**🏕️ Interfaith Worship Guide for Scouts**

**Theme: A Scout is Thrifty**

**Welcome & Opening**

**Leader (Chaplain or Scout Leader):
Welcome, Scouts and friends.
Today, we reflect on the ninth point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Thrifty.
Being thrifty means using our resources wisely—not wasting food, energy, or time—and being grateful for what we have.
A thrifty Scout respects the environment, their community, and the effort that goes into providing what we need.**

**All say together (optional):
*A Scout is thrifty. A Scout uses their time, money, and energy wisely. A Scout cares for the earth and shares generously.***

**Moment of Silence / Centering Reflection**

**Let’s pause for a moment and think about:**

* **What resources do you use every day that you might take for granted?**
* **How can you use those resources more wisely?**
* **How can being thrifty help your family, troop, and world?**

**(*Pause for 30–60 seconds*)**

**Sacred Readings on Stewardship and Responsibility**

**📖 Christianity – Proverbs 21:20**

**“The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.”**

**📖 Judaism – Genesis 2:15**

**“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”**

**📖 Islam – Qur’an 17:27**

**“Indeed, the wasteful are brothers of the devils, and ever has Satan been to his Lord ungrateful.”**

**📖 Hinduism – Bhagavad Gita 6:16**

**“There is no possibility of one's becoming a yogi, O Arjuna, if one eats too much or eats too little, sleeps too much or does not sleep enough.”**

**📖 Buddhism – Dhammapada, Verse 276**

**“You yourself must strive. The Buddhas only point the way.”**

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

**Leader or Scout Speaker:
Being thrifty is about more than saving money—it’s about respecting what we have and not wasting it.
It means packing out all your trash, using only what you need, fixing things instead of throwing them away, and thinking before you act.
Thriftiness shows gratitude for the work and resources that sustain us, and care for the planet we share.**

**Interactive Element: Thriftiness in Action**

**Option 1: Sharing Tips
Invite Scouts to share one way they practice thriftiness at home, school, or camp.**

**Option 2: Patrol Challenge
Patrols create a plan or skit demonstrating how to be thrifty in a Scout setting:**

* **Reducing waste on a campout**
* **Using supplies carefully**
* **Saving time through good planning**

**Group Commitment / Responsive Reading**

**Leader:
Let us commit to being good stewards of all we have:**

**All say together:**

**I will be thrifty.
I will use my resources wisely and carefully.
I will respect the earth and all its gifts.
I will avoid waste and share generously.
I will honor the work that brings me what I need.**

**Closing Blessing / Benediction**

**Leader:
As we go forth, may we live simply, use wisely, and give generously.
May our thriftiness protect the earth, support our communities, and build a better future.
And may we always remember:**

**All together:**

***A Scout is Thrifty.***