

FACILITATOR GUIDE/MEETING OVERVIEW

My Promise, My Faith Virtual Event

The My Promise, My Faith pin invites girls to experience a faith journey through exploration of the Girl Scout Law and teachings from their faith. Girls can earn this national pin each year. The steps for earning the My Promise, My Faith pin can be found [HERE](#).

At the end of this event, the girls will earn their My Promise, My Faith pin. Pre-work is required which is outlined on the participant worksheet found [HERE](#).

Additional resources to assist facilitating virtual program:

***On-line etiquette**

***On-line meeting ([Supporting your troop when you can't meet in-person-LINK](#))**

***[Internet Safety Pledge](#)**

[Virtual Troop Meeting Safety Activity Checklist \(found on gsConnect here](#)

<https://girlscoutsconnect.sharepoint.com/sites/RiskandSafety/Shared%20Documents/2020%20Safety%20Activity%20Checkpoints/Virtual%20Troop%20Meetings@4.7.2020.pdf>)

Step One: My Promise, My Faith Power Point Presentation will guide you through facilitating the class. Review "Presenter notes" in each slide to prepare for the session.

Step Two: Customize the presentation:

- Facilitator (co-facilitator's) information
- Presenter notes (optional)
- Council/service unit/troop in appropriate slides. You may need to delete some content depending on your session and particular program choices.
- Opening & Closing Ceremony activities

Step Three: Decide how long you want your session to last after customizing the Power Point and considering how many girls you will have in the session. 12-15 will take approximately 2-2.5 hours.

Note to Volunteers

Use the Talking Points (But Make Them Your Own): In each slide, you'll find suggested talking points in the presenter's notes. Some volunteers, especially new ones, find it helpful to follow an outline. Others use the talking points as a guide and deliver the information in their own words. Either way is just fine.

Be Prepared (It's What Girl Scouts Do!): Review all steps ahead of time and customize the presentation. Consider how many girls will be in the session and what ages. Each girl should feel like they had enough time to share their prepared materials.

Use Girl Scouts' Three Processes: Girl-led, learning by doing, cooperative learning -- these three processes are the key to making sure Girl Scouts have fun and stay engaged during a virtual session. "Learning by doing" and "cooperative learning" are built into this session when possible. You'll also find specific "keep it girl-led" tips in the meeting plans. They'll help you create an experience where girls know they can make choices and have their voices heard.

Fail Fast. Succeed Sooner: Character is shown when learning how to react when making mistakes. If you have technical difficulties, or one girl has a technology issue, don't hesitate to ask others in the session if they can offer

help. Engaging girls and letting them see you don't have all of the answers (even if you do) will engage them and offer an opportunity to be helpful and feel part of the session.

Leave Time for the Closing Ceremony: If the session runs longer than you anticipate, you may be tempted to skip the Closing Ceremony, but the Closing Ceremony is the opportunity to tie the whole experience together.

Here's why: When Girl Scouts leave the meeting, they'll remember their interview and their keepsake. However, they may not realize that they just learned how to relate and incorporate their faith life into their every-day life, even Girl Scouts!

That's why the Closing Ceremony is so important. Reminding Girl Scouts that spirituality is important just like physical and mental health. Reiterate that there are many ways for them to continue their faith journey in Girl Scouts individually or with girls in their troop. Offer at least one person's name in your council, service unit or troop who they can turn to with further assistance.

Tell Your Girl Scout Story: As a Girl Scout leader, you're designing experiences that Girl Scouts will remember their whole lives. Try to capture those memories with photos or videos. Girl Scouts love remembering all they did - and it's a great way for parents to see how Girl Scouting can connect to faith!

OPTIONAL: And please do share your photos and videos with GSUSA by emailing them to _____@girlscouts.org (with photo releases if at all possible!).