



Daisy Make the World a Better Place Petal Activity Plan 1

Purpose: When girls have earned this petal, they'll know how to make the world a better place.

Planning Guides Link: Global Citizenship and Girl Scout Sisterhood

Fun Patch Link: Extra Effort

Activity Plan Length: 1.5 hours

Resources

- This activity plan has been adapted from the Daisy *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*, *Rosie's Story: A Better Beach for Everyone—Make the World a Better Place (Rose Petal)*, which can be used for additional information and activities.

Activity #1: Start Where You Are

Petal Connection: Make the World a Better Place (Rose Petal) Time

Allotment: 25 minutes

Prep Needed:

- Gather materials and supplies.

Materials Needed:

- Trash bags
- Gloves

Steps:

1. Take a walk around your meeting site or a nearby park. Give girls gloves to protect their hands and trash bags for garbage. Ask them to pick up any trash they see and move any rocks that are on the sidewalk or grass back into the landscaped area (note: remind them to not touch sharp or heavy objects). If there are weeds in the flowers, show the girls how to pull them without hurting the other landscaping or plants.
 - Variation: If you can not go outside, walk around the inside of the building and have the girls put things back in their place or pick up trash left around. (As the leader, you could go around and make things messy so the girls get the full effect of helping to clean up.)
2. Once back inside, ask the girls about the cleanup.
 - Have you ever done a cleanup like that before?
 - How did it feel to clean up?
 - When you are at school and see trash around the halls or outside, what should you do?

Activity #2: Feed the Birds

Petal Connection: Make the World a Better Place (Rose Petal) Time

Allotment: 15 minutes

Materials Needed:

- Plain bagels, halved (one half per girl)
- Whipped cream cheese or creamy peanut butter
- String or yarn, pre-cut
- Birdseed
- Paper plates (one per girl)
- Aluminum foil
- Plastic knife (one per girl)
- Permanent marker

Steps:

1. Give each girl half a bagel, a paper plate, a plastic knife and string. Have each girl put the string through the bagel and tie it on. Be sure it is knotted a few times.
2. Have the girls spread the cream cheese or peanut butter on the bagel. Sprinkle it with birdseed and then wrap it up in aluminum foil.
3. Write each girls name on the foil with the permanent marker.
4. Have the girls bring their bagels home to hang on a tree, or you can ask if they can be tied to trees at the facility where you meet. Watch and see if the birds come and eat!

Activity #3: Snack Chat

Petal Connection: Questions link to petal theme

Time Allotment: 15 minutes

While enjoying a snack, here are some things for girls to talk about:

- How have you seen others make the world a better place?
- What are things you can do to make the world a better place?
- How will it make you feel to make the world a better place?

Activity #4: Promise Pals

Petal Connection: Make the World a Better Place (Rose Petal) Time

Allotment: 10 minutes

Steps:

1. Split girls into small groups of two to four girls.
2. Have each girl share with her group one thing that she is going to do at home or at school to show others that she can make the world a better place. Ideas include:
 - Pick up trash whenever she sees it
 - Don't litter
 - Plant flowers in the community
3. Have each girl make a promise to the other girls in her group identifying how she will make the world a better place. The girls in the group are now Promise Pals.
4. If possible, have the small groups check in with one another at another troop meeting to make sure they kept their promises.

Activity #5: Meeting Rosie the Rose

Petal Connection: Make the World a Better Place (Rose Petal) Time

Allotment: 10 minutes

Materials Needed:

- Rosie the Rose coloring sheets (one per girl)
- Coloring utensils

Steps:

1. Have girls color their Rosie the Rose coloring sheets.
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 recycling center to see where all the recycled items go.
 - Visit a local animal shelter or a food shelf to learn about how your troop can help them make the world a better place.
- Speaker Ideas:
 - Invite a wildlife rescue officer from the DNR to speak about animals and what to do if girls see a hurt animal.
 - Invite an educator from the local watershed to speak about the water in your community and how to help keep it clean.

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 name ways to make the world a better place
- They understand they can make the world a better place through their actions

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 making the world a better place and have earned the Rose Petal.

We had fun:

- Walking around our meeting site to clean up and make sure the landscaping looks its best
- Making a homemade bird feeder
- Making a promise to do something to show others we can make the world a better place

Continue the fun at home:

- Ask your Girl Scout what she promised to do to make the world a better place. Help her to keep

her promise.

- Help your Girl Scout hang the bird feeder in a tree and watch to see if the birds come and eat. After a week, help her take down the feeder and dispose of what is left.
- Read “Rosie’s Story: A Better Beach for Everyone” 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 Rosie the Rose. I want to make the world a better place!