



pack chat

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think about it

A poor man was so happy that the king asked him the reason of his happiness. The man said that he had the wealth of nature. The sun gave him warmth and light, the sky pampered him with winds and the valley gave him peace of mind. The king realized that real wealth is not money but peace of mind.

<http://www.worldofmoms.com/articles/31-Inspirational-moral-stories-for-children/3585/2>

"it's the little things that count"

How often do we count our money? How often were we disappointed when we didn't get the first prize? How many times do we wish for things we can't get?

If you ask me, far too often. We always strive for the bigger and better in this world. And don't get me wrong, sometimes we have to leave the good to get the better, but we lose our ability to be content with what we have.

We are in a mad rush called life, we are never satisfied, never finished. Nothing is good enough for us. We forget to just stop, live in the moment and appreciate what we have. We should be grateful for the opportunity to wake up every morning, for the sun shining on our heads, for the chance to change our future and our next generations' lives.

There are millions of little things around us that can make us smile, that can make our day brighter.

The neighbour is playing some nice tunes on the piano, we caught the bus at the last minute this morning, a child flies a kite and looks with shining eyes up to the sky.

Those things aren't materialistic, they aren't selfish, they simply aren't big. But that's what we work for as Pack Scouters. We won't see big things happening every week.

We work our way from one little thing to the other. From one remembered knot to a painting of a giraffe that actually looks like one.

And as the years pass and we look back all those little things stacked up, they changed and they made a difference.

It's always the small pieces that make the big picture.

did you know?

The **smallest aircraft** ever capable of **carrying a passenger** was the **bi-plane Bumble Bee II**, designed and built by **Robert H. Starr** of Tempe, Arizona, USA. It was **2.70 m** (8 ft. 10 in) **long**, with a **wing span of 1.68 m** (5 ft. 6 in), and weighed **180 kg** (396 lb) empty. It was capable of carrying one person. Its first flight was on **8 May 1988**, after flying to a **height of 120 m** (400 ft.) it crashed due to engine failure, and was totally destroyed. Robert Starr suffered serious injuries, but went on to make a **full recovery**. The **highest speed** attained was **165 knots** (305 km/h, 190 mph).

Frequently Asked Questions

◇ **Q: What are the requirements for the Cub Messengers of Peace badge?**

A: The requirements are (only to be worn while a Cub):

1. Together with your Pack carry out a community service project of 10 hours or more.
2. Ensure your Akela uploads the Messengers of Peace project on the Messengers of Peace website.
3. Inform the National Office via projects@scouts.org.za

Once the project has been uploaded, the link needs to be sent the National Office. Once the link to the story has been received, the badge may be ordered by the Region or directly through the National Office.

simple games with big effects (and without material)

- * **Dead fish:** What do dead fish do? Exactly! Nothing. The rules are to lay on the floor as lifeless as possible, no moving, no talking. Whoever moves, talks, giggles, etc. loses a life. Very relaxing game for Scouters and good to calm Cubs down at the end of the meeting!
- * **Follow the leader:** Choose one leader and the whole Pack has to follow all his/her movements. Variation: Every Cub chooses his or her own leader and must follow the movements of that Cub.
- * **Off balance:** The Cubs pair up and each of them has to hold one leg up behind them with their one hand. With their free arm, they then try and push and pull their partner off balance by only touching their opponents arm. Every time they have to put their leg down, the other Cub wins.

10 little things to do for someone next week:

1. Give someone a biscuit
2. Greet someone on the street
3. Wish someone a great day
4. Tell someone how much they mean to you
5. Make someone tea
6. Give someone a hug
7. Tell someone your best joke
8. Give someone a compliment
9. Clean up for someone
10. Make someone smile

would somebody move that watermelon!

Values: Perseverance (small efforts make a big difference)

Moral: Be kind and respectful to everyone, as you never know when you will need help from others.

Once upon a time there was a giant bathtub that had been dumped in the middle of the forest. It was the perfect home for all types of little insects. They had to be careful of just one thing while living there: to ensure the plughole remained free from obstruction because otherwise they might all drown if rain fell suddenly. The burly beetles were put in charge of keeping an eye on the plughole to make sure that it was never blocked.

However, one day disaster struck. The plughole was blocked by something huge, something gigantic – a watermelon! The watermelon was so big that not even the biggest beetle, not even the five biggest, could shift it. In fact, it was so big that not even all of the beetles working together could move the watermelon from the plughole!

All the strongest insects tried their very best to move the watermelon but couldn't budge it even the tiniest bit. The smartest insects then tried to use their brains to come up with a way



to move the watermelon but they had no luck either. Eventually, the wisest insects started to plan the escape from the bathtub.

Amidst all the sadness, a ridiculous foreign ant had the cheek to ask if she could take the watermelon away with her. Very funny, indeed!

It took a lot of insects to calm the beetles down and stop them from crushing the funny little ant. But the ant wasn't joking at all! At the end of the day, she returned, this time with thousands upon thousands of other ants. In perfect order, each ant went up to the watermelon, bit off a piece and walked off with it.

"You're not going to get anywhere by doing that" said a grasshopper to one ant that stopped for a second to rest. "The watermelon is exactly the same as it was before you bit your piece off!" "Hmmm, are you sure about that?" the ant responded in a funny accent, as if it had never occurred to her. Then, without giving it another thought, she resumed her journey.

However, that little piece must have had an effect. Just a few days later, there was not a single trace of the giant watermelon. From that day on, many of the most difficult jobs in the bathtub became small ones that were easier to carry out little by little.

<https://freestoriesforkids.com/children/stories-and-tales/>

little crafts for big smiles

Clothes pegs airplane:

Material: Clothes pegs, glue, scissors, foam paper (multiple colours)

How to: Cut the foam paper in two bigger "wing-shapes" and in one smaller wing-shape for the clothes peg plane. Glue it on the clothes peg. Add a little half-circle on the top of the smaller wing-shape and you are done!



<https://www.diyinspired.com/airplane-clothespin-kids-craft/>



<https://www.happinesishomemade.net/pour-painted-pots/>

Colour flower pots:

Material: Different acrylic paints, newspaper/black bags, tape, flower pots, bricks/wood, optional: top coat paint for weather resistance

How to: Cover the area you want to use with black bags or newspaper to protect it from paint. Turn your flower pots upside down and cover the hole from the inside with a piece of tape. Now choose which colours

you want to use and put the pot on bricks or wood so the paint can drip off. You have to use a lot of paint, but be careful not to use too much. Wait until it dries and if you want to leave the pot outside, cover it with a clear weather resistant paint coat. Remove the piece of tape and you're done and ready to plant!

news:

- The new link badge is out! The reason for the change is to have a more modern design and to better symbolise the connection between the 'yellow' Cubs and the 'green' Scouts.



- Our National Cub Challenge this year is: Rethink single-use plastic. More information under: <https://www.scouts.org.za/wp-content/uploads/National-Cub-Challenge-2018-Rethink-single-use-plastic.pdf>

More about the National Cub Challenge 2018 and tips, tricks and crafts in the next edition of **pack chat** - stay tuned!

Good hunting!
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