

week 83:	cub's own
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We are all aware the importance of encouraging our Cubs to lead a good and positive life and to always do their best! This is also endorsed by our Cub Promise, Law and Motto. The purpose of the Cub's Own is to develop the Cub's spirituality – whatever the religion they follow! This is a time to give thanks, reflect and pray in a nondenominational way. Some Packs are made up of Christian Cubs, or Jewish Cubs or Muslim Cubs, etc. and so the focus would be on that particular religion. However, there are many Packs which are multi denominational and this Cub's Own programme is aimed at those Packs.

At the end of the year, we can't help but notice that this is truly the time of the year when we try and do good for others. We can't help but notice all the goodies in the shops as Christians in the country prepare for the festivities of Christmas. There is a sense of holidays, fun and festivities as the children are now on holiday for the next four weeks and a lot of them are going away on holiday. This is also a time to reflect on those less fortunate than ourselves.

This PoP is being written slightly different to the others as the programme will be mainly made up of the Cub's Own which takes about 15 to 20 minutes to run. So there are not as many ideas here as usual but see – change as you see fit!

Games:

1. **Steam release:** Cub Prayer

Scatter the words from the Cub Prayer in a designated area – one set for each Six. Let the Cubs run outside and find the pieces for their Six and put them together to form the Cub Prayer.

2. **Circle:** Someone special!

Put a mirror in a deep box (paper box would be ideal). Tell the Cubs that the box contains something very special – ask them what they think it is? Tell them that no matter what other people say, the contents of the box are unique, awesome and very special. Tell them that they need to try and do this in silence and not say a word otherwise it will spoil the surprise for the others. Pass the box around and let each Cub have a look inside!

CUBS OWN PROGRAMME:

Opening Prayer:

Please God, help my eyes to see all the good you have sent to me. Help my ears to hear calls from far and near. Help my feet to go in the way that you will show. Help my hands to do all things loving, kind and true. Please God may I helpful be, and be the best Cub as was intended by B-P.

Amen.

Song:

B-P Spirit

Reading (alternatively use your own reading):

Before heading out to the Cub's Own, give each Cub a paper cut out of a hand. Can be ready or they can trace around their own hand. On the four fingers they should write:

Something to be thankful for
Something they are sorry for
Something to praise God for
Something they would like to ask for help with

All the Cubs then take the hand to the Cub's Own.

The Scouter leads the prayer by reading a line and then having a moments silence in between each line for the Cubs to read for themselves:

Dear God,

We thank you for (Cubs read to themselves their first finger and then fold the finger down to the palm)

We are sorry for (Cubs read to themselves their second finger and then fold the finger down to the palm)

We praise God for (Cubs read to themselves their third finger and then fold the finger down to the palm)

Please help me with (Cubs read to themselves their fourth finger and then fold the finger down to the palm)

The hand should now have the thumbs up shape, a reminder that God has heard our prayers.

Song:

Cub Vesper

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Yarn:

<http://scoutteam.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Scouts-Own-Book.pdf>

Aamir got a car from his brother as an Eid present (Eid is a three-day Muslim holiday that marks the end of Ramadan). On Eid day when Shuaib came out of his house, a poor boy was walking around the shiny new car, admiring it. "Is this your car, Sir?" he asked. Aamir nodded. "My brother gave it to me for Eid." The boy was astounded.

"You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you nothing? Boy, I wish..." He hesitated. Of course Aamir knew what he was going to wish for. He was going to wish he had a brother like that. But what the boy said really surprised Aamir. "I wish," the boy went on, "that I could be a brother like that." Aamir looked at the boy in astonishment, and then impulsively he added, "Would you like to take a trip in the car?" "Oh yes, I'd love that."

In the car, the boy turned and with his eyes aglow, said, "Would you mind driving in front of my house?" Aamir smiled a little. He thought he knew what the lad wanted. He wanted to show his neighbours that he could ride home in a big fancy car. But Aamir was wrong again. "Will you stop where those two steps are?" the boy asked. He ran up the steps. Then in a little while Aamir heard him coming back, but he was not coming fast. He was carrying his little brother who had to use a wheelchair to move around. He sat him down on the bottom step, then sort of squeezed up against him and pointed to the car.

"There it is, little brother, just like I told you upstairs. His brother gave it to him for Eid and it didn't cost him a penny. And some day I'm gonna give you one just like it...then you can see for yourself all the pretty things in the shop windows that I've been trying to tell you about." Aamir got out and lifted the boy to the front seat of his car. The shining-eyed older brother climbed in

beside him and the three of them began a memorable car trip. That Eid, Aamir learned what the great teacher, Rasul Allah, meant when he had said: "love for your brother what you love for yourself".

Song:

Kumbaya

Singing module: page 33

Closing Prayer (Cub Prayer):

Teach me to keep my promise, Lord and help me to obey. Show me what my duty is to serve you day by day. Amen.

Also the Cubs who have written their prayers can recite them before you end the Cub's Own.

Craft/Activity:

1. **Activity:** Write a Prayer

Sometimes it is difficult for the Cubs to get started on writing a prayer. Have either word or pictures in a bag and ask the Cubs to pull out three or four pieces of paper. They need to use whatever they have taken out of the bag in their prayer. Encourage them to read out the prayers during your Cub's Own service. Or use this slot to draw the hands to use in your Cub's Own.

If you want your Gold Wolf Cubs to help plan the Cub's Own, possibly do this the week before so that you have enough time to put the programme together. Alternatively ask them to come up with different aspects of the Cub's Own – so maybe ask one Cub for a song, another for a prayer, etc.

2. **Activity:** As this is a time for giving, ask the Cubs to bring along either non-perishable foods or maybe things like soap, toothbrush and toothpaste. Let the Cubs make and decorate boxes to put the goodies into and write special messages as well. You can then give these to a charity or community less fortunate than they are.

3. **Handcraft:** Crushed Ice Candles



An easy method can be found here: <http://simplelifemom.com/2012/10/17/crushed-ice-candles/>

(I would leave the glitter out VERY messy!) You can use old candles for this – just melt them down and reuse!

Advancement covered:

Silver Wolf: *Faith* - Be able to say the Cub Prayer.

Gold Wolf: *Faith* - Help organise and take part in a Cub's Own Service OR say a prayer of your own.