**🏕️ Interfaith Worship Guide for Scouts**

**Theme: A Scout is Cheerful**

**Welcome & Opening**

**Leader (Chaplain or Scout Leader):
Welcome, Scouts and friends.
Today, we reflect on the eighth point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Cheerful.
Cheerfulness is more than smiling—it's about choosing joy, being optimistic, and lifting others up even when things are hard.
A cheerful Scout helps make the troop stronger and the world a little brighter.**

**All say together (optional):
*A Scout is cheerful. A Scout looks for the bright side in life. A Scout chooses to be joyful and encouraging, especially when things are tough.***

**Moment of Silence / Centering Reflection**

**Let’s take a moment to pause and reflect:**

* **When was the last time someone else’s cheerfulness lifted your spirits?**
* **How can you bring cheer to someone today?**
* **What helps you stay positive when you face a challenge?**

**(*Pause for 30–60 seconds*)**

**Sacred Readings on Joy & Cheerfulness**

**📖 Christianity – Proverbs 17:22**

**“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.”**

**📖 Judaism – Psalm 100:2**

**“Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing.”**

**📖 Islam – Hadith, Riyad as-Salihin 281**

**“Do not belittle any good deed, even meeting your brother with a cheerful face.”**

**📖 Hinduism – Rig Veda 10.191.2**

**“Let us be united; let us speak in harmony; let our minds be cheerful and kind.”**

**📖 Buddhism – Dhammapada, Verse 194**

**“Happy is the birth of Buddhas; happy is the teaching of the Dharma; happy is the unity of the Sangha; happy is the discipline of the united.”**

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

**Leader or Scout Speaker:
Being cheerful isn’t about pretending everything is perfect.
It’s about choosing to respond with hope, humor, and patience.
A cheerful Scout encourages others when spirits are low, finds something to laugh about on a rainy hike, and stays positive during a challenge.
Cheerfulness builds resilience, teamwork, and trust.**

**Interactive Element: Cheerfulness in Action**

**Option 1: Smile Stories
Invite Scouts to share something small that made them smile this week—or a moment when someone else's cheer helped them.**

**Option 2: Patrol Skits
Each patrol creates a quick skit showing how a cheerful attitude can:**

* **Change the mood of a group**
* **Help overcome a challenge**
* **Encourage someone who is struggling**

**Group Commitment / Responsive Reading**

**Leader:
Let us commit ourselves to being cheerful in heart and action:**

**All say together:**

**I will be cheerful.
I will greet each day with a thankful heart.
I will encourage others through my attitude and actions.
I will find joy in serving and learning.
I will choose optimism, even when it’s hard.**

**Closing Blessing / Benediction**

**Leader:
As we go forward, may we carry joy like a lantern in the dark.
May our cheerfulness bring light to others, strengthen our patrols, and build up the world around us.
And may we always remember:**

**All together:**

***A Scout is Cheerful.***