and parents forward and present awards)

Last are the Webelos, but not least to be sure.
Akela's lessons they've learned, now Boy Scouts is their lure.
Come up all our Webelos, your activities are harder,
Your accomplishments you proudly wear on your shoulder
(Call boys forward and present them with activity badges)



CANDLE LIGHT

Materials: *One large candle
One candle holder and candle for each family whose son is receiving an achievement*

CM: This is a special season. We celebrate the birth of Christ, the light of the World, Hanukkah the Festival of Lights, and Kwanzaa. Tonight we celebrate the Light of Cub Scouting by recognizing the achievements of these boys. (*Dim the lights and call names. As each family comes forward give them a candle and have them light it from the large candle.*) The light of these Scouts achievements and the pride of their families light up this stage. When they leave here that light will be spread throughout this pack and our community.

PRE-OPENINGS

CHRISTMAS BELL TRADE

Each player is given a paper bell (**one is given the gold bell**). Players walk about with closed hands and introduce themselves to other players. As they do so, they extend their clenched hands and tap one of the extended hands of the other player. If the player happens to have his bell in the hand tapped, he must trade with player who has introduced himself. At the end of three minutes, the leader blows a whistle and the player holding the gold bell is given a large stick of candy as a prize.

GAMES

WRAPPING THE BOY

Materials: *Newspaper
Crepe paper
Toilet paper
String
Tape
Yarn
Rubber bands, etc.*

Provide like materials for each team. Each team selects one boy to wrap. First team that get the boy completely wrapped with no skin showing wins.

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GAMES CONTINUED

SNOWBALL RELAY

Player divide into two teams and line up behind a starting line at one end of the room. Each team is given a simulated snowball of either cotton or Styrofoam and a piece of cardboard. On signal, the first player on each team tries to move the ball across the floor and back by fanning it with the cardboard. The player may not touch the snowball with his hands or cardboard. Player then gives cardboard to next team member, who repeats actions. Game continues until all team members have fanned the "Snowball" to the finish line and back. The first team to finish is the winner.

SONGS

A CHRISTMAS SONG

Tune: Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer

Here's to the cubs in our den,
As they follow, help and give,
All of the boys in our den
Know just how a Cub should live

Now that it's time for Christmas,
We've been very helpful boys;
We've gathered up a lot of old things,
And fixed them up like brand new toys.

Saved our pennies when we met,
And bought a Christmas tree,
Then trimmed it up really nice
To take to our adopted family.

Bright and early on Christmas morn.
When they came to see our toys,
From the looks of gladness and their smiles
It was great joy shared with other boys.



JOLLY OLD CUBMASTER

Tune: Jolly Old St. Nicholas

Jolly Old Cubmaster
Lend your ear this way
Don't you tell a single soul
What I'm going to say
Christmas eve is coming soon
Now you dear old man
Tell me who has earned their rank
Tell me if you can

Has Bobby earned his Bobcat
Has Nick earned his Wolf
Has Johnny earned his Bear rank
Had Jack earned his Webelos badge
Now don't you think that this is
A present that's the best
Tell me now dear Cubmaster
Tell me who's advanced



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SONGS CONTINUED

JOY TO OUR CUBS

Tune: Joy to the World

Joy to the World, our Cubs are here,
Let all the World rejoice,
Their badges they have earned today.
Award them now without delay,
Let the pack all give a cheer (Hooray!)
Let the pack all give a cheer (Hooray!)
For those Cub Scouts who advanced today.



NECKERCHIEF SLIDES

SANTA and RUDOLPH

Materials: *Large cork*
 1/2 circle of PVC pipe
 Glue
 Assorted trims

Cut a large cork in half length wise. Punch two holes in back (cut side) and glue in half of a plastic ring.

Santa will need a cotton beard and hat trim. His hat is red felt with a tiny bell on the tip. His features are drawn on with colored marking pens.

Rudolph has antlers made from tiny twigs or brown pipe cleaners. His nose is a tiny red Christmas ball or pom-pom. His ears are brown felt.

CHRISTMAS PACKAGE

Use an old ice tray with square or rectangle cubes. Grease with oil (lightly) and pour in plaster. While plaster is still wet, insert pop top rings in each square for the slide ring. Let plaster dry.

When plaster is thoroughly dry, remove from mold. Paint with tempera or acrylic paint, or wrap with foil wrapping paper. Glue on ribbon, add a name tag for each boy.

JOKES

Knock Knock
Who's There?
Pizza
Pizza Who?
Pizza on Earth, Good
Will to Man.

Knock, Knock
Who's There?
Murray
Murray Who?
Murray Christmas to
All and to all a Good Night

Knock, Knock
Who's There?
Canada
Canada Who?
Canada dog come in the
house, it's cold outside.

Kneel on the floor, and ask the boys to join in playing "Wolf." All kneel in a circle. The leader asks the boys, one at a time, if they know how to play "Wolf." The answer is, of course, "no". "Well, then what are we doing here on the floor?"

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CRAFTS

MARZIPAN

In Germany and Austria, a sweet called marzipan is a rich and expensive treat made of egg whites, sugar and almond paste. These are shaped into fruits, vegetables and other small figures.

You can make believe marzipan by boiling a small potato. Let it cool and peel off the skin. Mash well in a large bowl. Add up to two pounds of powdered sugar, a little at a time until all is well blended to a thick paste. Add a third cup of vanilla wafer crumbs and a half teaspoon of almond flavoring. Mix well. Take a small lump and shape. Or you may use the candy molds available in most craft stores. Add some food coloring. Paint the marzipan figures, Let dry. Store in a covered container.

SPIDER WEBS

In the Ukraine, a spider web on the Christmas tree is a sign of Good Luck. Use half a small foam ball for the body. Glue a bead for the head. String beads on thin wire for legs and feelers and insert into the body. For the web, make a frame from 8 pipe cleaners. Weave a long piece of yarn around the frame. Glue the spider on.

CHILI ORNAMENTS

Use large green tri beads and string 3 on a green pipe cleaner. String 3 large red tri-beads next, then string 5 small red ones. Use wire cutters and cut the pipe cleaner leaving 1" at one end and 1/8" at the other. Make a loop out of the 1" and curl the 1/8" back so the tri-beads don't fall off.

CHRISTMAS BANNER

Cut 2 each 4' steamers of red and green crepe paper. Cut 1 4' length of white crepe paper streamer. Use a piece of cardboard (12" wide) that each boy has decorated for the top and staple the white piece to the middle and put a green on each side, and then a red by the green. Let each boy take home his own windsock!

KWANZAA: Kinara

Material: *Flat piece of wood 12 inches long
Seven bottle caps
Aluminum foil
One black candle
Three red candles
3 green candles
Glue*

Directions: Cut seven six inch squares of aluminum foil. Put bottle caps on each square of foil, and mold each to look like a cup to hold a candle. Decorate the piece of wood, then place each foiled cup on the piece of wood, evenly spaced, then glue each. Allow time to dry, then place one black candle in the center holder, with three red candles to the left of the black candle, and three green candles to the right of the black candle. Press the aluminum tight to hold the candles in place.

CRAFTS CONTINUED

ADVENT JIGSAW PUZZLE

Materials: A sheet of paper large enough to take 24 matchboxes
 put side by side.
 Paint and paintbrushes
 Glue
 Utility knife
 24 matchboxes
 24 little surprises (such as candy, coins,
 little pictures, etc.)

Paint a picture of Santa Claus or a Christmas tree on the sheet of paper. Then turn it over. Place glue on the tops of the matchboxes and place evenly on the back of the paper. Let dry. When dry turn back over and with the assistance of an adult use a utility knife to cut along the edges of the matchboxes. Put a little surprise into each matchbox. Don't forget to place a number in each corner before cutting. You could give the puzzle to a special friend.



HANUKKAH MENORAH

Put 3 cups of uncooked white rice in a metal bowl
 Drop food coloring on the rice. Stir the rice with a metal spoon to distribute the color evenly throughout the rice.
 Clean and dry eight baby food jars (or jars of about the same size) and one taller jar and their lids.
 Fill each jar to within 3/4" of the top of the jars.
 Push a menorah candle into the rice in each jar
 Arrange the candles on the table with the taller jar in the middle.

HANUKKAH MOBILE

To make this, you'll need poster board, plastic sandwich wrap, colored yarn, a dowel rod, scissors, pencil, white glue, brush

Enlarge and trace the patterns on this page onto tracing paper to make patterns. Use pattern to trace onto poster board and cut out. Wrap the forms in plastic. Squeeze the glue on outlines, as in figure 1. Then press that yarn into glue as in figure 2.
 In a small bowl, mix together one part water with one part glue. Tie a length of yarn to each of the forms. Tie to the wood dowel. For the hanger, tie the yarn to dowel ends. You now have a colorful Hanukkah mobile to have in your home (Enlarge pattern to desired size)

