**🏕️ Interfaith Worship Guide for Scouts**

**Theme: A Scout is Helpful**

**Welcome & Opening**

**Leader (Chaplain or Scout Leader):
Welcome, Scouts and friends.
We gather today in the spirit of kindness, community, and purpose.
Today’s focus is the third point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Helpful.
To be helpful is to serve others, lend a hand without waiting to be asked, and make life better for someone else.**

**All say together (optional):
*A Scout is helpful. A Scout cares about other people. A Scout helps others without expecting reward.***

**Moment of Silence / Centering Reflection**

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

* **Who helped you recently?**
* **How did that make you feel?**
* **How can you be helpful today, even in a small way?**

***(Pause for 30–60 seconds)***

**Sacred Readings on Helpfulness**

**📖 Christianity – Galatians 6:2**

**“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”**

**📖 Judaism – Pirkei Avot 2:5**

**“In a place where there are no helpers, strive to be a helper.”**

**📖 Islam – Qur’an 5:2**

**“Help one another in acts of righteousness and piety, but do not help one another in sin and aggression.”**

**📖 Hinduism – Bhagavad Gita 3:10-12**

**“Live in service to others. Through service, you will prosper.”**

**📖 Buddhism – Dhammapada, Verse 204**

**“Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship.”**

**(*Reflection: One of the greatest gifts we can give is help—help that brings peace, comfort, and healing to others.*)**

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

**Leader or Scout Speaker:
Being helpful is more than just doing chores. It’s about noticing what others need—and stepping in with kindness.
It means picking up trash at camp without being told, helping a classmate without expecting praise, or comforting a friend who’s having a tough day.
Being helpful means putting someone else’s needs before your own—just like we promise in the Scout Oath when we say “to help other people at all times.”**

**Interactive Element: Helpfulness in Action**

**Option 1: Quick Stories
Invite Scouts to share one moment recently when they helped someone—or when someone helped them.**

**Option 2: Patrol Challenge
Each patrol creates and presents a skit showing helpfulness in a real-life Scout or community situation:**

* **At home**
* **At school**
* **During a hike or campout**

**Group Commitment / Responsive Reading**

**Leader:
Let us now speak together in commitment to being people of service:**

**All say together:**

**I will be helpful.
I will notice when someone needs a hand.
I will offer kindness, time, and strength.
I will help without waiting to be asked.
I will serve because it is right, not for reward.
I will help other people at all times.**

**Closing Blessing / Benediction**

**Leader:
May we leave here ready to help—
Not because we must, but because we can.
May we find joy in serving, peace in giving, and strength in caring.
And may we always remember:**

**All together:**

***A Scout is Helpful.***