



GFS Knowledge Badge

Junior Members (7-9 years)

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1. What do the letters GFS stand for?
2. What is the GFS motto and what does it mean?
3. What is the GFS promise?
4. Learn and say the GFS prayer.
5. Be able to sing or say your section's hymn 'Jesus friend of little children'.
6. Know the names of our missions and mission partners, where they are based and a little about what they do.
7. Know where and when GFS started, who founded it and what year it came to Ireland.
8. Who is your Diocesan President?
9. Who is your Central President?
10. Who is your World President?

Aim: The aim of this badge is to help you to develop and increase your knowledge and awareness of the origins, structure, purpose and work of the Girls Friendly Society (GFS).

Objectives: To provide information on GFS, its structures and its functions.



GFS Stands For...

Initials are usually the first letter of each word of a person's or organisation's name. For example, the store chain called H&M gets its name from the first initials of the business men who formed the company; Hennes & Mauritz.

Here are some words and their matching initials...but they're all mixed up! Can you match up the initials with the correct phrase?

Unidentified Flying Object

Water Closet

VIP

WC

UFO

Very Important Person

What do the initials GFS stand for?



GFS Motto

A motto is a short expression of a guiding rule about how you should behave.

In GFS our motto is:

“Bear ye one another’s burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ!

(Galatians 6 v2)

Learn and follow this motto.

In the space below write, in your own words, what the GFS motto means to you.

If you were to have your own personal motto, what would it be?



GFS Promise

A promise is something you say that means you will or will not do something. Fill in the missing words from the Jr Members' promise.

*I _____, with God's help,
to learn to _____ and serve
our Lord Jesus Christ
and to _____ other _____.*

Learn and keep the Junior Members' promise.

In your own words, write why you should always try to keep your promises.



GFS Prayer

Fill in the missing words from the GFS promise:

○ God our Father, we beseech thee to
_____ us and all who _____ to the
Girls' Friendly Society.

Help us to _____ one another's _____,
to live not for ourselves but for others,
as _____ of one _____ in Jesus Christ;

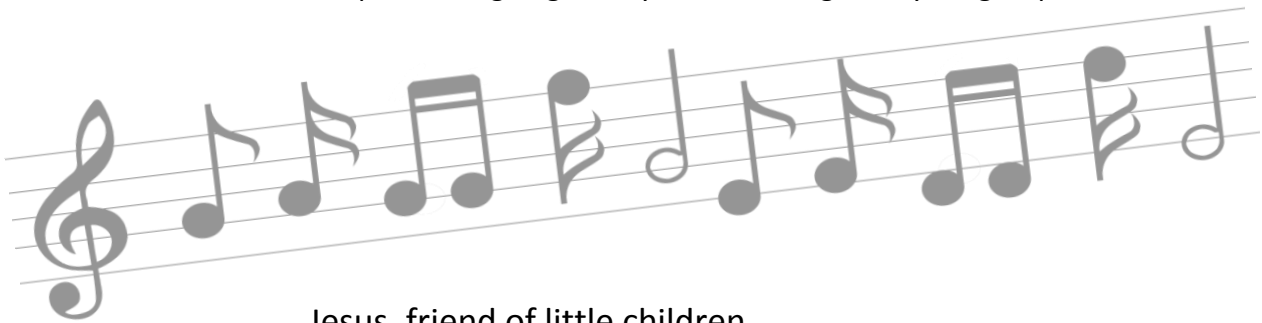
Cleanse us from our sins, make us pure
and holy by the _____ of thy spirit,
and bring us all to the joy of thy heavenly
_____, through Jesus _____ our Lord.

Amen



Junior Members' Hymn

Did you know the hymn "Jesus, friend of little children" is the hymn for the Junior Members section in GFS. Learn and practice signing this hymn with the girls in your group.



Jesus, friend of little children,
Be a friend to me;
Take my hand, and ever keep me
Close to thee.

Teach me how to grow in goodness,
Daily as I grow;
Thou hast been a child, and surely
Thou dost know.

Step by step, O lead me onward,
Upward into youth;
Wiser, stronger, still increasing
In thy truth.

Never leave me nor forsake me,
Ever be my friend;
For I need thee, from life's dawning
To its end.

Walter J. Mathams (1853-1931)





GFS Missions & Mission Partners

In GFS we support 2 missions. Learn a little about them and then answer the questions below.

1. What are the names of the two GFS missions?

1.

2.

2. In the space provided, describe where these missions and mission partners are and a little about what they do.

A.

B.



GFS in the World

GFS has been around for a long time. Can you answer the following questions?

What year did GFS
come to Ireland?

GFS started in the year...

Where did GFS start?

Who founded GFS?

My Branch Leaders:

Diocesan President

Central President

World President