Daisy Respect Authority Petal
Activity Plan 1

Petal Purpose: When girls have earned this petal, they’ll know how to respect authority.

Planning Guides Link: Global Citizenship and Girl Scout Sisterhood

Fun Patch Link: Thank You for All You Do

Activity Plan Length: 1.5 hours

Resources:
- This activity plan has been adapted from the Daisy Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting, Gerri’s Story: Playing by the Rules (Magenta Petal), which can be used for additional information and activities.
- Story Suggestions for Activity #2: Show Me Your Respectacles!
  - Office Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann
  - The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin by Beatrix Potter
  - Curious George Visits a Police Station by Margaret Rey
  - “Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout Would Not Take the Garbage Out” by Shel Silverstein

Activity #1: Who Has Authority?
Petal Connection: Respect Authority (Magenta Petal)
Time Allotment: 10 minutes

Materials Needed:
- Optional: Clothing or props to use that represent authority figures, such as a ruler, books, police petal, fireman’s hat, neck tie, men’s and women’s clothing, robes, hats, glasses, etc.

Steps:
1. Talk to the girls about what it means to be someone with authority and why they should be respected for their knowledge.
2. Ask the girls to give examples of people with authority in their homes, schools, places of worship or communities.
3. Ask the girls how others respect people with authority.
4. Optional: Have girls dress up like someone they think of as an authority figure. For extra fun, girls can pretend to be in their new roles for the remainder of the meeting! Examples: teachers, principals, police officers, firefighters, nurses, doctors, parents, troop leaders, judges, CEOs, job supervisors and babysitters.

Activity #2: Show Me Your Respectacles!
Petal Connection: Respect Authority (Magenta Petal)
Time Allotment: 20 minutes

Materials Needed:
- Pipe cleaners—one 12-inch pipe cleaner and two 6-inch pipe cleaners per girl
- Respect authority-themed book, story or poem (see Resources above for suggestions). You can
also create your own scenarios in which the girls can evaluate whether or not the characters show respect to an authority figure.

Steps:
1. Have the girls take the 12-inch pipe cleaner and twist the ends together to make one large circle.
2. Next, have the girls take the circle and twist it in the center to create a figure 8.
3. Instruct the girls to attach one 6-inch pipe cleaner to both sides of the circle by twisting the end around the circle to create their own glasses.
4. Ask the girls if they have ever heard of glasses being called spectacles and that these are their “respectacles”.
5. Read the girls a story or tell them a scenario about children respecting or disrespecting authority. Ask the girls to use their “respectacles” to determine if the child in the story was respectful or disrespectful. If they think the child was being disrespectful, ask the girls how they should have acted differently.

Activity #3: Snack Chat
Petal Connection: Questions link to petal theme
Time Allotment: 15 minutes

While enjoying snack, here are some things for girls to discuss:
- Who is the person you respect the most?
- How do you show that person you respect them?
- How does it make you feel when someone with authority asks you to do something?
- What could you do to show others that you are respectful?
- Have you ever been disrespectful to someone with authority? What happened?

Activity #4: Thank you!
Petal Connection: Respect Authority (Magenta Petal)
Time Allotment: 10 minutes
Materials Needed:
- Note cards or blank thank you cards
- Writing or coloring utensils
- Stickers

Steps:
1. Split girls into small groups of two to four or have girls work individually.
2. Instruct the girls to think of someone or a group of people in their communities that have authority and that they respect, like police officers or teachers.
3. Have each girl make a promise to the other girls in her group identifying how she will respect authority. The girls in the group are now Promise Pals.
4. Have the girls write and decorate the thank you notes or cards to the people they have identified as authority figures to thank them for everything they do. They should also tell them of their promises to respect authority.

Activity #5: Meeting Gerri the Geranium
Petal Connection: Respect Authority (Magenta Petal)
Time Allotment: 10 minutes
Materials Needed:

- Gerri the Geranium coloring sheets (one per girl)
- Coloring utensils

Steps:
1. Have girls color their Gerri the Geranium coloring sheets. The coloring sheet will serve as a reminder of the girl’s promise to respect authority.
2. Girls can write (or have an adult help them write) the thing they promised to do from Activity #4. This coloring sheet will serve as a reminder of the girl’s promise.

More to Explore

- Field Trip Ideas:
  - Visit a local firehouse or police station to explore why police officers and firefighters have authority and deserve respect.
  - Visit the school principal or a teacher.
- Speaker Ideas:
  - Invite a police officer or firefighter to your meeting to talk about their role and why it is necessary to have rules and authority.
  - Invite a teacher or principal to speak about the importance of respect and authority at school.

Customize It!

- If your group wants to expand work on this petal 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 can identify people who are authority figures.
  - They understand why people with authority should be respected.

Family Follow-up Email

Use the email below as a template to let families know what girls did at the meeting today. Feel free to add additional information, including:

- When and where you will be meeting next
- What activities you will do at the next meeting
- Family help or assistance that is needed
- Supplies or materials that girls will need to bring to the next meeting
- Reminders about important dates and upcoming activities

Hello Girl Scout Families:

We had a wonderful time today learning about respecting authority and have earned the Magenta Petal.

We had fun:

- Learning about and pretending to be people with authority
- Writing and designing thank you cards to people who have authority and keep us safe
- Making a promise to do something to respect authority

Continue the fun at home:
• Ask your Girl Scout what she promised to do to show that she respects authority. Help her to keep her promise.
• Ask your Girl Scout to share ideas about what she can do at home or school to show she respects authority.
• Read “Gerri’s Story: Playing by the Rules” in the Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting with your Daisy.

Thank you for bringing your Daisy to Girl Scouts!

*This activity plan was adapted from Girl Scouts River Valleys.*
I'm Gerri the Geranium. I respect authority!