

Daisy Count It Up Leaf Activity Plan 1

Purpose: When girls have earned this leaf, they'll know how their cookie money adds up.

Program Essentials Link: Financial Literacy

Fun Patch Link: Dollars and Sense

Activity Plan Length: 1.5 hours

Girls Take the Lead: While earning this award, there are many ways for girls to be leaders. These can be done by a small group or by individuals.

- Leaf Buddies
 - Before the meeting, talk to girls about the activities. Have buddies decide what they want to try or ask them if they want to try something different.
 - Buddies can assist adults with prep needed for activities.
 - During the meeting, they can help lead other girls through the activities. They should make sure everyone has what they need and feels included.
- Food Friends
 - Talk to girls about what the snack will be and how they can help.

Customize It: If your group wants to expand work on this leaf or simply try different activities, go for it! There are many ways to earn this award, including: completing the activities as listed in the *Daisy Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*, completing this activity plan, attending a council-sponsored event or customizing activities. Pick the one(s) that work best for your group. Girls will know they have earned the award if:

- They find out what cookies cost
- They learn about different kinds of cookies
- They set a sales goal

Tips and Tools

- Check out ways to stay safe using Safety-Wise at GirlScoutsRV.org.
- Ensure that your activities are accessible to everyone. Ask in advance if any special accommodations need to be made. If you have questions regarding specific adaptations, please contact River Valleys at 800-845-0787.
- Keep in mind that those who handle money and those who work with girls on a regular basis need to register as Girl Scouts.

Resources

- This activity plan has been adapted from the *Daisy Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting Count It Up Leaf*, which can be used for additional information and activities.
- Little Brownie Bakers' website: <http://littlebrowniebakers.com/>

Getting Started

Time Allotment: 15 minutes

Materials Needed:

- Optional: Girl Scout Promise and Law printed out on poster board

Steps:

1. Welcome everyone to the meeting.
2. Recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Use repeat-after-me or say it as a group if girls know it by heart.

Girl Scout Promise	Girl Scout Law
<i>On my honor, I will try:</i> To serve God and my country, To help people at all times, And to live by the Girl Scout Law.	<i>I will do my best to be</i> honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, <i>and to</i> respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

3. Sing the Girl Scout Daisy Song. Use repeat-after-me or sing as a group if girls know it by heart.

Girl Scout Daisy Song
I'm a Girl Scout Daisy! Take a look at me. I'm a Girl Scout Daisy, happy as can be. We're having fun and sharing each and every day. I'm a Girl Scout Daisy, Hip, Hip, Hooray!
I'm a Girl Scout Daisy! Take a look at me. I'm a Girl Scout Daisy, happy as can be. I'm going on a journey, with friends along the way. I'm a Girl Scout Daisy, Hip, Hip, Hooray!

Activity #1: The Cookie Booth

Leaf Connection: Step 1—Find out what cookies cost

Time Allotment: 15 minutes

Prep Needed:

- Gather materials and supplies.

Materials Needed:

- Small boxes, such as cookie boxes or shoe boxes
- Play money

Steps:

1. Tell the girls the cost of one box of Girl Scout cookies. Check with your troop cookie manager or the council for the current rate.
2. Have girls set up their own make-believe cookie booths using small boxes as pretend boxes of cookies.
3. Girls will take turns “purchasing” and “selling” boxes of cookies to each other using the play money.
4. Have girls use different combinations of coins and bills to purchase a box of cookies. Now have them try putting money together to purchase two boxes of cookies.

Activity #2: Cookie Concentration

Leaf Connection: Step 2 – Learn about different kinds of cookies

Time Allotment: 15 minutes

Prep Needed:

- Make copies of the Cookie Concentrations Cards (one set for every three to four girls) and cut apart.

Materials Needed:

- Cookie Concentration Cards

Steps:

1. Share with the girls the different types of cookies in this year's Girl Scout cookie program (Samoas, Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, Savannah Smiles, Thank You Berry Munch, Dulce de Leche).
2. Split the girls into small groups of three to four. Give each group a set of cards and explain the rules of the game.
 - Mix up the cards and place them face down in a grid pattern on the table or floor.
 - The first girl turns two cards of her choice face up.
 - If they match, she takes these two cards and takes another turn.
 - If they do not match, she turns them face down, without changing their position in the layout, and then it is the next player's turn.
 - Play continues until all cards are gone.
 - The girl with the most pairs wins the game.

Activity #3: Snack Chat

Leaf Connection: Questions link to leaf theme

Time Allotment: 10 minutes

Steps:

1. While enjoying snack, here are some things for girls to discuss:
 - What is your favorite Girl Scout cookie?
 - Can you name each of the Girl Scout cookies?
 - Who will you sell Girl Scout cookies to?

Activity #4: Sales Goal Door Hanger

Leaf Connection: Step 3–Set a sales goal

Time Allotment: 20 minutes

Prep Needed:

- Make copies of the Garden of Goals template.
- Gather materials and supplies.

Materials Needed:

- Garden of Goals template (one per girl)
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Coloring utensils
- Ribbon or yarn (15" per girl)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape

Steps:

1. Explain to the girls that by selling cookies, their troop can earn money to help others and to do fun things. By setting a sales goal, they can make sure they earn enough money to do the things they want to do.
2. Pass a Garden of Goals template out to each girl. Invite girls to write their "helping others" goal (Service Goal) inside the helping hands flower. In the smiley face flower, have girls write their "Fun and Learning" goal. Inside the cookie flower, girls can record how many cookie packages they plan to sell to reach these goals.
3. Invite the girls to color and decorate their flower gardens. In the blank square, they can draw their own cookie pictures.
4. Guide girls as they cut apart their flowers, using the dotted lines as guides. Have girls glue their flowers onto their garden, gluing them to one side of a sheet of construction paper or cardstock. Girls can glue the picture they created on the other side.

5. Give each girl a ribbon. Assist girls in attaching the ribbon to the top of the construction paper with tape or glue.
6. Encourage girls to hang their Goals Garden at home on a door or somewhere they will see it and remember their goals.

Wrapping Up

Time Allotment: 15 minutes

Materials Needed:

- Optional: Make New Friends printed on poster board

Steps:

1. Instruct girls to get into a Friendship Circle. Have girls stand in a circle and cross their right arms over their left, holding hands with the person on each side of them.
2. Sing "Make New Friends."

Make New Friends		
Verse One	Verse Two	Verse Three
Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver, the other is gold.	A circle is round, it has no end. That's how long, I will be your friend.	You have one hand, I have the other. Put them together, We have each other.

3. After the song, ask everyone to be quiet.
4. One of today's Leaf Buddies should start the friendship squeeze by gently squeezing her neighbor's hand with her right hand. Then, that girl squeezes with her right hand. One by one, each girl passes the squeeze until it travels around the circle. When the squeeze returns to the Leaf Buddy who started, she says, "Goodbye Sister Girl Scouts" and the girls unwrap and face outward instead of inward.
5. Optional: Have girls make a wish after their hand has been squeezed and before they pass the squeeze along. Girls can also put their right foot out into the circle when they receive the friendship squeeze, so that everyone can see it travel along the circle.

More to Explore

- Field Trip Ideas:
 - Visit a cookie booth run by an older troop.
- Speaker Ideas:
 - Invite an older Girl Scout to your meeting to talk about the cookie sale.
 - Invite a store manager to speak to the girls about goal setting.

Suggestions

Do you have any suggestions to improve this activity plan? Do you have ideas for other possible badge-earning activities? Please email GirlProgram@girlscoutsv.org.

Family Follow Up Email

Use the email on the next page as a template to let families know what girls did at the meeting today. Feel free to add additional information, including:

- When and where you will be meeting next
- What activities you will do at the next meeting
- Family help or assistance that is needed
- Supplies or materials that girls will need to bring to the next meeting
- Reminders about important dates and upcoming activities

Hello Girl Scout Families:

We had a wonderful time today learning about the Girl Scout cookie program and have earned the Count It Up Leaf.

We had fun:

- Learning about how much Girl Scout cookies cost
- Learning about the different types of Girl Scout cookies
- Setting cookie sales goals

Continue the fun at home:

- Help your Daisy meet her sales goal by selling cookies to friends and neighbors.
- Practice counting change when making purchases at the store.
- Look through the *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting* with your Daisy to find other activities you can try at home.

Thank you for bringing your Daisy to Girl Scouts!

Cookie Concentration Cards (page 1 of 2)

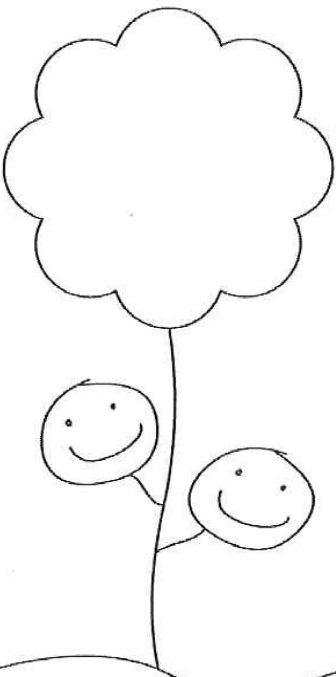
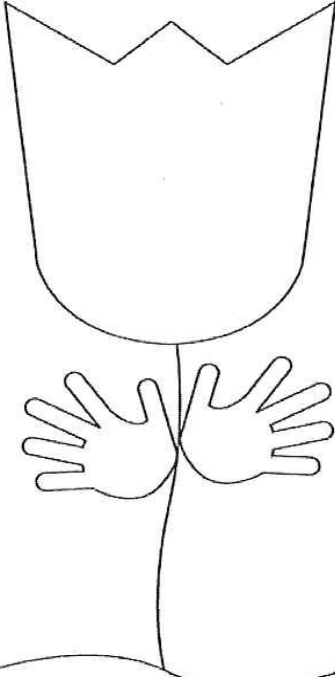
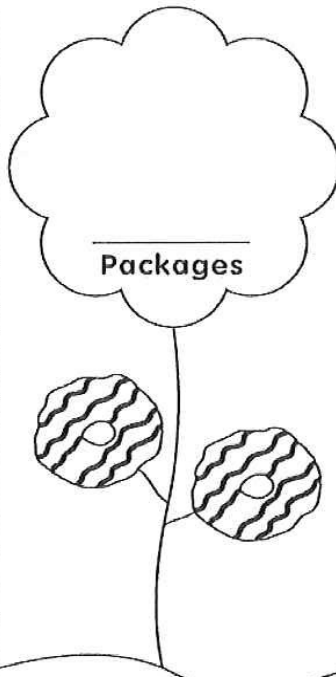


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COOKIE GOALS!

		
FUN & LEARNING GOAL	SERVICE GOAL	COOKIE GOAL