

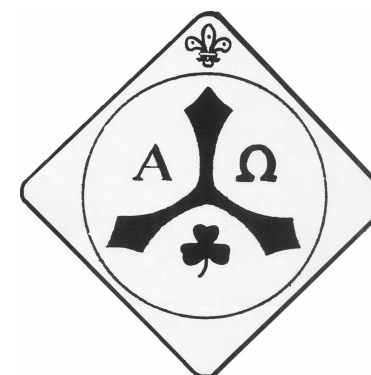
different from the rest of us and may be more willing than able to maintain their commitment.

6. They will be required to have a knowledge about their seven Bible stories, the main characters and events of the story. They will also be required to be able to relate the relevance of the story to the Scout Law.
7. They will be required to give the information concerning the history, worship and mission of their church. This may be about the specific Church that they attend on Sundays or their denominational church. They will also have to discuss their part in the worship and work of the church.
8. They will be required to show some understanding of the Ten Commandments and their contents and how they relate to duty to God and neighbours. They will also discuss how they see these duties and are trying to carry them out.

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**The Scout Association
Northern Ireland Scout Council**

Quest Emblem for Scouts



and Leaders' Notes and Guidance

The Quest Emblem For Scouts

This Badge, offered by the Religious Advisory Support Team of Northern Ireland Scout Council, is open to Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorer Scouts - each having its own Syllabus. The Scout Section is sub-divided into two Stages to cover two age groups. The Badge is worn on the right breast

When a young person is ready for testing their Leader should make arrangements with a suitable examiner. This should be the Group Chaplain, a member of the local clergy, Sunday School Teacher or other qualified person approved by the District Commissioner. The examiner should be given due notice of forthcoming testing and should, in advance, be given a copy of the relevant syllabus and Examiner's Notes. Those being tested should, in the normal way, take with them a Badge Certificate for signing by the Examiner. It is important that Scouts from the Troop should have it clearly marked on their Certificate which Stage of the "Quest Emblem" they are attempting.

Notes for Examiners for the Scout Quest Emblem - Stage 2

1. You should read these notes and the syllabus for the Quest Emblem and have discussed them with the Scout Leader before any examination takes place. It should be noted that the examination is intended to be informal and to set the Scouts at their ease. Examination for this badge is designed to be flexible, the various abilities of different Scouts is to be considered and taken into account. The badge is designed to be within the grasp of all Scouts who fulfil its conditions.
2. Before any examination of Scouts you should ask the Scout Leader for information concerning any exemptions required for Scouts who are unable to fulfil any part of sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5. At this time the Bible stories being used for section 6 should be confirmed.
3. The Scouts will provide all the information for all sections of this badge and any reasons why they haven't completed any section.
4. The Scouts should be able to talk about their Church/Sunday School/Bible Class attendance, their Bible reading and their prayers. Examples from their Bible reading and/or prayers may be sought. They are also required to produce their "Prayer Diary" (kept for at least one month) and discuss some of their topics of prayer and the prayers that they have used. Any questions asked about these should not be interrogative but rather to encourage discussion.
5. Daily Bible reading and daily prayers, while not optional as a part of the badge requirements, are to be looked on with a tolerance and flexibility that realises that 13 - 15 year olds are no

5. Grace before meals

The Scouts should be encouraged to say Grace/thanks at meal times. Again it is not possible to do more than encourage this as it requires parental involvement and support and may not be used as a reason not to award this badge.

6. Bible Stories

The Scouts should know their seven Bible stories, be able to retell the story (knowing what it is about, who the main characters are and what happened). They also be able to say how the stories relate to the relevant Scout Laws. The abilities of different children need to be taken into account by the examiner in this. There is no reason why the Scouts being examined cannot bring a Bible to the examination with them.

7. Church History

This requires a bit of work on the part of the Scouts, to look for and find the relevant information. The Group Chaplain, or other suitable minister, may be able to assist with this. The reference may be to the specific church that they attend or the larger denominational church that they are members of. Their part in the work and worship of the church may be through membership of a choir, music group, Sunday School, Bible Class, other group or just by their attendance. They need to be able to discuss this point.

8. Ten Commandments - duty to God and neighbour.

Scouts should know which of the Ten Commandments relates to Duty to God and which relates to duty to neighbours. They should be able to discuss, with the examiner, how they carry out these duties. There is no right and wrong answers in this section just what they do.

“QUEST EMBLEM” for Scouts
STAGE 1 (for Scouts aged 10¹/₂ to 13 years)

1. Attend your Church and Sunday School or Youth Fellowship or Bible Class.
2. Possess your own Bible.
3. Read the Bible daily. The use of Bible reading notes is recommended (e.g. Scripture Union, Bible Reading Fellowship or “Every Day with Jesus”).
4. Pray daily (if possible morning and evening). Include thanksgiving for God’s goodness to you and to others, confession for the things you have done wrong and prayers for those in need (the poor, the sick, the hungry and the suffering). Remember Scouting world wide. Occasionally write out your own prayers (the examiner may wish to see these).
5. Say Grace before meals.
6. Know the following Bible stories, or alternatives on the same theme, and explain how they relate to the various sections of the Scout Promise:
 1. **“On my honour”**
Moses and the Golden Calf (Exodus 24:12-18; 32:1-34)
 2. **“I promise”**
Abraham’s descendants (Genesis 18:10 - 19)
 3. **“that I will do my best”**
Known by their actions (Matthew 7:15 - 20)
 4. **“to do my duty to God”**
The rich young ruler (Matthew 19:16-26)
 5. **“and to the Queen”**

Tribute to Caesar (Matt 22:15-22; Mk 12:13-17; Lk 20:19-26)

6. **“To help other people”**

Parable of the Sheep and the Goats (Matthew 25:31-46)

7. **“And to keep the Scout Law”**

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:2-12)

7. Tell two (2) stories from the Old Testament and two (2) stories from the New Testament about “Good Turns” (give Bible passages and show how they apply to-day).

“QUEST EMBLEM” for Scouts

STAGE 2 (for Scouts aged 13 to 15 years)

1. Attend your Church and Sunday School or Youth Fellowship or Bible Class.
2. Possess your own Bible.
3. Read the Bible daily. The use of Bible reading notes is recommended (e.g. Scripture Union, Bible Reading Fellowship or “Every Day with Jesus”).
4. Pray daily (if possible morning and evening). Include adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication in your prayers.

Keep a Prayer Diary for one month listing the topics you have prayed for each day. You must also include some examples of the prayers that you have used, these may either be of your own composition or written by others. Be prepared to discuss your “Prayer Diary” with the examiner.
5. Say grace before meals.
6. Know the following Bible stories, or alternatives on the same theme, and explain how they relate

Church/Sunday School/Bible Class may NOT be used as a reason for not presenting the badge. While parents may be encouraged to bring their children to Church or Sunday School for the purpose of this badge no pressure should be applied. Due to varying circumstances all aspects of this matter should be left to the leadership of the Scout Troop to devise their own policy and strategy.

2. Bible ownership

This falls partially within that area which requires parental support and encouragement and may not be used as a reason not to present this badge.

3. Bible reading

Again this falls within the area which requires parental support and encouragement and may not be used as a reason not to present this badge.

4. Prayers

Scouts should be encouraged to say prayers every day and pray for their leaders and troop. There is less need for parental involvement and support within this age range, it is more dependant on the Scouts themselves. As with other sections this may not be used as a reason not to present the badge.

The “Prayer Diary” must include prayers of their own composition and from other sources. The topics for prayer are at the discretion of the individual Scouts but they should be encouraged to include prayers for the Troop at least on the day that they meet. In many Bible reading notes there are often topics for prayer included as a part of the daily reading cycle. It is perfectly acceptable to use these as a basis for prayer, or current events as reported on the news.

The examiner may wish to discuss with the Scouts being examined the reason for certain topics that they have included.

4. The Scouts should be able to talk about their Church/Sunday School/Bible Class attendance, their Bible reading and their prayers. Examples from their Bible reading and/or prayers may be sought. Any questions asked about these should not be interrogative but rather to encourage discussion.
5. Daily Bible reading and daily prayers, while not optional as a part of the badge requirements, are to be looked on with a tolerance and flexibility that realises that 10 - 13 year olds are no different from the rest of us and may be more willing than able to maintain their commitment.
6. They will be required to have a knowledge about their seven Bible stories, the main characters and events of the story. They will also be required to be able to relate the relevance of the story to the Scout Promise.
7. They will be required to give the references and tell the stories from both Old and New Testament which they believe relate to "good turns". Again a Bible may be brought to the examination to assist with this. In any Troop with several Scouts doing the same badge there will be an inevitable overlap of material. This is acceptable.

The purpose of this badge is to encourage "good practice" and the building of good habits with regard to the daily practice of Christianity within the Scout movement.

Specific notes on each section of the badge - Stage 2 (13 - 15 year old)

1. Church/Sunday School/Bible Class Attendance.
This is to be encouraged but as it may be dependant on parental involvement and consent failure to attend

to the various Scout Laws.

1. **A Scout is to be trusted**
Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22:1 - 18)
 2. **A Scout is loyal**
Joash is made king of Judah (2 Kings 11)
 3. **A Scout is friendly and considerate**
Consideration for friends
(1 Corinthians 8)
 4. **A Scout belongs to the world-wide family of Scouts**
The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25 - 37)
 5. **A Scout has courage in all difficulties**
David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17:32 - 50)
 6. **A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property**
Parable of the Talents (Luke 19:11 - 26)
 7. **A Scout has self-respect and respect for others**
Be unselfish and honour others
(Philippians 2:1 - 18)
7. Know something of the history and worship of your own Church and its missionary work. Discuss how you take part in the work and worship of your Church.
 8. With reference to the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1 - 17) show that you know clearly what is your duty to God and to your neighbour and discuss how you are trying to carry out both in your life.

Notes on the “Quest Emblem”

The Quest Emblem is an optional badge that is unique to the Northern Ireland Scout Council. It is a specifically Christian badge which is available to any and all members of the movement who are also members of the Christian Church. (The Christian Church is defined here as all those Churches who profess themselves to be Christian and are accepted as a Christian Church by the World Council of Churches.)

It is hoped that the Quest Emblem will be considered as a single entity that progresses through each section of Scouting and will be treated as an integral part of the normal progression of members through the movement.

With this in mind there are two new sections to the Quest Emblem, one for the Beaver Scout Section and one for Leaders.

It is important that there should be proper guidance notes for Section Leaders and also for examiners issued with this badge. These notes should cover the means of examination and have information for leaders that will more fully set out the requirements of the badge and areas of flexibility.

The ideal is that each Group Chaplain be involved with this badge, in preparation or examination. Groups which do not as yet have a chaplain can encourage the participation of local clergy.

The purpose of this badge is to encourage “good practice” and the building of good habits with regard to the daily practice of Christianity within the Scout movement.

For Scouts

The Quest Emblem for the Scout section has been changed and updated. Part of the reasoning behind this was to make it more accessible and more relevant to

sections of the Scout Promise. The abilities of different children need to be taken into account by the examiner in this. There is no reason why the Scouts being examined cannot bring a Bible to the examination with them.

7. Good Turn Stories.

This requires a bit of work on the part of the Scouts, to look for and find the relevant stories. The Group Chaplain, or other suitable minister or school R.E. teacher or others, may assist with this. Over a period of years a “fund” of suitable references may be built up within the Troop and according to section 6.6 these should be made available if necessary.

Notes for Examiners for the Scout Quest Emblem - Stage 1

1. You should read these notes and the syllabus for the Quest Emblem and have discussed them with the Scout Leader before any examination takes place.
It should be noted that the examination is intended to be informal and to set the Scouts at their ease. Examination for this badge is designed to be flexible, the various abilities of different Scouts is to be considered and taken into account. The badge is designed to be within the grasp of all Scouts who fulfil its conditions.
2. Before any examination of Scouts you should ask the Scout Leader for information concerning the abilities of the Scouts to be examined and any exemptions required for Scouts who are unable to fulfil any part of sections 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5. At this time the Bible stories being used for section 6 should be confirmed.
3. The Scouts will provide all the information for all sections of this badge and any reasons why they haven't completed any section.

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2. Bible ownership

This falls partially within that area which requires parental support and encouragement and may not be used as a reason not to present this badge.

3. Bible reading

Again this falls within the area which requires parental support and encouragement and may not be used as a reason not to present this badge.

4. Prayers

Scouts should be encouraged to say prayers every day and pray for their leaders and troop. This is a difficult area to examine and again is partially dependant on parental involvement and support. As with other sections this may not be used as a reason not to present the badge.

These prayers may be of their own composition or from any other source. They are to be encouraged to compose the prayer for themselves. The examiner may ask for examples of prayers said and discuss them with the Scouts being examined. Any prayers that have been written out should be brought along to be shown to the examiner. It is important that prayers should occasionally write out their own prayers or prayers that they are using.

5. Grace before meals.

The Scouts should be encouraged to say Grace/thanks at meal times. Again it is not possible to do more than encourage this as it requires parental involvement and support and may not be used as a reason not to award this badge.

6. Bible Stories

The Scouts should know their seven Bible stories, be able to retell the story (knowing what it is about, who the main characters are and what happened). They also be able to say how the stories relate to the relevant

other things that Scouts were having to learn and do as part of their membership of the Troop.

There are two stages to the badge for the Scout Section, these are divided along the grounds of age. New members of the movement who have not joined until after they are 13 years old who are keen to do the quest emblem should be encouraged to do both stages.

The biggest change is in Section 6 - the Bible stories. The seven Bible stories used in stage 1 relate the Scout Promise; the seven Bible stories in stage 2 relate to the Scout Law and both stages are making use of both Old and New Testament. The references given in the badge are only suggestions and other passages may be used. It is important that any Bible passage that is used follow on the seven themes as stated.

Consideration has been given to the age and abilities of the members of the Scout Section in drawing up the syllabus. Also the continuity of the whole scheme of the Quest Emblem has been kept in mind.

There should be a reporting and consulting procedure established between the Scout Section and the Religious Advisory Support Team, or appointed committees thereof, to review the content of the Badge and to recommend amendments if necessary.

It is intended that, while not being given away to any and all who ask for it, this badge should not be difficult to obtain and that it should be within the grasp of every Scout in Northern Ireland.

While flexibility is permitted it is not to be confused with licence, there are sections in this badge which may not be strictly adhered to, but ONLY if personal and home circumstances on the part of individual Scouts who are keen to do this badge make it impossible for them to complete sections which require parental support and involvement. It is a case of the Scouts not being

penalised because of their parents. These sections are NOT optional and exemption needs to be discussed with the examiner.

QUEST EMBLEM for Scouts - Guidance notes

1. This badge is unique to the Northern Ireland Scout Council, and is a badge based specifically on the Christian faith. Its purpose is to encourage a knowledge and practice in matters of the Christian faith. It is a nondenominational badge that is available to all Christian members of the Troop.
2. This is an optional badge but the Religious Advisory Support Team would encourage as wide a participation as possible. There is scope to make use of the Bible Stories for Scout's Own Services while at camp and at other times in the progressive training scheme.
3. Realising the differences in abilities and circumstances of children within the Scout section there should be a degree of flexibility in awarding this badge.
4. Examination for this badge should take the following into consideration:

Though the terms "examination" and "examiner" are used they are used in an informal manner and take into consideration the age range of Scouts. The selection of a suitable examiner should largely fall to the Scout Leader with approval by the District Commissioner. The Group Chaplain would be the ideal, or if the group's sponsoring authority is a church and the group has no chaplain the minister of that church would be ideal.

The examiner should be known to the Scouts so

that there is more chance of them being able to enter into discussion with some one whom they know.

Any questions asked should not be of an interrogatory nature but should be phrased in such a way that they encourage an answer.

The Scout should be able to provide the necessary information to the examiner concerning sections 1, 2, 3, & 5 of this badge. These sections are not optional but may not be used to deny the presentation of this badge. It is possible that there may be problems with these sections of the badge and the Scout Leader must make the examiner aware of any relevant circumstances and discuss any exemptions.

The Scouts are required to tell the examiner about the Bible stories in section 6 and should be able to give examples of a simple grace before meals and their prayers. Sections 1, 2, & 3 ought also to be discussed.

Those being presented for examination for this badge may be presented singly or in a group.

Specific notes on each section of the badge - Stage 1 (10 - 13 year old)

1. Church/Sunday School/Bible Class Attendance.
This is to be encouraged but as it may be dependant on parental involvement and consent failure to attend Church/Sunday School/Bible Class may NOT be used as a reason for not presenting the badge. While parents may be encouraged to bring their children to Church or Sunday School for the purpose of this badge no pressure should be applied. Due to varying circumstances all aspects of this matter should be left to the leadership of the Scout Troop to devise their own