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RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS  
for the Episcopal Church USA

Grades 10-12

# RELATIONSHIPS



**BIND US TOGETHER, LORD**

## **LEADER'S GUIDE**

- I. HOLY BAPTISM (grades 1-3)
- II. COMMUNION (grades 4-6)
- III. CONFIRMATION (grades 7-9)
- IV. RELATIONSHIPS (grades 10-12)

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# INTRODUCTION

Thank you for agreeing to help our (your) Scouts with their Religious Emblems.

This set was written by an Episcopal priest, 30-year Adult Scouter, and recipient of the St. George Award. The series is conceived to be a *via media* between the Roman Catholic and the general Protestant awards. Subsequent editions are planned to include resources from The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), The United Methodist Church (UMC) and other denominations in Full Communion with the Episcopal Church with a sacramental basis.

Each set is designed to be age appropriate both in content and activities as well as circled around a Sacrament at their level:

*grades 1-3*

**Holy Baptism**

*grades 4-6*

**Holy Communion**

(and could be used for “First” Communion classes)

*grades 7-9*

**Confirmation**

(for possible use as part of a Confirmation curriculum)

*grades 10-12*

**Relationships**

(named rather than Marriage, with changes in the Church and BSA)

You will need a copy of the Student Book. This Leader’s Guide offers suggestions as to how to do each segment, but use your imagination and adapt to your situation. There are no divided or numbered sessions, *per se*. There is also no real order to the sessions. Fell free to skip around as your conversations together suggest.

Depending on the time allowed, the size of the group, and your relationship with the candidates, single sessions could be linked together. You may also wish to supplement sessions with other resources, such as *Godly Play* story-telling and activities. A list of resources is at the end.

Whenever a segment is finished, date and initial the “Table of Contents/Achievements” page. When an individual Scout has finished all segments, the application form on the last page should be submitted to P.R.A.Y. (Programs of Religious Activities for Youth, at praypub.org or 1-800-933-7729), who will then record the religious emblems program completion and present the certificate and other emblem items. If used with multiple students, the form in the back of this Leader’s book should be used.

The author welcomes any criticism and suggestions. You may contact me at

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Thank you again, for helping our Scouts grow in their Faith and their Duty to God.

Yours, *Fr. Ed*

**OUTLINE of the STUDENT BOOK**  
with  
**SUGGESTIONS & HELPFUL HINTS**  
on individual sessions

*page in Student Book*

1 INTRODUCTION

Discuss the variety of Relationships the student(s) have.

2 “GIRL MEETS WORLD”

If they remember the show, or can pick another popular show, discuss the variety of relationships they watch on TV. Another likely example would be “The Fosters.”

3 NAMING

Names and nicknames are important. When trekking the Appalachian or Pacific Crest Trail, one is given a ‘trail name’ which describes some aspect of the individual. Discuss with the student/class what names their family and friends have given them, or how they were given their birth name. There may be some embarrassing points here, so be sensitive to the individual.

Then ask them to fill in the spaces on this page of names of their relations.

4 THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

This and the next sections invite an exploration of who the individual is, and how they are connected genetically, and what that might mean.

5 FAMILY - NUTS & FAMILY TREES

This and the next section helps the youth to discern who they are. You might suggest [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) or [23andMe](http://23andMe) or any similar family tree programs to explore their heritage.

9 NEXT THINGS FIRST - YOU ARE WHO YOU ARE

10 “ELEMENTARY WATSON” - SOME SCIENCE

This and the next section may seem oddly placed. Yet with what they are learning in school this may make some grey-cells spark making connections between science, psychology, faith and the Church. It is important for youth to make those connections.

11 BALANCE, YIN & YANG

Help the student/class become aware of the importance of give-and-take, compromise, in a relationship, acknowledging that opposites *do* attract. You could use the added symbolism of magnetic positive/negative attraction.

13 COVENANTS

Discuss with the student/class about promises, contracts and covenants and the importance of making good decisions.

15 MARRIAGE PREPARATION ASSIGNMENT

Remembering what they have done in the earliest segments of knowing yourself and where you come from, help the student/class members determine what their bad and good qualities are which influences their relationships with others.

The important question to ask is on this page: *What in your personality and habits would potentially ruin your relationship?*

16 THE CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE

This is an opportunity to explain and rehearse the marriage ceremony and what happens in the service. Chances are no one when they come to a wedding pay attention to what is going on and what it all means.

25 RUBBER BANDS AND SQUARE KNOTS

Here are some silly - yet meaningful - illustrations of what ‘binds’ a couple together.

26 RECONCILIATION

Mention the fact that the Rite of Reconciliation comes between Marriage and Healing in the Book of Common Prayer (well, with Thanksgiving for a Child - when true stress in a relationship occurs! - in between). This was intentional by the drafters of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer - to follow the natural order of life.

27 WHEN RELATIONSHIPS END

We must be honest with youth and assure them that we know what it is like. At their age 'lovers' come and go. And it is painful. Here is an opportunity to help them work through these emotions.

28 ABUSE, BULLYING, VIOLENCE

It would be negligent of us if we did not address very important issues in a youth's life and current societal issues. These next sections may be difficult topics, but where else but the Church is an appropriate arena to discuss them.

If you feel you need assistance in dealing with these areas, a guidance counselor, a social worker or psychologist you know might be invited to lead the conversations.

30 BIBLE STUDY: 1 CORINTHIANS 13

To end on a more positive note, lead a discussion of St. Paul's exhortation on love.

32 RACE, COLOR, GENDER... "MIXED MARRIAGES"

This is a tricky section, and if in your opinion it is to be skipped, do so. The joy of the Episcopal Church is that we hope to honor all opinions and want every leader to exercise your own convictions.

33 SEX!

Like abuse and bullying, we would be negligent if we did not address what we know the teens are thinking about, and hopefully not engaging in. Nonetheless, they need to know that the Church is a safe place to talk about these personal issues. Tread lightly, and maybe even bring some humor to the lower the tension of them talking about sex to a priest.

## 34 THE ROLE OF PARENTS

Now would be a good time to offer the Family Life merit badge (see your Scoutmaster or other Scout leader for information - this is a perfect merit badge for you to be a counselor to lead.) The merit badge booklet offers some very helpful information.

NOTE: These are only suggestions. Use your imagination and discretion. You may add or delete any of the segments as you see fit with time, learning abilities, size of the group, and previous learning experience (say, for example, that the Scout has no Church background or conversely that they have grown up in the parish.)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For family tree information:   Ancestry.com  
  23andme.com

The Family Life merit badge book from BSA.

Channing-Bete Scriptographic booklets ([www.faithguides.com](http://www.faithguides.com)):

“About Self-Esteem”

“About Preparing for Marriage”

“How to be a ‘Together’ Family”

“What Young People Should Know about AIDS”

“What Every Teenager Should Know About Peer Pressure”


“About Spouse Abuse”

video from Rob Bell (Nooma, [www.nooma.com](http://www.nooma.com), available from Zondervan Publishing)  
“Flame”

### Religious Emblems

Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) in Saint Louis, MO, is gracious in carrying all the materials you need to celebrate your youth’s accomplishments. To order certificates, medals, etc. go to: <https://store.praypub.org/> and click on the appropriate level of Religious Emblems. There is a specific Episcopal Church medal you can purchase. They also provide with the certificates a service of commendation with explanation and prayers that can be used in a worship service. This is particularly appropriate to use and present religious emblems on Scout Sunday in February (normally the Sunday prior to February 10<sup>th</sup> - the anniversary of the founding of Boy Scouts in America.



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# God and Life Multiple Order Form – Part B

## Recipient Registration Form

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