

Daisy Talk It Up Leaf Activity Plan 1

Purpose: When girls have earned this leaf, they'll know how to best use their cookie money.

Program Essentials Link: Financial Literacy

Fun Patch Link: My First Cookie Sale

Activity Plan Length: 1.5 hours

Girls Take the Lead: While earning this award, there are many ways for girls to be a leader. 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 understand how their cookie money can help others
- They know more about how to inspire others

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.

Resources

- This activity plan has been adapted from the *Daisy Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting* Talk It Up Leaf, which can be used for additional information and activities.
- Book Suggestions for Activity #1: Helping Others:
 - *Lend a Helping Hand* by Stan and Jan Berenstain
 - *Helping Mom* by Mercer Mayer

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: Helping Others

Leaf Connection: Step 2—Talk about how to use cookie money to help others.

Time Allotment: 15 minutes

Prep Needed:

- Find a book that demonstrates characters helping others (see Resources section above for details).

Materials Needed:

- Children's book related to helping others

Steps:

1. Read a book about helping others to the girls.
2. Have a group discussion about the story. Ask girls questions based on the story you read. A few example questions are listed below:
 - How did the characters help others in the story?
 - Why is it important to help others?
 - How can you help others?

Activity #2: Helping Daisy Pinwheel

Leaf Connection: Step 1—Decide how to use your cookie money and Step 2—Talk about how to use cookie money to help others

Time Allotment: 30 minutes

Prep Needed:

- Watch “What can a cookie do?” on YouTube. If possible, make preparations so girls can watch this video during the meeting. www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Wy31SsNPv4
- Gather materials and supplies.
- Cut small vertical slits into the straws for the paper fasteners.
- Cut construction paper to form a square.

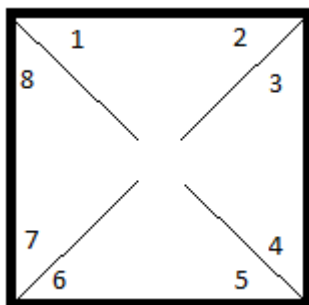
Materials Needed:

- Construction paper cut into squares
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue
- Metal fasteners
- Straws
- Rulers

Steps:

1. Discuss with girls some possible options for helping others in the community with the troop cookie money that they will earn, such as donating to charity, using the money for troop activities, etc.
2. Hand out construction paper and help girls draw an “X” on their paper, meeting the corners of the square. Have girls label each corner section of the four triangles 1-8, starting in the upper left corner, continuing clockwise.

EXAMPLE:



3. Have each girl pick one way that she can help others with her cookie money. Have girls write it in section two along the diagonal line with the permanent marker. If girls have more than one idea, they can write them near the other even numbers (4, 6 and 8). Once they have written their idea(s), they can decorate the rest of the pinwheel with crayons.
4. Help girls cut along the diagonal lines, but remember to *not* cut all the way to the center.
5. Adults may need to help assemble the pinwheels. Fold the odd number corners into the center of paper and poke the paper fastener through the middle. Then, insert the fastener into the precut hole in the straw and bend in the back to secure.
6. Have girls test out their pinwheels!

Activity #3: Be a Daisy Top Seller!

Leaf Connection: Step 3—Inspire your customers

Time Allotment: 15 minutes

Prep Needed:

- Look at the current Cookie Program materials for information about how cookie proceeds are distributed. For additional assistance, contact your troop cookie manager or service unit cookie manager.

Materials Needed:

- Information about cookie proceeds

Steps:

1. Now that girls have discussed how they can help others, have them identify what activity or activities they would like to do as a group with their cookie proceeds. Share with them how the proceeds from cookie sales are used and explain how much the troop will earn for each box of cookies sold.
2. Once girls have decided what to do with their cookie proceeds, explain that this is something they can and should share with their customers. People like to know where their money goes.
3. Have girls pair up and take turns role-playing the cookie seller and the customer. Give girls an example of what they can say to customers.
 - "Hi I'm a Girl Scout Daisy and I'm selling cookies to help benefit our local animal shelter. Will you help me reach my goal by buying some cookies?"

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 local charity or non-profit business to discuss how the troop can help their organization.
- Speaker Ideas:
 - Invite older Girl Scouts to join the meeting and help girls role-play selling cookies.

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 money and costs and have earned the Talk It Up Leaf.

We had fun:

- Learning about how our cookie money can help others.
- Deciding what we are going to do with our cookie money.

Continue the fun at home:

- Help your Girl Scout Daisy practice her sales skills by pretending to be different types of customers.
- Talk to your Girl Scout about the importance of helping others.
- Come up with something your family can do together to help others.
- 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!