Daisy Talk It Up Leaf Activity Plan

Purpose: When girls have earned this leaf, they’ll know how to best use their cookie money.

Planning Guides Link: Financial Literacy

Activity Plan Length: 1.5 hours

Resources
- This activity plan has been adapted from the Daisy Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting Talk It Up Leaf, which can be used for additional information and activities.
- Suggestions for books related to helping others (Activity #1):
  - *Lend a Helping Hand* by Stan and Jan Berenstain
  - *Helping Mom* by Mercer Mayer
  - *The Mitten Tree* by Candace Christiansen, illustrated by Elaine Greenstein
  - *A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams

Activity #1: Helping Others
Leaf Connection: Step 2—Talk about how to use cookie money to help others. Time Allotment: 15 minutes

Materials Needed:
- Children’s book related to helping others (see Resources)

Steps:
1. Read a book about helping others to the girls.
2. Have a group discussion about the story. Ask girls questions based on the story you read. A few example questions are listed below:
   - How did the characters help others in the story?
   - Why is it important to help others?
   - How can you help others?

Activity #2: Helping Daisy Banner
Leaf Connection: Step 1—Decide how to use your cookie money and Step 2—Talk about how to use cookie money to help others
Time Allotment: 30 minutes

Materials Needed:
- Banner triangles (2-3 for each girl)
- Crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils
- Glitter or other decoration materials (optional)
- Glue
• Hole punch
• String or ribbon

Steps:
1. Discuss with girls some possible options for helping others in the community with the troop cookie money that they will earn, such as donating to charity, using the money for troop activities, etc. Write the list down on a sheet of paper. (If you have a flip chart, write it so all girls can see it.)
2. Hand out 2-3 triangles to each girl and let them know that they will be creating a banner of things that they can do with the troop cookie money. Explain that at least one triangle needs to be about making the world a better place and the others can be fun activities.
3. Have girls draw a picture of their ideas on their triangles, making sure that the smaller side of the triangle is the top. Adults may need to help the girls with writing a few words to describe their pictures.
4. Once the girls are done, punch holes in the two angles of the small side of the triangle.
5. String together the banner triangles for the girls and hang up to display.
6. If time allows, ask the girls to share with the group what their two triangles represent.

Note: An adaptation of this activity could be for the girls to make their own banners to take home to provide motivation through the cookie sale.

**Activity #3: Be a Daisy Top Seller!**

Leaf Connection: Step 3—Inspire your customers

Time Allotment: 15 minutes

Materials Needed:
• Information about cookie proceeds (visit [www.girlscoutsofcolorado.org/cookies](http://www.girlscoutsofcolorado.org/cookies))

Steps:
1. Now that girls have discussed how they can help others, have them identify what activity or activities they would like to do as a group with their cookie proceeds. Share with them how the proceeds from cookie sales are used and explain how much the troop will earn for each box of cookies sold.
2. Once girls have decided what to do with their cookie proceeds, explain that this is something they can and should share with their customers. People like to know where their money goes.
3. Have girls pair up and take turns playing the cookie seller and the customer.

**More to Explore**

• Field Trip Ideas
  - Visit a local charity or non-profit business to discuss how the troop can help their organization.

• Speaker Ideas:
  - Invite older Girl Scouts to join the meeting and help girls practice selling cookies.

**Customize It!**: If your group wants to expand work on this leaf or simply try different activities, go for it! There are many ways to earn this award, including: Completing the activities as listed in the Daisy Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting, completing this activity plan, attending a council-sponsored event or customizing activities. Pick the one(s) that work best for your group. Girls will know they have earned the award if:
  • They understand how their cookie money can help others
  • They know more about how to inspire others
Hello Girl Scout Families:

We had a wonderful time today learning about money and costs and have earned the Talk It Up Leaf.

We had fun:
• Learning about how our cookie money can help others.
• Deciding what we are going to do with our cookie money.

Continue the fun at home:
• Help your Girl Scout Daisy practice her sales skills by pretending to be different types of customers.
• Talk to your Girl Scout about the importance of helping others.
• Come up with something your family can do together to help others.
• Look through the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting with your Daisy to find other activities you can try at home.

Thank you for bringing your Daisy to Girl Scouts!

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