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APPLICATION FOR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
(NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES)

(Arch) Diocese: St. Petersburg, Florida
Council: BSA Gulf Ridge & West Central Florida Councils, NCCS Region 14
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William Martin
(Signature of Religious Activities Committee Chairman)

Michael Kosiba
(Signature of Catholic Com. Chairman/Chaplain)

Name/title of Religious Activity/Project submitted for recognition:
"Journey With Jesus" 2002 Cub Scout Diocesan Retreat

Date of Religious Activity: January 18, 2002

This Religious Activity was conducted: (check one) ___X___ Annually _____ Semi-annually
______ Biennially _____ One-time only _____ Other (please describe or explain)

The following personnel/group resources were utilized for this activity:
___X___ Ordained Clergy _____ Professed Religious ___X___ Qualified laity (Give names, titles, or
positions, or other resource persons/guest speakers/presenters):

Diocesan Chaplain Fr. Edwin Palka, Diocesan Scouting Committee Member and Event Chair Bryon Holz
(graduate, diocesan Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute). Vickie Hawkins, Director of Religious Education,
Nativity Parish (Brandon, FL), Jules Dobrowolski, Liturgical Musician, St. Patrick Parish (Largo, FL),
Kelly Kearney, Director of Religious Education, Christ the King Parish (Tampa, FL), and others.

Apart from staff, participants in the Activity included: 62 Cub Scouts 12
Scouters/leaders _11__ Parents ___________ (Staff- 35 including 18 scouts and 17 Boy
Scouts) ___________

Activities submitted for recognition must be religious in nature, having as their primary purpose
helping Scouts or their families appreciate better their duty to God. These activities might be
educational, prayer-centered, retreat days or weekends, or a combination of any or all of these.
Other events in which the only religious event is a Mass would not qualify as religious activities.
With this in mind, give a brief “summary of purpose” or “description” of your religious activity.

A day-long retreat with four round-robin activity stations based on prominent locations in the
life of Jesus, (Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum and Jerusalem), and including a model Boy
Scout camp, a praise and worship service during lunch, and ending with a prayer service. The
event was designed to allow Cub Scouts the opportunity to have fun and Christian scout
fellowship while deepening their faith and learning about the life of Jesus.
Journey With Jesus
2002 Cub Scout Retreat
Diocese of St. Petersburg
NCCS 2004 Award of Merit Submission

The Diocese of St. Petersburg’s Committee on Scouting held their annual Cub Scout Retreat at St. Patrick’s Parish in Largo, Florida on Saturday, February 2, 2002. The daylong event was a great success, a wonderful spiritual experience for all in attendance.

There were several planning meetings held prior to the retreat, scheduled many months in advance. Promotion of the event was done through the diocesan Catholic committee on scouting website, newsletter, the diocesan newspaper (The Florida Catholic) and various parish bulletins throughout the diocese. Diocesan committee chair Michael Kosiba and committee member Bryon Holz coordinated the event.

Early registration was $6 per scout, $3.50 for adults, with late registration at $7.25 and $4 respectively. Directions complete with a map were forwarded to all pre-registered participants.

The theme of “Journey With Jesus” was chosen to allow for several activities based on the life of Jesus Christ. Four round-robin activity stations were planned based on several prominent locations in Jesus’ life- Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum and Jerusalem. Diocesan chaplain Fr. Edwin Palka assisted in determining appropriate locations. Diocesan committee member Michael Murphy helped design the retreat patch, which was ordered from Sunshine Emblem (www.gopatch.com).

Once the location was determined, St. Patrick’s in Largo, FL, that parish’s troop volunteered to have an “open campsit”, actually camping out on parish grounds that weekend and opening their campsit to the cub scouts on retreat that Saturday.

There was juice, coffee, donuts and fruit during the registration period, as many units had to leave quite early to travel an hour or more to attend. Lunch was also provided as a part of the registration fee- hot dogs, chips, cookies, fruit and a beverage. And each station had snacks appropriate to their setting. Contemporary Christian music was provided during lunch courtesy of a liturgical musician from the parish and the retreat co-chair. All participants received a “passport” containing a map of the Holy Land with all four locations featured in the retreat, which were to be stamped with a corresponding rubber stamp at each activity station. These color
rubber stamps were ordered at a local office supply store (Office Depot), designed using a
desktop publishing program. Boy Scouts from several local units assisted at each station,
stamping each cub's passport and helping show them the direction of the next station. Each
participant was given an appropriate holy card at each station. Participants also received a bag
during on-site registration to hold all of their crafts and handouts during the day. Inside of each
bag was their passport, a pencil and a CD sampler of contemporary Christian music donated by
a local Christian Bookstore (Family Christian Bookstore).

The Bethlehem station had the theme of “Good Shepherd”. The station was led by a
moderator dressed as a shepherd (bed sheets, etc.). After reading an introduction as a
shepherd who went to see the newborn baby in the manger in Bethlehem and discussing the
concept of Jesus as “the good Shepherd”, participants assembled a craft from the Oriental
Trading Company where they cut out an outline of their hand and made a sheep out of it with
the wording “I Am the Lamb of God”. These crafts are very inexpensive and the cubs really
enjoyed the personalization of their using their very own handprints. There was also a hand out
activity sheet of word games, etc. with the Bethlehem/Shepherd theme for this station that was
obtained from a vacation Bible school program. A holy card featuring Jesus as the Good
Shepherd was distributed at this station in addition to animal crackers in small Dixie cups. Cubs
had their passports stamped with a “Bethlehem” stamp complete with a lamb at the end of each
time period.

The Nazareth station was known as “St. Joe’s Workshop”. Cubs had the opportunity to
hear what it might have been like for Jesus to work with his earthly father, St. Joseph, as a
carpenter. “St. Joe” was dressed in a nail apron, hard hat, etc. as a modern-day carpenter.
Then participants learned how to lash wood together with the help of Boy Scout volunteers,
making crosses out of paint stirrers donated by local Home Depots. Two sizes were used- the
larger size stirrer for the vertical piece, the smaller stirrer for the horizontal piece. The twine
was purchased at Home Depot and pre-cut after determining how much each scout would need
to lash their cross together. Cubs then decorated them with markers (“Journey With Jesus
2002”, “Nazareth”, “Made at St. Joe’s Workshop”, etc.). A Nazareth-themed word search
handout helped occupy those who completed their crosses early (again, from a vacation Bible
school program). Nazarene snacks were comprised of goldfish crackers in small Dixie cups.
Lastly, everyone received a St. Joseph prayer card and had their passport stamped with a
“Nazareth” rubber stamp with a saw & hammer symbol.

The next stop was Capernaum, where Jesus gave some of his many teachings. Present
in Capernaum was a traditional Jewish “Rabbi”, an older Boy Scout dressed appropriately. At
this stop Cub Scouts enjoyed a special version of Bible Trivia in a take-off of “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire” entitled “Who Wants to Go to Heaven”. Participants who answered questions correctly received candy. Before leaving everyone received a special Boy Scout holy card with St. George, the patron saint of Scouting. Then all passports were stamped with a Capernaum rubber stamp with a picture of a bible.

The last stop was the “Upper Room” in Jerusalem. This featured a depiction of the last supper, emphasizing that many of the most important elements of our faith are centered around meals and feasts. Cubs were told about what the last supper might have been like before actually traveling to an area that was prepared for them. Participants each received grape juice and unleavened pita bread, and were very clearly reminded that although this may be similar to what they had, that it was NOT an actual Eucharistic celebration. Scouts received a Last Supper holy card featuring a mealtime prayer before getting their passports stamped with a Jerusalem rubber stamp that included a drawing of the Eucharistic symbols of bread and wine.

The final activity of the day was a prayer service in the main sanctuary of the host parish. Scouts, scouters and family members sang worship songs, heard scripture, and prayed. Final announcements were made and all units then received their participation patches before leaving for home. The prayer service was scheduled to be conducted by the diocesan scout chaplain, but was led by retreat co-chair Bryon Holz after Fr. Edwin called in sick that morning. Readings, prayers and reflections were all relevant to the retreat theme. Sing-a-long music that was easy to learn and respond to was used including the song “Yes, Lord, Yes”, complete with the call to respond with the refrain by rank (“Webelos, Webelos, will you come and follow me; will you come and follow me now... Yes, Lord, yes. Yes, Lord, yes.”), and “This Little Light of Mine”.

Many positive comments were received by participants and their parents including one leader who had a scout and parent that were motivated to return to the church after participating in the retreat, and several other e-mails and notes of appreciation. A follow-up article was published in the diocesan scout newsletter. Thank you letters were sent to the pastor of the host parish, all donors, as well as retreat staff members (who also each received a special thank-you gift- a hardback book of inspirational stories written by children, donated by a committee member).

Much more information about the retreat including the registration form, articles, photos, etc. can be found in the accompanying CD-ROM. You may also contact Bryon Holz at bholz@tampabay.rr.com for more information about the retreat program.
All Cub Scouts Are Invited to Come “Journey With Jesus”!
Diocesan-Wide Day Retreat for Cub Scouts

Register NOW for the 2002 annual Cub Scout Retreat to be held Saturday, February 2nd at St. Patrick’s Parish in Lakeland. The theme is “Journey With Jesus” and it will feature activities based on various locations in the life of Christ.

All participants will receive a passport for fun and discovery of spiritual truth while following Jesus around the Holy Land. Cubs will enjoy a carpentry craft like Jesus might have done with his earthly father, St. Joseph, in Nazareth. A stop will find Scouts joining the shepherds with their sheep in the pastures near Bethlehem. Bible knowledge will be put to test in Capernaum, where Jesus preached to the masses. Lastly, Christ’s institution of the Mass at the Last Supper, following the tradition of a Jewish Passover meal, will be explored in Jerusalem. There will also be a special prayer and lively praise and worship music!

Your pack will not want to miss this powerful spiritual event!
The registration fee is only $6.00 per Scout and includes all materials, snacks, lunch and a special commemorative patch. The fee for unit leaders and/or parents is $3.50 per person and includes lunch, snacks and patch. For additional information please contact Mike Kosiba at 813-839-4644 or Bryon Holz at 813-681-9874 or by e-mail at SPSScouting@Catholicweb.com. Maps and additional details will be sent to participating units after January 1, 2002.

Retreat Fees postmarked by January 18, 2002 are:
Tiger, Cubs and Webelos $6.00 each
Leaders and Parents $3.50 each

After January 18, 2002 Retreat Fees are:
Tiger, Cubs and Webelos $7.25 each
Leaders and Parents $4.00 each

Note: Retreat fees are transferable. No refunds will be available after January 25, 2002. We still have openings for additional staff. Any leaders or Boy Scouts, who would like to assist and be part of the retreat staff, please contact SPSScouting@Catholicweb.com by December 20.

CUB SCOUT RETREAT REGISTRATION: This is a Pack _____ or Den _____ Registration

Pack NO. __________________________ Chartered by __________________________

Name __________________________
Address __________________________
City __________________________ State _______ Zip + 4 __________________________
Phone __________________________ E-mail __________________________

I am registered in the unit as __________________________

Enclosed is registration for ________ Scouts @ $6.00 = $ ________
Leaders @ $3.50 = $ ________
Total Enclosed __________________________

Totals by Rank Registering: ________ Tigers ________ Wolf ________ Bear ________ Webelos

Make all checks payable to “Diocese of St. Petersburg”

Mail registration and check(s) to: Cub Scout Retreat, P.O. Box 320636, Tampa, FL 33679-2636
News briefs

Cub Scouts to gather
Feb. 2

The annual diocesan Cub Scout retreat will be held Saturday, Feb. 2, at St. Patrick Parish, 1507 Trotter Road, Largo. The retreat will feature activities based on various locations in the life of Christ. Cub Scouts from all packs are invited. For more information or to register, call 727-681-9874.

Focus on ways to reduce or manage the intense emotional and mental distress associated with an anticipated or actual loss. Other sessions will continue with that topic, as well as address other key areas of entanglement such as the children's adjustment and legal, spiritual and financial questions.

The moderator of the series is Patrick Rahill, a licensed marriage and family therapist.
Parish Bulletin Announcement

Attention ALL Cub Scouts- The annual Diocesan Cub Scout Retreat will be held Sat. Feb. 2nd at St. Patrick's Parish in Largo. This year's theme is "Journey With Jesus", and will feature fun and informative activities based on various locations in the life of Christ. Cub Scouts from ALL packs are welcome. For more information or to register contact Bryon Holz at 681-9874.
January 23, 2002

Dear Den or Pack Leader:

Thank you for registering your scout/den/pack to attend the annual diocesan Cub Scout Retreat. Enclosed you will find:

1. A Schedule of Events
2. Directions to St. Patrick, Largo with maps

Scouts will have a wonderful time as they “Journey with Jesus” during the day with special activities, crafts and other trinkets to remember this day. There will be many opportunities for snacks and drinks during this event. The lunch menu will be Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit and Sodas for all. At the end of the day as we close in pray and song, scouts and leaders will receive their souvenir patch.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please e-mail us at SPScouting@catholicweb.com or contact us at the numbers listed below.

May the Lord bless you and your scouts, and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, February 2, 2002.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Kosiba
Diocesan Chairman
Directions from Tampa:

1. Take Interstate 275 towards St. Petersburg-Clearwater get off at I-275 Exit 18 onto SR-688 West (Ulmerton Road).

2. Go West on Ulmerton Road SR-688 approximately 10 miles

3. Turn Right onto 121st Street North till you get to 134th Avenue North, turn left, then turn Right onto Trotter Road (24th Street SW)

4. If you miss the turn at 121st Street North, Continue around the curve to Wilcox Road (130th Avenue North), Turn Right go 2 blocks, Turn right onto Trotter Road (24th Street SW).

5. Continue North on Trotter Road and St. Patrick's is on your right. Address is 1507 Trotter Road, Largo.

If you get Lost, call 813-246-1265

Directions in Pinellas County:

1. Come from the North or South on US Highway 19 or US Highway ALT 19.

2. **Coming from the South** take a Left on to Ulmerton Road SR-688, then
   - Turn Right onto 121st Street North till you get to 134th Avenue North, turn left, then turn Right onto Trotter Road (24th Street SW)
   - If you miss the turn at 121st Street North, Continue around the curve to Wilcox Road (130th Avenue North), Turn Right go 2 blocks, Turn right onto Trotter Road (24th Street SW).
   - Continue North on Trotter Road and St. Patrick’s is on your right. Address is 1507 Trotter Road, Largo.

3. **Coming from the North** come South on US Highway ALT 19, then once you get south of SR-686 (East Bay Drive) take a Right on to 8th Avenue SW, then turn Left onto Trotter Road (24th Street SW).

4. Continue South on Trotter Road and St. Patrick’s is on your left. Address is 1507 Trotter Road, Largo.
### CUB SCOUT RETREAT 2002
#### Initial Planning Meeting Outline

**“JOURNEY WITH JESUS”**  
February 2, 2002

At St. Patrick Parish, 1507 Trotter Road, Largo, Florida 33770

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**STATIONS and THEME:** Note: All sessions begin with a Scripture Reading and close with prayer, holy cards and passports stamped!

- **CAPERNAUM** - Scripture Introduction, Word Search Pilgrim, Bible Trivia & Boy Scout holy card (St. George)/
- **NAZARETH** - Scripture Introduction and some type of craft with wood with St. Joseph holy card
- **JERUSALEM** - Scripture Introduction, Last Supper Pilgrim, snack (pita bread & grape juice), Last Supper holy card
- **BETHELHEM** - Scripture Introduction, Lamb of God craft Pilgrim, and Good Shepherd holy card
- **LUNCH** - Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit, Drinks, Condiments and Paper Products
- **MUSIC** - Bryon Holz and group
- **PRAYER** - Opening Prayer, Luncheon Grace and 10-12 Minute Closing Prayer Service by Father Edwin

**STAFF and Assignments:**

- Michael J. Kosiba: Diocesan Chairman & Retreat Registrar 813-839-4644 MKosiba@juno.com
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Unassigned Area
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Gary Taiclet
Availability Uncertain 813- gt49er@aol.com

SNACKS:
Arrival and Registration - Troop 89-Coffee, Juice and Donuts Parish Hall

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Bryon Holz
Registration Materials and Maps
Rubber Stamps, Passports, Holy Cards and Music

Father Edwin Palka
Prayer Service Sheet, etc.

Bea Maseda & Gina Scheffler
Capernaum Supplies

Mike Von Behren
Jerusalem Supplies

SUPPLIES:
Mike Kosiba
Mike Kosiba
Mike Kosiba
Retreat Patches
Glue bottles
Safety Scissors

Bryon Holz
Bryon Holz
Sheep Craft
Crosses

ATTENDANCE:
We are planning for 100 right now. Registrations are coming in and will have an update Sunday evening Jan 20.

(Chorus)
Listen carefully for
your rank to be called,
(Tigers, Wolves, Bears & Weblo)h
That you're ready to
Journey with Jesus!
Will your group be the loudest?

Retreat Schedule

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Check-in/Registration
9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Assembly into Pilgrim groups
9:45 a.m. - 10:25 a.m. Pilgrim Group 1 - Bethlehem
10:25 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. Break/Travel to next station
10:35 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Pilgrim Group 2 - Capernaum
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12:30 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. Pilgrim Group 4 - Jerusalem
1:10 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Break/Travel to next station
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Pilgrim Group 1 - Bethlehem
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pilgrim Group 2 - Capernaum
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pilgrim Group 3 - Nazareth
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Pilgrim Group 4 - Jerusalem
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Pilgrim Group 1 - Bethlehem
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Pilgrim Group 2 - Capernaum
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Pilgrim Group 3 - Nazareth
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Pilgrim Group 4 - Jerusalem

Olive Tree Manor

Open up your passport to discover a hidden inside.
This is where you will have your passport stamped at each stop along your journey with Jesus.

Diocese of St. Patrick Parish, Largo, FL
St. Patrick Parish, Largo, FL
Gus Scat Ouest Retreat 2002
St. Patrick Parish, Largo, FL
Journey with Jesus!

Saturday February 12, 2002
Journey with Jesus in the Holy Land

Be sure to have this passport stamped at each station on your Journey with Jesus!
LORD ✡

help me
to remember,
that nothing
is going to happen
to me
today that you
and I
together
can't handle.

Gracie Before Meals
Bless us, O Lord,
And these Thy gifts,
which we are
about to receive
from Thy bounty
Through Christ
Our Lord.

Amen.

The Grace After Meals
We give Thee
thanks
For all Thy benefits.
O Almighty God
Who reignest forever;
World without end.
Amen

St. Joseph, Patron of Workers
O glorious patron, St. Joseph, husband and
instructor of Jesus, pattern of faithful
Christians, but particularly to us, an example of a perfect life of
obedience, work and of admirable charity and
zeal, help us in our daily work so that we might
live in an effective manner glorifying our Lord, of
sanctifying ourselves and of being useful to the
society in which we live.

Christians from our Lord, O beloved protactor,
humility and simplicity of heart, attachment to work,
penance towards those who work with us,
compliance with the duties in the difficulties of
life and joy in bearing them, consciousness of
our specific social mission and the assures of our
social responsibility, a spirit of discipline and prayer,
duty and respect for our superior, charity
towards our equals, respect for the aged, charity
and indulgence for our dependents.

Help us to follow your example and to keep our
sights fixed on Mary, our Mother, your gentle wife,
who were always in a corner of your humble shop,
selling sweetly; may we never even our eyes from
Jesus, who worked with you at your carpenter's
bench, so that we may be like the righteous and
worthy and holy lives on earth, the bridge to the
eternal happy ones who are in heaven for ever more.

Amen.

Pope Pius XII

The Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best:
to do my duty to God and my
country, and to obey The Scout
Law;
to help other people at all times;
to keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally
straight.

The Scout Law

1. A scout is trustworthy.
2. A scout is loyal.
3. A scout is helpful.
4. A scout is friendly.
5. A scout is courteous.
6. A scout is kind.
7. A scout is obedient.
8. A scout is cheerful.
9. A scout is thrifty.
10. A scout is brave.
11. A scout is clean.
12. A scout is reverent.
Bethlehem

"Bethlehem"
Lamb of God Craft Station

"I Am a
Lamb of God"

The "Good Shepherd"
Introducing her station
Journey With Jesus- The Lamb of God, Bethlehem

Gina- You’re going to want (and need) to put one of these Lamb of God crafts together the first thing when you arrive so that you can show it as an example, as well as see how it works. The instructions are written below as well as in the kits (one set of instructions per dozen kits). We hope to have at least one scout to help you, and the parents and other leaders moving with the group can help you out as well.

Introduction (loud, slow and clear with a strong, youthful voice)

Greetings, and welcome to Bethlehem. I’m Miss Gina, one of the shepherds here in the area. Thanks for coming to spend some time with me on your Journey With Jesus. We’re going to have some great fun today, but before we begin, why don’t you join me in prayer. I ALWAYS start my day out with a prayer to God. In fact, I have a special prayer card for each of the scouts, so you can all read along with me.

Have an adult help hand out the prayer cards, then read the prayer together, starting and ending with the sign of the cross.

One day, a while back, there was a really bright star in the sky. Some say that it was God’s way of marking a very special event. A couple of guys riding camels came through town and said that they were following it to meet the Messiah, our savior, the Christ. I followed them to check it out. There in a manger, was this guy named Joseph, his wife Mary, and their baby Jesus. Even though they were in an old shed out in the pasture, there was something about the newborn baby that seemed, well, kind of... royal. Even the animals seemed to notice something special about Him.

I don’t know much about Messiahs and royalty and all that. I’m just a simple sheep herder. My sheep all know the sound of my voice. In fact, they would follow me just about everywhere I go, trusting that should any of them have a problem, I’ll be there to help them.

They say that the Messiah will be like that- eager to go after just ONE of His followers if they fall away from the flock. In the gospel, the Lord tells us “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow
me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” Scriptures also tell us that “He is the good shepherd, who lays down His life for the sheep.” I’m not sure if I would give up my life for one of my sheep, and I love my sheep a LOT! Jesus must really love us.

We’re going to make a real nice reminder of this for you to take home- helping remember that YOU are a Lamb of God.

Get volunteers to help distribute the pieces then go over the instructions, listed here, showing the sample that you made in advance. You may choose to do one step at a time, or whatever works best.

1. Trace your hand with your pencil on the black foam and then cut it out.
2. Turn the hand upside down so the fingers point down, and then glue the while fiber-fill over the body, leaving the ends of the fingers clear.
3. Glue the wiggle eye to the face and the ribbon bow to the neck.
4. Glue two long and two short orange rays to the yellow backing, and then glue the green grass across the bottom.
5. Glue the cross and the lamb to the background and then glue five flowers to the grass.
6. Glue the satin ribbon hanger to the back.

As they finish, you may want to start stamping their passports with the Bethlehem self-inking rubber stamp near Bethlehem on the map inside their passports. Then hand them the Bethlehem Sheepfold worksheet for them to work on until about five minutes to the end. Then, after making sure that everyone’s passport has been stamped, share the following reading with them. Read it LOUDLY and with great inspiration. (Or ask someone else to read it if you like, asking an adult who can read LOUDLY and who can “inspire us all”.)

The Good Shepherd

“You are not here by chance. God has a plan and purpose for your life. Let Him lead you as your Shepherd. He will watch over you and care for you. Other shepherds will only lead you down wrong paths and into troubled waters. Hear His voice and follow Him. His way for you is the highest and best. Follow Jesus!” (Ask) Amen? (Response) AMEN!
ADDITIONAL HELP/TIME FILLERS

If it looks like you've got plenty of time left, you can lead a discussion about this theme, asking questions like: Has anyone seen real sheep? How do they feel? What do they smell like? If Jesus is our Shepherd, what are some of the wolves or other predators that He can help save us from? Take your time with the questions, asking for several scouts to answer each before moving on to another.

If you have more time, here's another simple, yet educational activity that you can do rather quickly (5-10 minutes). Divide the cubs up into three groups, and choose an adult be the “Shepherd” for each group. Then give them two minutes to listen to their “Shepherd” speak with each group in a different corner or area of the room so that the scouts (“sheep”) can learn to recognize the voice of their “shepherd”. Then ask send the shepherds into the hall or next room with three sheets to completely cover themselves, coming right back in (with help from another adult to guide them by hand). Then have them speak, inviting their “sheep” to come follow them, without using any names. Then ask the cubs to go up and try to determine which of the shepherds is theirs. When everyone has done this (let them do it as a group, not one at a time), let them take their sheets off, see how they did, and let everyone sit back down. Next spend a moment reminding them that we need to listen to the voice of God in the scriptures so that we can learn to recognize His presence in our everyday lives, and not be lead astray.

Additional notes:
Remember to HAVE FUN, keep it casual, ask for help from the adults and any Boy Scouts present, and ad lib or adjust whatever you feel moved by the Spirit to change or adapt.
Foam Handprint "Lamb Of God" Craft Kit. Trace your child's hand to make the lamb. 8" x 10½"
HD-48/1325 - $4.95 Unit (makes 12)
You heard lots of interesting things about sheep, but you also learned that in some ways people are like sheep and Jesus is the Good Shepherd. What are two ways you can “hear” the voice of the Good Shepherd?

To follow the shepherd means to follow Jesus—to live the way He wants us to live. Two ways that you can “follow the Shepherd” are

Unscramble the words on these sheep, then fill in the blanks in the verse.

My sheep ___________ to my ___________
I ___________ them, and they ___________
me. I give them ___________ life, and
they shall never ___________; no one
can ___________ them out of
my ___________ (John 10:27, 28).
St. Joe's Workshop
& Camp Site

St. Joe's Workshop

"I made them myself!

Host Troop On-Site Camp-Out
Journey With Jesus- St. Joseph’s Workshop, Nazareth

Introduction (loud and clear with a strong, yet humble voice)

Greetings, and welcome to my workshop here in Nazareth. My name’s Joseph, but you can call me Joe.

I’ve heard that are hospitals named after me, a few parishes, and even some children’s medicine! I don’t know about all of that. I’m just God’s humble servant, a carpenter, trying to take care of my family here in the boonies of Nazareth.

Some call this place is a hick town. Well, it’s no Jerusalem, but it’s home to me, my wife Mary, and our young son Jesus. He helps me out here in my workshop.

Say- why don’t you join me today for some fun in my workshop, just like Jesus did. But before we begin, let’s start with prayer, like I do each day. Do you know the prayer that my son taught us? Let’s pray it together. (Sign of the cross and the Lord’s Prayer)

Scriptures tell us that “Whatever we do, we should do it in the name of the Lord.” They also tell us to “Pray unceasingly”. I believe that praying while I work, and doing it for God’s glory, makes my work easier, and maybe even makes my projects look a little nicer. God is pleased when we do our everyday chores and tasks for Him. I’ve got a fun game for you to learn some of the things that YOU can do for God everyday.

Hand out Nazareth Word search. Give them ten minutes or so to complete it, then review it as a group, asking cub scouts to raise their hands with the answers. Then ask for a volunteer to read the scripture reading at the bottom- LOUDLY & SLOWLY!
Now we're going to take two pieces of wood and tightly lash them together to make a cross, and decorate it as a memento of your visit to my workshop today. You may need help with the beginning and ending knots, so watch carefully, and let me or one of my helpers know if you get stuck. Everyone gets one pre-cut piece of twine and two paint stirrers - 1 large and 1 smaller one. When you're done with that, use the markers to decorate it and commemorate your Journey with Jesus today - maybe something like this. *(Hold up example.)*

You'll have newspaper to spread out in advance on the tables, as well as a box of markers to decorate the crosses after lashing them together.

After everyone is nearly done, or about five minutes before the end of each session, hand out the St. Joseph prayer cards and ask for three volunteers (parents or BOY Scouts, not Cubs) to lead in prayer, each reading a paragraph out loud while everyone else reads silently along, beginning and ending with the sign of the cross.

Lastly, have a Boy Scout stamp each passport with the Nazareth self-inking rubber stamp next to Nazareth on the map inside their passport. You may want to start stamping their passports as they finish decorating their crosses to avoid the rush at the end.

If you find yourself with time on your hands, you can dismiss them a little early to check out the Boy Scout Camp Site set up outside, and/or you can moderate an open discussion expanding upon anything that they did. This could include questions like: *What would it be like if Joseph had lived today? (Would he shop at the Home Depot?) Was Nazareth a big place like Tampa, or more of a small place like Wimauma? What sorts of things can YOU help YOUR folks with like Jesus helped his folks?*
Nazareth • The Carpenter's Shop

In the carpenter's shop you heard that God is pleased when we do everyday jobs for Him. In the puzzle below see how many "job" words you can circle; then fill in the blanks. Put a check by the jobs that you want to do for Jesus this week because you love Him.

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C E M P T Y S P

1. Take out the __________. 6. __________ the dryer.
2. Set the __________. 7. __________ the table.
3. Clean your __________. 8. Dust the ____________.
4. __________ the dishwasher. 9. Put your __________ away.
5. Do your _____________. 10. Fold the _____________.

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:17).
Capernaum &
Jerusalem

"Rabbi" Teaching &
Leading Bible Trivia

Capernaum Display

The Last Supper in
the "Upper Room"
LUNCHTIME!

Lunchtime Praise & Worship
Music Audience Participation

Lunchtime Praise & Worship Music

Lunchtime Break
Closing Praise & Worship Service

Diocesan Chair Mike Kosiba
& Retreat Chair Bryon Holz

Sing-a-long with Bryon

Praise The Lord!
Various Staff & Committee Members
More than 100 Cubs, Parents and Scouters
"Journey With Jesus"

by Bryon Holt and Ronnie Scheffler

The 2002 Diocesan Cub Scout Retreat was a
tremendous blessing to all who attended. Held Saturday,
February 2, at St. Patrick's parish in Largo, participants
enjoyed stops at four cities throughout the Holy Land in
the life of Jesus.

In Bethlehem, the Good Shepherd taught the boys the
importance of listening to and following the voice of the
Shepherd. They learned that if just one of God's lambs
goes astray, God will leave the others and go after the one
lost sheep, for we are all Lambs of God. Each boy made a
wall hanging saying "I am a Lamb of God" using a tracing
of their hand as the lamb which they then decorated and
were able to take home. The boys were separated into
smaller groups and assigned to a shepherd who spoke to
them. The boys had to listen carefully to the voice. After a
few minutes, the shepherds were covered by a sheet and
mixed up. The smaller groups had to then figure out who
their shepherd was just by hearing the voice. What a great
learning experience.

Next came a trip to St. Joseph's Workshop in
Nazareth, where each Scout was able to assemble and
decorate his own wooden cross with the help of Chet
Ugan.

The following stop on their "Journey With Jesus" was
in Capernaum. Led by Bea Maseda, participants engaged in
a challenging game of Bible Trivia, learning the
importance of understanding what Jesus taught us throughout His life. Cubs also
were able to make their own "torah," or
holy scripture scroll.

The final destination was Jerusalem,
where attendees were led to the upper
room and prepared for the Passover meal
similar to the Last Supper. Cubs were
treated to unleavened bread with several
dipping oils, and grape juice. Mike Von
Behren was the host for this jubilant
celebration.

Scouts enjoyed a
snack at each station, re
cieved an
appropriate holy
card, and were
provided with
additional puzzles
and word searches to
callenge and
delight them. Each
Cub received his
own bag to hold all
the day's treasures. Included in the bag was his own
passport to the Holy Land (which contained the day's
agenda and a map of the Holy Land which was stamped at
each of the four stations), a pencil, and a special music CD
cueper generously donated by Family Christian
Bookstore of Brandon.

Scouts enjoyed special music provided by St. Patrick's
parishoner Mr. Jules Dobrowski during the lunch break
in the Social Hall. St. Patrick's Boy Scout Troop 465 spent
the previous night camped out on the grounds, and opened
their campsite for all to visit throughout the morning. A
special thank you to both Troop 89 (Nativity in Brandon)
and Troop 465 for assisting in this program.

The day of retreat ended with a special prayer service
in the main sanctuary, including worship music,
prayer, scripture readings and a reflection sharing.
Each Scout and Scouter attending received a
colorful commemorative patch with symbols from
each of the four stations. Mike Koshiha, Diocesan
Committee Chair, along with retreat co-Chair Bryon
Holt, planned and organized the retreat. They wish
to give very special thanks to Father Arthur Proulx
(pastor), and all other volunteers. Glory and Praise
to God for a fantastic day filled with fun and
blessings for all involved!
Bryon Holz

From: Ronnie & Gina Scheffler [rscheff1@tampabay.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2002 6:14 PM
To: Mike Kosiba; Bryon Holz
Subject: Cub Scout Retreat

Dear Mike and Bryon,

I wanted to thank you guys and ask you to extend our thanks to the committee who put on such a great retreat.

I want to share a story with you. One of my leaders was raised with no faith. She says that most of her friends had religion shoved down their throats so much as kids that they don't even go to church now. She, who has never had religion, wants to go. She has a friend who is Baptist and took her a couple of times. This lady came up to me at our den meeting last night and told me that she and her son learned so much at the retreat and enjoyed it so much that they started going to church on Sunday. They even went to Sunday School. She had this peaceful joy in the way she spoke. She said her son's father is Jewish and would frown on what she's doing but she said she can't imagine going through life not believing in Jesus. She's taking the ex back to court for some reason, but wants to have it added to the document that she can raise her son in a Christian faith. She thanked everybody for the retreat.

Needless to say, I was practically in tears had it not been for the fact that we were standing in the middle of the Cafeteria with a band saw running cutting out derby cars. I have never been a part of influencing a person's life in such a way before. Thank you for giving me such an opportunity.

OK, I have to pull my keyboard tray out and dump it before I cause a short circuit. It's bad enough my cooking makes the fire alarms go off. The fire dept won't even come here anymore. They drop a new extinguisher off at my door every six months and pick up the old one.

God Bless you guys in all your good work!

Gina
March 1, 2002

Rev. Arthur Proulx, Pastor
St. Patrick Catholic Parish
Post Office Box 167
Largo, FL 33779-0167

Dear Fr. Proulx:

Thank you, again, for so graciously allowing us to hold the annual Diocesan Cub Scout Retreat on your parish grounds this past month. The event was a tremendous blessing to the over 100 scouts and parents who attended.

St. Patrick's was the perfect setting for our day's activities. The Holy Spirit was definitely present throughout the day, as we received many favorable comments from attendees. Our "Journey With Jesus" was a success due in no small part to the generous gift of your parish facilities for the day.

May God continue to bless you and St. Patrick Parish!

In His name,

Bryon Holz
Cub Scout Retreat Co-Chair

Copy: Michael Kosiba, Chairman, Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting
Fr. Ed Palka, Chaplain, Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting
January 16, 2002

Home Depot
ATTN: Store Manager
East Brandon/Valrico Store
S.R. 60
Brandon FL 33511

RE: Upcoming Cub Scout Retreat 2/2/02

Dear Home Depot:

This is a letter to officially request your kind consideration of a donation to our upcoming Cub Scout retreat. We anticipate approximately 125 scouts from around the Tampa Bay area throughout the day.

More specifically, we will have an activity station entitled “St. Joseph’s Workshop” with a simple woodworking project for boys ages 7-11. We would greatly appreciate your donation of any of the following items or similar for these boys to construct something out of wood over a 1/2 hour period:

➢ Modern day carpenter outfit for activity moderator including:
➢ Nail apron, painter’s hat, and other appropriate items
➢ 250 paint stirrers/sticks (preferably large size) to make crosses
➢ several balls of twine to join above paint sticks to make crosses
➢ 125 carpenter’s pencils
➢ anything else that you might recommend for a simple wood project for this age group.

Please find enclosed our IRS 50 (c)(3) letter as well as other information relative to our group and this event. We greatly appreciate and thank you for your consideration. Feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,
February 9, 2002

FAMILY CHRISTIAN STORES #373
REGENCY SQUARE
ATTN: ALLEN WAGNER, MANAGER
2454 W BRANDON BLVD
BRANDON FL 33511-4717

Dear Allen,

Thank you so very much for your very generous contribution of CD samplers for our recent Cub Scout retreat. The nearly 80 scouts that attended were delighted to receive the CDs, which made an excellent addition to the day’s program, entitled “Journey With Jesus.”

Allen, you, your staff and company are GREATLY appreciated! Once again, Family Christian steps up to support our Christian ministry of scouting.

Best wishes and may God continue to bless you all.

Most sincerely,
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E-Mail Correspondence

NCCS 2004
Award For Excellence
"Journey With Jesus"
2002 Cub Scout Retreat
Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida
HANDPRINT "LAMB OF GOD" CRAFT KIT - $4.95 BACK

Foam Handprint "LAMB OF GOD" Craft Kit. Trace your child’s hand to make the lamb. Includes materials and instructions to make 12 decorations. (Approximately 8" x 10 1/2" when assembled. Glue sold separately. © OTC

HANDPRINT "LAMB OF GOD" CRAFT KIT $4.95
Item Number: IN-48/1325
Sold By The: Unit
Quantity 1 doz
Hi Mike.

I shared your idea with Mike Koshiba and he LOVED it! You're on. (Plus it makes your actual activity program time a little shorter.)

We recommend small, inexpensive cups for the grape juice (consider white if you can get it at Sam's or Wal-Marts?), or MAYBE juice boxes. As far as the Pita bread goes, it's up to you.

Thanks, again, and we'll be in touch.

-B
Attention all Pack 89 Leaders...

COME JOURNEY WITH JESUS February 2nd at St. Patrick's in Largo. Registration is from 9 - 9:30 (with juice and donuts), and the closing prayer service will end at 2:30. The $6 early registration fee (due at next Thursday's pack meeting (1/17) includes all materials, snacks, hot dog lunch AND a really nice patch (shown above). Adults are only $3.50 if paid by the 1/17 pack meeting. Late registration for Cubs is $7.50 and adults $4 after the 17th (including walk-ups). This will be a GREAT day of fun and learning for ALL Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts (Wolf & Bear), and Weblos Scouts of ALL faiths. Pack 89's very own Mike Von Behren and Bryon Holz are assisting with the event. All are encouraged to car pool. We recommend that you leave Brandon (the church?) at 8 a.m. A map and directions will be available soon and sent by e-mail to all pack leaders.

Please contact all of your den members right away to make sure that they bring their registration fee (cash or check made payable to Pack 89) to the pack meeting so that Mrs. Nerger can write one check for the pack. Late registration after the pack meeting will be by den. Please try to mail it in advance if at all possible (no later than 1/29) so that they can get a good number. Only those registering AFTER 1/29 should register on-site. If you have a large group (more than five) from your den deciding to go AFTER 1/29, please drop me an e-mail to help us with the head count.

This event will include a woodworking project with St. Joseph in Nazareth, a Bible trivia game at Capernaum ("Who wants to go to heaven?!"), a visit with the Shepherds of Bethlehem, and a look at the Last Supper in Jerusalem, PLUS music and a special prayer service. All this AND you should be able to make
it back to Brandon in time for the 4 pm vigil mass!

Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions. I encourage as many of you as possible to attend. This helps our unit towards the Pope Paul VI unit award, etc. Thanks, and God bless y'all!

-Bryon
Thanks, Mike. I just received the patch artwork from Sunshine.

Have a great time at the games!

God bless,

-Bryon

----- Original Message ----- 
From: "Michael J Kosiba" <mjkosiba@juno.com>
To: <bholz@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2002 8:07 PM
Subject: Fax Reply

> Bryan
> I like Capernaum #2, otherwise the rest of the stamps look great! Let
> go to press.
> Thanks again
> Mike
> GET INTERNET ACCESS FROM JUNO!
> Juno offers FREE or PREMIUM Internet access for less!
> Join Juno today! For your FREE software, visit:
Hi Jim. It was good to meet you at St. Francis' Winter Carnival.
You can forward this to your den leaders, etc. The registration form and retreat patch are attached. Please let me know if you have any problems opening them. Hope to see you there!

-Bryon Holz
Diocesan Cub Scout Retreat Co-Chair
Committee Chair, Nativity Pack 89

Attention all Pack 78 Leaders...

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it back to the Brandon area in time for the Saturday vigil mass!

Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions. I encourage as many of you as possible to attend. This helps your unit towards the Pope Paul VI unit award, etc. Thanks, and God bless y'all!

Bryon Holz
Retreat Co-Chair
681-9874 hm
684-1163 wk

(Also Nativity Pack 89 Committee Chair)
Here's the outline with some updates, spelling corrections, etc.

Keep in touch.

God bless,

-Bryon
CUB SCOUT RETREAT 2002

"JOURNEY WITH JESUS"
February 2, 2002

At St. Patrick Parish in Largo, Florida

**SCHEDULE:**

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  Boy Scout Troop 465 Camp Site Display
9:05 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  Check-in and last minute registrations
9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.  Break Packs into groups
9:45 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. Activity Group 1 – Capernaum
Activity Group 2 – Jerusalem
Activity Group 3 – Bethlehem
Activity Group 4 – Nazareth
10:25 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. Break
10:35 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Activity Group 1 – Jerusalem
Activity Group 2 – Bethlehem
Activity Group 3 – Nazareth
Activity Group 4 – Capernaum
11:25 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. Music for Jesus
11:45 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. Activity Group 1 – Bethlehem
Activity Group 2 – Nazareth
Activity Group 3 – Capernaum
Activity Group 4 – Jerusalem
1:10 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. Break
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Activity Group 3 – Jerusalem
Activity Group 4 – Bethlehem
2:00 p.m. to 2:10 p.m. Break
2:10 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Prayer Service / Music / Closing

**STATIONS and THEME:** Note: All sessions begin with a Scripture Reading and close with prayer, holy cards and passports stamped!

**CAPERNAUM** - Scripture Introduction, Word Search Activity, Bible Trivia & Boy Scout holy card (St. George/J.C.)

**NAZARETH** - Scripture Introduction and some type of craft with wood with St. Joseph holy card

**JERUSALEM** - Scripture Introduction, Last Supper activity, snack (pita bread & grape juice), Last Supper holy card

**BETHELHEM** - Scripture Introduction, Lamb of God craft activity, and Good Shepherd holy card

**LUNCH** - Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit, Drinks, Condiments and Paper Products

**MUSIC** - Bryon Holz and group

**PRAYER** - Opening Prayer, Luncheon Grace and 10-12 Minute Closing Prayer Service by Father Edwin Palka
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Hi Gina.

Thank YOU for all of your help. OTC is a great resource. It looks like we're going to get the Lamb of God activity from them, a craft that involves a handprint made into a lamb (real nice and inexpensive). The cross boxes that you referenced look ok, but are paper, not wood. We've got some leads on a wood project from Home Depot and will know any day (HOPEFULLY donated materials!). The idea of Nazareth was to be working with wood as Jesus did with St. Joseph, the carpenter. Maybe the cross boxes are more like wood than they appear to be, it's just hard to tell.

I have already ordered the rubber stamps- self-inking, personalized with artwork and the name of each station. They should be pretty nice (four different color inks).

The holy cards are on order as well. I will have a bag for each scout (donated) upon registration (to hold all of their items).

We'll also need pens. I hope to get these donated as well. Gina or Mike- any leads on this?

I just met with Mike V.B. He's all set for the Last Supper station. It looks like things are really coming together.

The MAIN thing we need to know now is how many scouts to plan for, so that we can finalize the supply orders. PLEASE talk it up wherever you can. It would be nice to have 100 or more!

Mike- how many patches did we order- 150? Do we anticipate them in time?

God bless,

-Bryon

-------- Original Message --------
From: Ronnie & Gina Scheffler
To: Mike Kosiba; Bryon Holz
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2002 10:22 AM
Subject: CS Retreat

Hi Guys!

Good to hear from you. Thanks for all the info.
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Hi Vicki.

Here's some information that you can use to e-mail your other leaders. Please let me know if you have any more questions. We hope that you can bring a mess of scouts - it promises to be a GREAT DAY!

In His name,

Bryon
813-684-1163

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Retreat Co-Chair
681-9874 hm
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----- Original Message -----
From: "Vicki RoweWiederecht" <vickirw9194@yahoo.com>
To: <bholz@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2002 11:08 AM
Subject: Catholic cub Scout Retreat

> Hi Brian,
> Diana West gave me your email address, she said
> you were in charge of the retreat for cubs. What is
> the time for the retreat on Feb 2. Also how much does
> the fee go up if we can't get it in by friday 1/18 ?
>  
> Vicki Rowe Wiederecht
> CubMaster Pack 263
>  
> Do You Yahoo!
> Send FREE video emails in Yahoo! Mail!
> http://promo.yahoo.com/videomail/
>  
>
Hi Mike.

Got the book in the mail today- THANKS!

However, I thought that it would be a book entitled something like "Passport to the Holy Land". Oh well. If you can put your hands on a book like this, great. If not, we'll do without it.

God bless,

-B
Mike-

I thought that there were two, and thought that I saw both at our first planning meeting. Maybe it's just misplaced, or you gave it to Bea. We can use PART of this, but I thought that there was more in the other book. If you can't find it, that's OK. It looks like we're nearly done with planning the activities anyway. The BIG question is how many scouts to plan for, and can we borrow safety scissors and small glue bottles from either the host parish or area pack(s). What do you think?

-Bryon

----- Original Message ----- 
From: "Michael J Kosiba" <mjkosiba@juno.com>
To: <bholz@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2002 9:20 PM
Subject: Re: Passport to the Holy Land

> Bryon,
> 
> I thought this was the book we were talking about. It is the one we were using at the planning session for all the ideas. Have I lost it? Aren't there part in it we can use?
> 
> Mike
> 
> On Tue, 15 Jan 2002 11:48:33 -0500 "Bryon Holz" <bholz@tampabay.rr.com> writes:
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> >
> -B
Thanks, Frank. You 'da man!

God bless,

-Bryon

P.S. I assume that they will all be in uniform. They shouldn't get too dirty.

----- Original Message ----- 
From: <FCGiarruss@aol.com>
To: <bholz@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2002 3:28 PM
Subject: scout retreat

> six boys for sat. retreat as you requested: 
> matt giarrusso, edward pandes, chris wetjin, phil ayers, matt 
> moran, and j.p. doughtery. will have them atharry's house that morning by 
> 7:15 am 
>
Hi Bea.

I hope things are well for you and your Bible Trivia stop at Capernaum is all ready to present next week. We'll have holy cards for you to distribute in addition to a special self-inking rubber stamp to stamp all participants' passports. We will also try to provide you with some procedural guidelines, brief bible references, prayer suggestions, etc. for your station.

Bea- do you have the Vacation Bible School book titled "Passport to the Holy Land"? If so, could you PLEASE contact me IMMEDIATELY to see how I can get it from you to help me with the rest of the program. I understand that you work on Davis Island? I can meet you at your office sometime Friday or early next week to get it from you (if you have it).

THANKS, Bea. You are appreciated!

Your fellow diocesan committee member,

Bryon Holz
Hi Gina.

I tried to call Jules and Joe, and the answering message didn't sound like I had the correct number. This is what I have. Could you please check it to be sure it's correct and get back with me ASAP? I'd really appreciate. Also, did you speak with them at all, or am I coming at them out of the blue? THANKS!

-Bryon

Music - Jules Dobrowolski and his son Joe. Their # is (727) 523-9262.
Hi Bea.

Did you get the small bible trivia book that I bought? This looks like pretty much all you would need except for the bookmarks, prayers and a small reference to what/where Capernaum is. You could ask for parents/leaders present with each group to take turns reading questions (ask who among them can read well and speak clearly and LOUDLY) to help everyone to participate. Perhaps the holy cards can be prizes, with everyone else getting one at the end. I'll be in touch very soon. Your book holds some potential help for the program (which I need to get down ASAP). Let's try to meet up Monday morning. Could you possibly copy the pages you need (if there aren't too many) and let me pick it up Friday?

Thanks, Bea.

Bryon
681-9874- hm
684-1163-wk
263-5917- cell

----- Original Message -----
From: "Beatriz Maseda" <beamcol@hotmail.com>
To: <bholz@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 10:01 PM
Subject: Re: Passport to the Holy Land

> Hi!
> >
> > Yes, Byron. I have the passport to the Promissed Land.
> >
> > You can come to my office early next week to pick it up. I will be working
> > with it this week end.
> >
> > Getting ready for my son's Hornaday Award Ceremony took lots of time. Also
> > my sister came from South America. She stayed with us 6 weeks. If I had
> > known you needed the book, I will had let you have it earlier, then I could
> > have gotten back from you for this week end.
> 
> Which are the procedural guidelines, brief bible references, prayer
> suggestions, etc. that you can provide me for station? Any ideas are
> welcome. It has been hecktic around me for the last two and a half months.
Any ideas are appreciated. Thanks.

My phone # at work is (813) 253-7083.

My phone # at home is (727) 360-0235.

Please call me anytime.

Bea.

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From: "Bryon Holz" <bholz@tampabay.rr.com>
To: <beamcol@hotmail.com>
CC: "Michael J Kosiba" <mjkosiba@juno.com>
Subject: Passport to the Holy Land
Date: Thu, 24 Jan 2002 13:25:35 -0500

Hi Bea.

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Your fellow diocesan committee member,

Bryon Holz

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Chat with friends online, try MSN Messenger: http://messenger.msn.com
Yes, Mike. All is ordered and will be here on time. Chet would probably be WONDERFUL as St. Joseph! The prayer cards look phenomenal - some of the best I've ever seen. We have all of the wood supplies ready, and I'll have the rubber stamps, programs and twine early this week. I'm working on the prayers, instructions, etc. Have been in touch with Bea. She DOES have the book, and I'll get it very soon from her. God bless us all! Pinewood Derby went off today at Nativity with no glitches. Over 80 cars - what a day!

-B

----- Original Message ----- 
From: "Michael J. Kosiba" <SPScouting@CatholicWeb.com>
To: <bholz@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 12:04 PM
Subject: Did we order?

> Bryon,
> Did we get the craft stuff ordered?
> Retreat count is the same as we had on Thursday. This will be the week some realize they want to come at the last minute.
> Michael J. Kosiba
> Diocesan Chairman
>
Hi Mike.

Saw the nice little blurb in last week's Florida Catholic about the retreat. Unfortunately it listed my phone number with the wrong area code (727). Oh well. It's probably too late to put the correction in THIS week's Florida Catholic.

Keep in touch,

-B
Hello everyone.

I'm hoping that Chet will be in touch soon and let me know that he can be St. Joseph at Nazareth. If not, we'd welcome your help, Gina. Say- I called Jules several times about helping with the music, left messages with his wife and son, and have not yet heard back from him. Maybe he isn't really interested, or perhaps my three calls over five days was too much. Did you make any positive indications during your brief interactions with him about the retreat? I guess that I can do it myself, so long as we have a microphone or two, mike stand(s), perhaps a music stand, and the PA turned on in the main parish hall.

Here's a synopsis of what we're looking for at the Nazareth station (as previously sent to Chet):

St. Joseph is the featured guest presenter in Nazareth, Jesus' childhood home where he assisted his step-father with his carpentry business. We envision a gentleman (much like yourself) with a nail apron, painter's, carpenter's or other similar type hat (hard hat?), and other accoutrements to look like a modern day carpenter at this station. (Note- it COULD be a woman- "St. Josephine"!)

First the period would open with a brief prayer. You may wish to ask for a volunteer to read it- a parent present who can read LOUDLY and CLEARLY. Then a little would be said at the beginning about what Jesus' childhood in Nazareth must have been like working with St. Joseph, that Nazareth was pretty much a "hick town" in the boonies, not very metropolitan place, etc. I can prepare a brief outline for you, but you can add your own or go with the Spirit.

Next you would hand out very nice prayer cards that we will have ready for you.

Then you would give instructions on how to make a wooden cross (showing them an example) from a large and a small paint stirrer (small one is horizontal near the top, large one is vertical) and two feet or so of twine (starting with equal lengths on either side, wrapping it around until you can tie the small amount in a square knot with parents and possibly boy scouts to help), then each scout would make theirs. Each scout could write their name on it somewhere and perhaps the date and name of the occasion, perhaps something like "St. Joe's Workshop 2/2/02 Andrew Smith"

Then you would get a parent or boy scout assistant to stamp everyone's passport on the map near Nazareth with a nice "Nazareth" self-inking rubber
stamp we will have for you. 
Finally you would lead a closing prayer- likely including the Lord's Prayer. 
Actually, Gina, it looks like we need help with the Sheep at Bethlehem as well. Mike- what do YOU think? Did you hear back from Chet or anyone else?

Please keep us posted.

God bless,

-Bryon

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Ronnie & Gina Scheffer 
To: Mike Kosiba ; Bryon Holz 
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 10:11 PM 
Subject: Sat Retreat

I'm officially a learned coffee maker. I will be there early to get it going. I have a big soup pot that we can boil hot dogs in. That was the recommendation.

Bea has a handle on the trivia.

We held our pack meeting tonight and I had 5 more boys(3 Wolves and 2 Bears) and 3 more adults sign up. I let them register at the lower rate. Should I give it to you on Sat or mail it in now?

I'm sure I can get someone to run Nazareth. What is the craft? I might do Nazareth and get someone to help Bea w/ trivia.

I can focus on the retreat for the rest of the week. I've jumped over and through all the other hurdles and hoops that were lined up for the past week so if there is anything else I need to do, just let me know. I'm available after 3.
Hello Jules.

Thanks, again, so very much for agreeing to come out and share your gift of music with our 100 or so Cub Scouts and their parents this Saturday at St. Pat's. The music break is scheduled in the Parish Hall from 11:25 to 11:40, just before lunch. If you get there just before 11 we can get you set up, perhaps go over a song or two (or choose some songs), etc. I play some guitar, mostly bass, but some six string. I'll try to have an acoustic to help back you up a bit, especially on our Retreat Song, "Yes, Lord, Yes". You may be familiar with it, but will probably remember it when I play it for you. If not, don't worry - it's extraordinarily easy to learn. The lyrics go something like this...

Pilgrims*, pilgrims*,
Will you come and follow me,
Will you come and follow me now.
Will you come and be a friend of Jesus,
Will you come and follow me now.

Yes, Lord, Yes.
Yes, Lord, Yes.
Yes, Lord, I will come and follow you,
Follow you wherever you go.

(You get the idea, almost ANYTHING can be put in, and the lyrics can be changed around as well, leaving the basic theme of following Jesus.)

(*or other group name such as "boys", "girls", "grown-ups", or in this case, the different Cub Scout ranks as shown below)

The following is from our Retreat Program.

Retreat Song
"Yes, Lord, Yes"

(Chorus)
"Yes, Lord, Yes.
Yes, Lord, Yes.
Yes, Lord I will come and follow you,
Follow you wherever you go."

Listen carefully for
your rank to be called,
(Tigers, Wolves, Bears & Weblos),
and be ready to respond in song
with the above chorus!

Which group will be the LOUDEST?
******************************************************************************
I'm prepared to sing and lead this one with you, but am hoping you might
have some other similar songs in mind to share.
Other types of songs that would go well would be similar type
songs that have a refrain that can be easily learned and sung by the cubs.
Campfire songs, peppy, lively Christian-themed songs, just about anything
that is fun and that will keep their attention, and hopefully get them to
participate and sing along.

Here are a few possibilities, or which I'll have the lyrics for us to use,
but no chords (I like the keys of C and G- the EASY ones on the guitar!):
If You're Happy (and you know it)
My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean (getting up or sitting down with each word
that starts with "B")
Old McDonald's Farm
The More We Get Together (the happier we'll be)
Be Kind to you Web-Footed Friends (to the tune of the Star Spangled Banner)

Please let me know if you have any questions, ideas, suggestions, etc.
Thanks again, Jules. I look forward to meeting you.

In His name,

-Bryon Holz

P.S. Music is my passion, especially contemporary Christian music (Steven
Curtis Chapman, Out of the Grey, WhiteHeart, Jars of Clay, Geoff Moore,
etc.). I love to play it and listen to it!
Hi Chet.

Here's the outline for your station. I hope it's OK and not too much, too late. I'll have 4 or 5 copies for you and your assistant(s) Saturday morning. I'll be driving over 5-6 Boy Scouts to help out with the day, so I'll already have 1 or 2 picked out to assist you, becoming familiar with everything, especially how to lash together the crosses. If there is anything that you don't feel like doing or saying, simply get a parent or BOY Scout helper to do it or read it. Kindly remind anyone who volunteers to speak to do so SLOWLY, CLEARLY AND LOUDLY.

I've also attached it as a Word document, but don't worry if you can't open it. The copies I'll have for you will be in LARGE PRINT, big, bold, and easy to read. I've also attached the program schedule. I hope you can get there around 8:30 to set up and become familiar with everything. I plan on being there around 8:15. Again, the directions are on the diocesan scouting committee website.

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can call me anytime at 813-681-9874 (hm), 813-684-1163 (wk) or 813-263-5917 (cel). Simply call each of them until you get me. Also, I'll have a hard hat for you in case you want to wear it during your presentation. Remember-a nail apron (the bigger, the better), a hammer, whatever you can come up with to look like a MODERN DAY carpenter, construction worker-type individual.

Chet- you are a real blessing to us all! Thanks, and God bless.

-Bryon

Journey With Jesus- St. Joseph’s Workshop, Nazareth

Introduction (loud and clear with a strong, yet humble voice)

Greetings, and welcome to my workshop here in Nazareth. My name’s Joseph, but you can call me Joe.

I've heard that are hospitals named after me, a few parishes, and even some children's medicine! I don’t know about all of that. I'm just God’s humble servant, a carpenter, trying to take care of my family here in the boonies of Nazareth.

Some call this place is a hick town. Well, it’s no Jerusalem, but it’s home to me, my wife Mary, and our young son Jesus. He helps me out here in my workshop.

Say- why don’t you join me today for some fun in my workshop, just like Jesus did. But before we begin, let’s start with prayer, like I do each day. Do you know the prayer that my son taught us? Let’s pray it

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together. (Sign of the cross and the Lord’s Prayer)

Scriptures tell us that “Whatever we do, we should do it in the name of the Lord.” They also tell us to “Pray unceasingly”. I believe that praying while I work, and doing it for God’s glory, makes my work easier, and maybe even makes my projects look a little nicer. God is pleased when we do our everyday chores and tasks for Him. I’ve got a fun game for you to learn some of the things that YOU can do for God everyday.

Hand out Nazareth Word search. Give them ten minutes or so to complete it, then review it as a group, asking cub scouts to raise their hands with the answers. Then ask for a volunteer to read the scripture reading at the bottom- LOUDLY & SLOWLY!

Now we’re going to take two pieces of wood and tightly lash them together to make a cross, and decorate it as a memento of your visit to my workshop today. You may need help with the beginning and ending knots, so watch carefully, and let me or one of my helpers know if you get stuck. Everyone gets one pre-cut piece of twine and two paint stirrers- 1 large and 1 smaller one. When you’re done with that, use the markers to decorate it and commemorate your Journey with Jesus today- maybe something like this. (Hold up example.)

You’ll have newspaper to spread out in advance on the tables, as well as a box of markers to decorate the crosses after lashing them together.

After everyone is nearly done, or about five minutes before the end of each session, hand out the St. Joseph prayer cards and ask for three volunteers (parents or BOY Scouts, not Cubs) to lead in prayer, each reading a paragraph out loud while everyone else reads silently along, beginning and ending with the sign of the cross.

Lastly, have a Boy Scout stamp each passport with the Nazareth self-
inking rubber stamp next to Nazareth on the map inside their passport. You may want to start stamping their passports as they finish decorating their crosses to avoid the rush at the end.

If you find yourself with time on your hands, you can dismiss them a little early to check out the Boy Scout Camp Site set up outside, and/or you can moderate an open discussion expanding upon anything that they did. This could include questions like: What would it be like if Joseph had lived today? (Would he shop at the Home Depot?) Was Nazareth a big place like Tampa, or more of a small place like Wimauma? What sorts of things can YOU help YOUR folks with like Jesus helped his folks?
Hi Mike.

Are you up? On-line? I was going to FAX our program over to you, but couldn't. Oh well. Keep the prayers coming. All is about in place.

What we need to be sure YOU have includes (but may not be limited to):

-The food, drinks, paper goods (Mike V.B. will have all of his own for his station's snack).
- The pencils and/or pens from Michael.
- Fr. Ed- all ready to go with the prayer service. (I'd like to do at least one song for both the gathering and recessional song, "Yes, Lord, Yes".
- Scissors and glue for Gina's "Lamb of God" station. (I will have her outline to her Friday.)
- Other very important items that I'm sure that I've forgotten, but that you will know to bring (like patches, coffee, you know- things that motivate others!).

Once again, here are my three numbers in case you need to call me Friday or Saturday morning. 681-9874- hm, 684-1163- wk, 263-5917- cell. I'm planning on leaving Saturday morning by 7:15 in order to get there by 8:30, maybe even 8:15. Don't hesitate to call me at all of the numbers until you reach me.

God bless us all,

-Bryon
Hi Gina.

I'm almost done with your station outline, and will e-mail it shortly. I'll also have nice, hard copies for you and your assistant(s) in the morning along with all of the materials you should need EXCEPT ... 

I suggest that you have three large, flat bed sheets (any color or print), the larger the better, on hand for the last optional activity. It's pretty fun, and the kids get a big kick out of it.

Any ?, please call me at (814) 684-1163 (wk), (813) 681-9874 (hm), or (813) 263-5917 (cell). Simply start calling each one until you reach me!

Again, you'll have the outline within the hour. THANKS, Gina, and may God bless you as much as you have blessed us!

-Bryon

P.S. Did you say that there will be a spare guitar lying around? Also, did you find out about the PA in the Parish Hall? I'll bring an extra mike and stand just in case. THANKS!
Here it is. The attached file is a little better laid-out. Again, I’ll have nice, hard copies for you in the a.m. THANKS, Gina. You Rock!

-Bryon

Journey With Jesus- The Lamb of God, Bethlehem

Gina- You’re going to want (and need) to put one of these Lamb of God crafts together the first thing when you arrive so that you can show it as an example, as well as see how it works. The instructions are written below as well as in the kits (one set of instructions per dozen kits). We hope to have at least one scout to help you, and the parents and other leaders moving with the group can help you out as well.

Introduction (loud, slow and clear with a strong, youthful voice)

Greetings, and welcome to Bethlehem. I’m Miss Gina, one of the shepherds here in the area. Thanks for coming to spend some time with me on your Journey With Jesus. We’re going to have some great fun today, but before we begin, why don’t you join me in prayer. I ALWAYS start my day out with a prayer to God. In fact, I have a special prayer card for each of the scouts, so you can all read along with me.

Have an adult help hand out the prayer cards, then read the prayer together, starting and ending with the sign of the cross.

One day, a while back, there was a really bright star in the sky. Some say that it was God’s way of marking a very special event. A couple of guys riding camels came through town and said that they were following it to meet the Messiah, our savior, the Christ. I followed them to check it out. There in a manger, was this guy named Joseph, his wife Mary, and their baby Jesus. Even though they were in an old shed out in the pasture, there was something about the newborn baby that seemed, well, kind of... royal. Even the animals seemed to notice something special about Him.

I don’t know much about Messiahs and royalty and all that. I’m just a simple sheep herder. My sheep all know the sound of my voice. In fact, they would follow me just about everywhere I go, trusting that should any of them have a problem, I’ll be there to help them.
They say that the Messiah will be like that—eager to go after just ONE of His followers if they fall away from the flock. In the gospel, the Lord tells us “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” Scriptures also tell us that “He is the good shepherd, who lays down His life for the sheep.”

I’m not sure if I would give up my life for one of my sheep, and I love my sheep a LOT! Jesus must really love us.

We’re going to make a real nice reminder of this for you to take home—helping remember that YOU are a Lamb of God.

Get volunteers to help distribute the pieces then go over the instructions, listed here, showing the sample that you made in advance. You may choose to
do one step at a time, or whatever works best.

1. Trace your hand with your pencil on the black foam and then cut it out.
2. Turn the hand upside down so the fingers point down, and then glue the while fiber-fill over the body, leaving the ends of the fingers clear.
3. Glue the wiggle eye to the face and the ribbon bow to the neck.
4. Glue two long and two short orange rays to the yellow backing, and then glue the green grass across the bottom.
5. Glue the cross and the lamb to the background and then glue five flowers to the grass.
6. Glue the satin ribbon hanger to the back.

As they finish, you may want to start stamping their passports with the Bethlehem self-inking rubber stamp near Bethlehem on the map inside their passports. Then hand them the Bethlehem Sheepfold worksheet for them to work on until about five minutes to the end. Then, after making sure that everyone’s passport has been stamped, share the following reading with them.

Read it LOUDLY and with great inspiration. (Or ask someone else to read it if you like, asking an adult who can read LOUDLY and who can “inspire us all”.)

The Good Shepherd

“You are not here by chance. God has a plan and purpose for your life. Let Him lead you as your Shepherd. He will watch over you and care for you. Other shepherds will only lead you down wrong paths and into troubled waters. Hear His voice and follow Him. His way for you is the highest and best. Follow Jesus!” (Ask) Amen? (Response) AMEN!

ADDITIONAL HELP/TIME FILLERS

If it looks like you’ve got plenty of time left, you can lead a discussion about this theme, asking questions like: Has anyone seen real sheep? How do they feel? What do they smell like? If Jesus is our Shepherd, what are some of the wolves or other predators that He can help save us from? Take your time with the questions, asking for several scouts to answer each before moving on to another.

If you have more time, here’s another simple, yet educational activity that you can do rather quickly (5-10 minutes). Divide the cubs up into three groups, and choose an adult be the “Shepherd” for each group. Then give them two minutes to listen to their “Shepherd” speak with each group in a different corner or area of the room so that the scouts (“sheep”) can learn to recognize the voice of their “shepherd”. Then ask send the shepherds into the hall or next room with three sheets to completely cover themselves, coming right back in (with help from another adult to guide them by hand).
Then have them speak, inviting their "sheep" to come follow them, without using any names. Then ask the cubs to go up and try to determine which of the shepherds is theirs. When everyone has done this (let them do it as a group, not one at a time); let them take their sheets off, see how they did, and let everyone sit back down. Next spend a moment reminding them that we need to listen to the voice of God in the scriptures so that we can learn to recognize His presence in our everyday lives, and not be lead astray.

Additional notes:
Remember to HAVE FUN, keep it casual, ask for help from the adults and any Boy Scouts present, and ad lib or adjust whatever you feel moved by the Spirit to change or adapt.
Mike- thanks, in advance, for reviewing the recently forwarded article and adding the names that I didn't have. Also, did you sent Fr. Proulx a thank-you letter? Should I include one of the patches? I can if you like. Just let me know. Also, curiously enough, the Boy Scouts that rode with me to help out from Troop 89 missed the prayer service, so they didn't receive patches. It must have been divine providence to get those few extras from you before I left. Thanks!

God bless, and see you on the 26th.

-Bryon
Greetings Chris. Here's a small bit about the recent cub scout retreat. I guess we're getting copy from several individuals, so edit as you will. (You too, Mike!!) You're in our prayers for your search for gainful employment.

(headline?)
Over 100 Cubs, Parents and Scouters "Journey With Jesus"

The 2002 Diocesan Cub Scout Retreat was a tremendous blessing to all who attended. Held Sat. Feb. 2nd at St. Patrick's parish in Largo, participants enjoyed stops at four cities throughout the Holy Land in the life of Jesus.

(Note to Chris- if you get info from the other volunteers, you can obviously edit/delete the following.)

First came a visit with the Shepherds at Bethlehem, where cubs learned about the Good Shepherd, and made very nice, personalized lamb of God crafts out of their own handprint. Gina Scheffler assisted pilgrims at the head shepherd.

Next came a trip to St. Joseph's Workshop in Nazareth, where each scout was able to assemble and decorate their own wooden cross with the help of St. Joe himself, Chet Ugan.

The following stop on their "Journey With Jesus" was to Capernaum. Led by Beatriz Maseda, participants engaged in a challenging game of Bible Trivia, understanding the importance of learning what Jesus taught us throughout His life. Cubs also were able to make their own "torah", or holy scripture scroll, assisted by _______ dressed as a "rabbi" in full costume.

The final destination was to Jerusalem, where attendees were led to the upper room, all prepared for the Passover meal similar to the Last Supper. Cubs were treated to unleavened bread with several dipping oils, and grape juice. Mike Von Behren was the host for this jubilant celebration.

Scouts enjoyed a snack at each station, received an appropriate holy card, and were provided with additional puzzles, word search, etc. to challenge and delight them. All cubs received their own bag to hold all of the day's goodies. Included in their bag was their own passport to the Holy Land, which contained the day's agenda and a map of the Holy Land which was stamped at each of the four stations, a pencil, and a special music CD sampler generously
Scouts enjoyed special music provided by St. Pat's parishioner Mr. Jules Dobrowolski during the lunch break in the Social Hall. St. Pat's Boy Scout Troop 465 spent the previous night camped out on the grounds, and opened their campsite for all to visit throughout the morning. A special thank you to both Troop 89 (Nativity in Brandon) and Troop 465 for assisting throughout the morning.

The day of retreat ended with a special prayer service in the main sanctuary, including worship music, prayer, scripture readings and a reflection sharing. Each scout and scouter attending received a very colorful commemorative patch with symbols from each of the four stations, nicely designed by (was it YOU, Chris?). Mike Koshiba, diocesan committee chair, along with retreat co-chair Bryon Holz planned and organized the retreat. They wish to give very special thanks to Fr. Arthur Proulx (pastor), Ronnie Scheffler, & . Glory and Praise to God for a fantastic day filled with fun and blessings for all involved!

(We need to get two names from Mike Koshiba- the woman who helped out in the kitchen and who may be interested in joining the committee (Mary?), and the boy scout who dressed up as a rabbi with Bea, and anyone else that I may have forgotten.)