**🏕️ Interfaith Worship Guide for Scouts**

**Theme: A Scout is Friendly**

**Welcome & Opening**

**Leader (Chaplain or Scout Leader):
Welcome, Scouts, leaders, and friends.
Today we focus on the fourth point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Friendly.
Friendship builds bridges. It strengthens our patrols, our communities, and our world.
No matter where we come from, kindness and friendliness help us connect, understand, and support one another.**

**All say together (optional):
*A Scout is friendly. A Scout is a friend to all. A Scout is a brother or sister to other Scouts.***

**Moment of Silence / Centering Reflection**

**Let’s take a moment of silence to reflect:**

* **Who has been a good friend to you?**
* **What does being a good friend look like?**
* **How can we offer friendship today, especially to someone who needs it?**

**(*Pause for 30–60 seconds*)**

**Sacred Readings on Friendship**

**📖 Christianity – John 15:12–13**

**“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”**

**📖 Judaism – Proverbs 17:17**

**“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.”**

**📖 Islam – Hadith, Sahih al-Bukhari**

**“None of you truly believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.”**

**📖 Hinduism – Mahabharata**

**“One who is friendly and compassionate, who is free from self-centered thoughts, is dear to all.”**

**📖 Buddhism – Sigalovada Sutta**

**“A true friend is one who is the same in happiness and in sorrow, who gives good advice, and who does not abandon you in times of need.”**

**Scout Reflection: What Does It Mean to Be Friendly?**

**Leader or Scout Speaker:
To be friendly is to welcome others.
It means offering a seat at your table, lending a listening ear, and treating people with respect—even if they’re different from you.
In Scouting, friendliness helps us build teams, solve problems, and make lasting memories.
The world can always use more kindness—and that starts with us.**

**Interactive Element: Acts of Friendship**

**Option 1: Friendship Sharing
Ask Scouts to name one act of friendship they’ve received—and one they’ve given.**

**Option 2: Patrol Skits
Each patrol creates a short skit showing an example of being friendly:**

* **Welcoming a new Scout**
* **Resolving a disagreement kindly**
* **Helping someone feel included**

**Group Commitment / Responsive Reading**

**Leader:
Let’s affirm our commitment to being friendly people.**

**All say together:**

**I will be friendly.
I will treat others with kindness and respect.
I will look for ways to include those who feel left out.
I will speak gently and listen with care.
I will help build a world where everyone feels welcome.**

**Closing Blessing / Benediction**

**Leader:
May we go forward with open hearts and open hands.
May we be Scouts who greet strangers with smiles, build bridges with kindness, and make friends wherever we go.
And may we always remember:**

**All together:**

***A Scout is Friendly.***