



Core Value: Courage

July Courage

Cubs in Shining Armor

Pack Committee

Why Cubs in Shining Armor for the Core Value Courage: Many associate *courage* and *valor* with knights because of their code of conduct. The Knights Code of Conduct extols these virtues, which reinforce that a true chivalrous knight does what is right regardless of the difficulties or consequences. He exhibits true courage.

BEFORE THE MEETING

Prepare materials (flags for flag ceremony, copies of crossword puzzle, pencils for crosswords, large poster with the Law of the Pack printed for families to see, shields for opening, awards for Scouts, and fake sword for the ceremony); decorate the room with a "throne" in the front of the room and a pillow for presentation of the awards. Check to see if the local Scout troop has a bugler to herald the arrival of the king/queen; the Cubmaster should wear a crown. Help Cub Scouts set up any displays.

GATHERING

Crossword Puzzle

A preassigned den hands out copies of the crossword puzzle (see the end of this meeting plan) and pencils for families to work together as they arrive.

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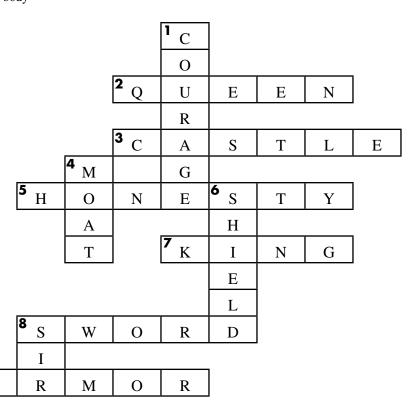
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OPENING

Pledge of Allegiance

(The preassigned den presents the flags.)

CUBMASTER (to the preassigned den): "Come forth and tell all gathered the code of a Cub Scout in shining armor." (Each Cub Scout has a shield made of poster board. Each shield features one of the letters of the word COURAGE. Make sure the Cub Scouts stand in a line so the audience can read the word COURAGE when the boys are ready to present. If you have an eighth boy, write the entire word COURAGE on his shield. If you have only seven boys, have all of them read the last line together. Have each boy say what is written on the back of his shield.)

CUB SCOUT 1: C is for CHARITY, giving aid to those who need our help.

CUB SCOUT 2: O is for *OBEY*, to listen to those placed in authority, our AKELA.

CUB SCOUT 3: U is for USING all we have learned for good.

CUB SCOUT 4: R is for RESPECT of God, family, and country.

CUB SCOUT 5: A is for ALWAYS telling the truth.

CUB SCOUT 6: G is for *GALLANTRY*, showing courteous and thoughtful behavior, especially toward women.

CUB SCOUT 7: E is for seeing to the END all tasks begun.

CUB SCOUT 8: When you put them all together you get *COURAGE*. Doing what is right regardless of its difficulty or the consequences because we are Cub Scouts!

Prayer (Cub Scout or Leader)

"We give thanks for the members of our pack and our families. Let us all remember that true courage is doing what is right regardless of the difficulty or consequences."

Welcome and Introductions

The Cubmaster welcomes Cub Scouts and families and introduces any special guests. If there are new parents and boys, introduce the current pack leaders with a brief explanation of their roles. Recognize the setup crew, greeters, cleanup crew, and those who brought refreshments for their efforts.

PROGRAM

Song (Solo)

The preassigned den sings "I'm a Cub Scout Knight" (sung to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat").

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

I am a Cub Scout true,

Doing what is right,

Regardless of how hard it is,

'Cause I'm a Cub Scout Knight!





Den Demonstrations

(Ask each den, in turn, to talk about their adventures during the last month. Call each to the front to do so.)

CUBMASTER: "Thank you to each of the dens of our realm who have so gallantly shared their adventures with us. Let us salute them by giving them a "royal round of applause." (Do the "Round of Applause" cheer from the Group Meeting Sparklers.)

Audience Participation

CUBMASTER: Whenever the words *Cub Scout* are read, Webelos Scouts respond with *Do your best*. When the word *knight* is read, the Bear Cub Scouts respond with *shining armor*. When the word *courage* is read, the Wolf Cub Scouts respond with *Do what's right*, and when the word *king* is read, the Tiger Cubs respond with *Hail to the king*.

Once upon a time, there was a CUB SCOUT who wanted to be a KNIGHT. He knew that for a CUB SCOUT to become a KNIGHT, he must exhibit great COURAGE and complete a special challenge determined by the KING. So the CUB SCOUT who wanted to be a KNIGHT went to see the KING. The KING asked the CUB SCOUT who wanted to be a KNIGHT if he had COURAGE. The KING explained that COURAGE means always doing what is right regardless of the difficulty or the consequences. The KING asked the CUB SCOUT who wanted to be a KNIGHT if he had COURAGE. The CUB SCOUT said, "Yes." So the KING gave the CUB SCOUT a challenge. The KING told the CUB SCOUT that if he wanted to be a KNIGHT, he must exhibit COURAGE and bring the KING a dragon scale. Now the CUB SCOUT really wanted to become a KNIGHT, so he decided to bring the KING a dragon scale.

The CUB SCOUT knew there was a fierce dragon that lived in a cave about an hour's hike away. So the CUB SCOUT prepared for the hike. He gathered water, a first-aid kit, a flashlight, and emergency gear, and went to find his buddy. The CUB SCOUT knew how important it was to always be prepared, to hike with a buddy, and to tell an adult where he was going. Telling his mother he was going to a cave to get a dragon's scale took great COURAGE, but he did it because it was the right thing to do. His mother understood and gave him permission to go set about on the task set forth by the KING.

So the CUB SCOUT and his buddy went to the cave of the dragon. When they got there, they were scared. Dragons can be scary, you know. But the CUB SCOUT really wanted to be a KNIGHT, so he entered the cave to carry out his task. CUB SCOUTS do not take things that do not belong to them, so the CUB SCOUT asked the dragon for a scale. The dragon was so impressed that the CUB SCOUT would ask rather than just take, that it gave him a shiny silver scale.

The CUB SCOUT took the scale back to the KING so he could show the KING he had the courage required to become a KNIGHT. The KING asked the CUB SCOUT how he acquired the scale. The CUB SCOUT explained that he had asked the dragon for a scale and the dragon gave him one. The KING was very impressed with the COURAGE of the CUB SCOUT. The KING explained that, just like CUB SCOUTS, KNIGHTS do not take anything without asking, either. So the CUB SCOUT passed the KING'S test of COURAGE and became a KNIGHT, because true COURAGE is doing what is right regardless of the difficulty or consequences. The end.

RECOGNITION

(The Cubmaster is dressed as a king/queen and has a fake sword for the ceremony. The assistant Cubmaster or other adult places the award for each boy on the pillow and presents it to the parents, who will present it at the appropriate time.)

CUBMASTER: It is now time for our knighting ceremony. As monarch of this pack, it is my honor to confer this fount of honor upon those in this pack who have earned the badge of their rank.

(The Cubmaster will call each boy by name and his Liege Lord and Lady (parents) will step forward.)

CUBMASTER: (Scout's name here), it is my honor as monarch of this realm to confer upon you the honor called the rank of (say rank here). (Scout's name again here), I dub you Sir (Scout's name). (As the Scout is being dubbed, the Cubmaster touches the fake sword to one shoulder, then to the other.) Be it known to all in the realm that you have been confirmed with the rank of (name of rank). Lord/Lady (parents' names), will you please present Sir (Scout's name) with the badge representing the rank of (insert rank). (Each boy should be dubbed and awarded his rank individually.)

TO BOBCATS: Gentlemen/Sirs, you have completed the first task in this pack and exhibited great courage in this endeavor. It is not easy to memorize, recite, and live by the Cub Scout Oath and Law of the Pack, but you have done so and admirably so.

TO TIGERS: Gentlemen/Sirs, you have had the opportunity to search the realm, discover new tasks, and share them with your friends and family. It is not easy to try something new, but you have done so and with great courage.

TO WOLVES: Gentlemen/Sirs, you have learned how to handle tools and how to display the flag; you know how to be healthy and save. You have learned that Cub Scouts always do what is right because they are Cub Scouts.

TO BEARS: Gentlemen/Sirs, you have exhibited great courage in exhibiting your duty to God, your country, and your family. You have exhibited great courage in always doing what is right to meet your goals.

TO WEBELOS SCOUTS: Gentlemen/Sirs, you have met the challenges required to earn the rank of Webelos Scout. You have learned the patrol method and started following the pathway that Boy Scouts follow.

TO ARROW OF LIGHT SCOUTS: Gentlemen/Sirs, you have exhibited both courage and perseverance in facing and mastering the many tasks set before you to reach this very auspicious honor. This is the highest honor that this monarch can bestow upon one of his Scouts.

Friends of the realm, let us congratulate our Cub Scouts with a cheer!

Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray!

Cubmaster's Minute

"Walt Disney said, 'All of our dreams can come true—if we have the courage to pursue them.' As you have heard many times this evening, courage is doing what is right, regardless of the difficulty or consequences. As you pursue your dreams, I ask you to remember two things. First, Cub Scouts always do their best. Second, Cub Scouts do what is right; they have courage."

CLOSING

The preassigned den retires the flag.





Resource Sheet

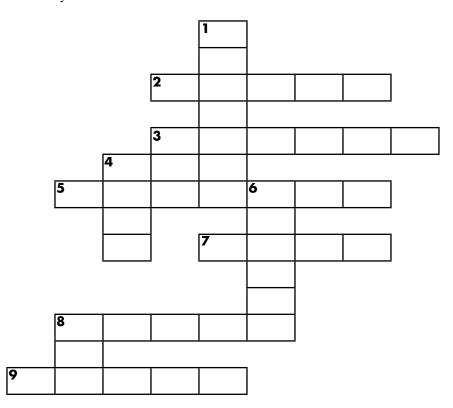
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