

## Troop 94 – Scout's Own Service

### TRUSTWORTHY

*Troop assembles for Scout's Own Service....once everyone is seated begin the program*

**Greeting:** We would like to welcome you all to today's Scout's Own Service.

*Instruct everyone to remove their hats.....they may remain seated*

**Prayer:** Please bow your heads...

For this time and this place,  
For your goodness and grace,  
For each friend we embrace,  
We thank thee, O Lord.

Amen

*Ask Everyone to please stand for the Scout Oath and Scout Law*

**Scout Oath** – *Scout Sign....Please recite the Scout Oath with me*

**Scout Law** - *Please say Scout Law ....Two*

*Ask Everyone to please have a seat*

#### **Today's Message: Trustworthy Theo**

Once there were two very good friends who were in a Scout troop together. Their names were Theo and Adam. They went on outings together, they went to school together, they went to movies and sports together, and eventually when they got to high school, they were able to drive in their cars together.

Shortly after Adam earned his driver's license, they went to get ice cream one day after school. Adam pulled out of the school parking lot and flew past the speed limit sign going at least 10 miles per hour over the limit. By the time they were a mile down the road, Adam was doing 20 miles over the speed limit and Theo was uncomfortable. The road was straight and there wasn't any traffic so, Adam kept speeding.

As they passed over a short hill in the road and headed down the other side, they passed a police officer looking for speeders. Before you knew it, the boys were pulled over and sitting on the side of the road. Adam was given a ticket. He was quite embarrassed and spoke very angrily about being pulled over. Even through being stopped was a disappointment, they continued to the ice cream shop then headed home.

A few weeks later Adam had to leave school early and Theo didn't know why. Later in the week, Adam told Theo about how he went to court to fight the speeding ticket. With a straight face, Adam told the judge that he was passing a truck and simply had not slowed back down to the speed limit as he came over the hill when the officer observed him speeding. Theo was amazed and shocked that Adam had not been trustworthy and humble to face the consequences of his actions. On top of that, Adam was quite proud that he had lied and got the ticket dismissed.

On that day, Theo realized that he had misjudged his good friend Adam. Theo felt that he could no longer trust Adam to be loyal or trustworthy. So, Theo chose to distance himself from Adam. They quickly

slipped from being good friends, down to just friends then, ultimately, they became mere acquaintances. At the end of high school, they graduated, went on to college, and now have their own families.

Now, as the opportunity presents itself, Theo makes it a point to be trustworthy. Many years have passed since graduating from high school. He realizes that people can change their values and decisions. So, Theo hopes that if he ever sees Adam again, they can renew their friendship.

Being trustworthy is important to those who make honor a priority. As a Scout, you get to choose whether you want to be a trustworthy person or not. If you choose to be someone of honor, know that it will not always be easy. There will be times when you must face negative consequences that you would otherwise not face. Also know that there are rewards that you cannot measure in the bonds you develop with others.

**Reflection:** I challenge you to be trustworthy. I challenge you to make good decisions even when it is tough or unpopular. Remember your "Scouts Honor" and the Scout Law.

***Ask Everyone to please stand***

**Benediction:** May you walk in Peace. Live with Love, work with Joy, and May the Great Scoutmaster go with you.

**Closing:** Thank you for attending our Scout's Own Service. Let's close by singing the Scout Vespers

**Scout Vespers :** *Second verse optional.....Scouts may hum the tune as they exit quietly*

Softly falls the light of day,  
While our campfire fades away.  
Silently each Scout should ask  
Have I done my daily task?  
Have I kept my honor bright?  
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?  
Have I done and have I dared  
Everything to be prepared?

**Second verse**  
Quietly we now will part,  
Pledging ever in our heart,  
To strive to do our best each day,  
As we travel down life's way.  
Happiness we'll try to give,  
Trying a better life to live,  
'Till all the world be joined in love,  
and with peace under skies above.