

Troop 94 – Scout’s Own Service

FRIENDLY

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 LawTwo*

Ask Everyone to please have a seat

Today’s Message: How Many Friends Should We Have?

Once a boy named Elijah asked his grandpop, Mr. Saleem, “Granddad, how many friends do we need? One or a whole bunch?”

His grandpop replied, “Oh that’s easy. You will always know exactly what you need.”

Then the two of them walked to the back yard and Mr. Saleem pointed to a peach tree and said, “Grab me a peach from the top of that tree over there.”

Elijah took one look at the tree and frowned. He said, “Grandpop! I can’t get a peach from the top of that tree! I can’t reach that high!”

Mr. Saleem took a loving look at his grandson and said, “Just ask one of your friends for help.”

So, Elijah ran to his friend Zander’s house next door and asked him for help.

Zander was a little bit taller than Elijah. So, Elijah stood on Zander’s shoulders to try to get up as high as he could.

They both told Mr. Saleem that they couldn’t reach the top of the tree.

Mr. Saleem gave them an amused smile and said, "I guess you need more friends to help out Elijah."

Now, Zander had three older brothers. So, Zander and Elijah asked them to join in to try to get a peach from the top of the tree.

The boys were determined to get to the top of that tree! They tried over and over to stand on each other's backs. They tried to balance on different branches of the tree. They, even tried to cheerleader toss Elijah up to reach the top of the tree. Nothing worked.

Mr. Saleem saw the boys try and fail over and over and called them over to him. "So, did you figure out the number of friends you need, Elijah?"

Confidently, Elijah replied, "Yes sir! You need a whole bunch of friends! Then no problem will be too hard to beat!" The other boys nodded in agreement.

Elijah's answer really made Mr. Saleem smile, and he gave a hearty laugh. Then he said, "Yes, my grandson, you should have many friends. Then between you all someone would figure out that all you need to get the peach from the top of the tree is a ladder!

They all laughed with Mr. Saleem as Elijah and Zander went to get the ladder from the shed so that they all could enjoy some peaches from the tree.

Reflection:

Whether you have one good friend or many friends, be a true friend and be friendly to others. Treat people like you would want to be treated. One day, you or one of your friends might be the one who needs help getting the peach from the top of the tree.

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 us 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.