

Call to Worship

America, the Beautiful

Oh, beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea

Responsive Reading

Leader: Call upon the Lord

Response: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Leader: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Response This commandment will be upon our hearts.

Leader Impress this command on your children.

Response We will talk about the commandments of the Lord when we sit at home and when we walk along the road, when we lie down and when we get up.

Leader Memorize the commandments of the Lord.

All We will post the commandments of the Lord on the doorframes of our houses and on our gates.

Shema

In Jewish tradition, a shema is hung on the doorpost of the house as a reminder of the law. Inscribed on a shema is Deuteronomy 6:4-9 which reads

Hear, O Israel

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

Impress them on your children.

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

In Scouts, we have a shema as well. We call it the Scout Law. Every WEBELOS and Boy Scout must learn the law. They must bind it to their hearts, in other words -- they must memorize it. Then they impress it upon each other. And they talk about it by reciting it often in opening and closing ceremonies and on other occasions. It is a recurring theme for the Scouts as they grow to be men of integrity. Because in Boy Scouts, "Integrity Counts".

Let me ask you to please join me in reciting the Scout Law.

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

Benediction

God gave to Moses this blessing for Moses to speak over God's people.

The Lord bless you, and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26