



GFS Knowledge Badge

Junior Members (9-11 years)

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GFS Knowledge Badge

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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?
11. GFS World Council has been hosted by Ireland on three occasions.
Record the dates and name the World President in office at these times.
12. Know a little about the current World Project that GFS supports.
13. GFS Ireland is linked with GFS in three other countries. Name them.

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.



THE NAME: GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

“A lot of thought went into the choosing of a name for our Society. Both words ‘Women’ and ‘Ladies’ were considered not suitable, and they did not cover members of all ages, young to senior; these words were also thought to be old-fashioned. ‘Girls’ was seen to be “the word”.

GIRLS’ as it was wished to bring the good gift of friendship, with all its benefits to body, mind, and spirit, within the reach of every girl or young woman able and willing to join its ranks.

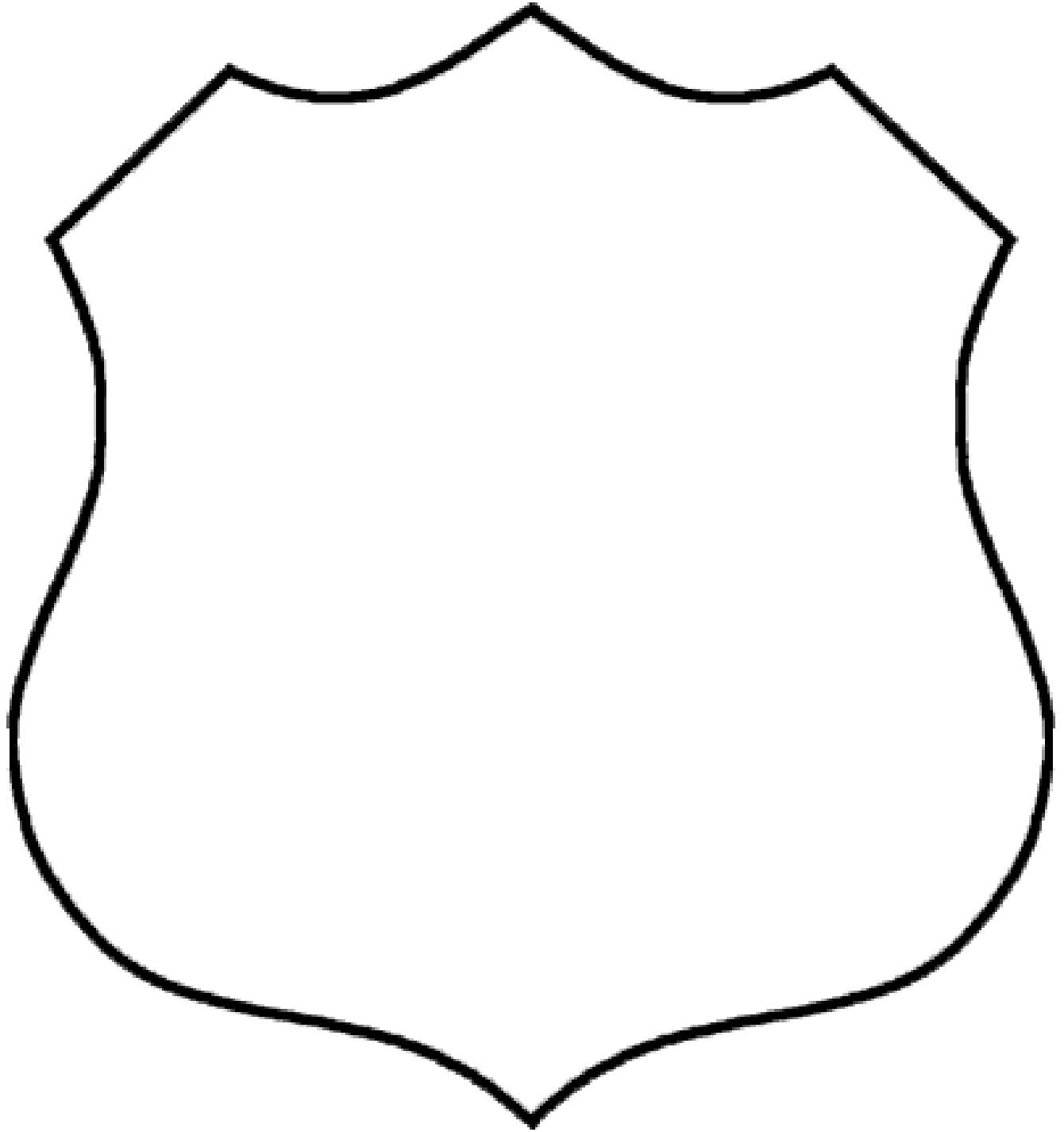
FRIENDLY because it was desired that, in its best and highest sense, the work should be a ‘friendly’ one, and done in the Name and for the sake of Him who is the best of friends.

SOCIETY, because in it each should help some other, though unknown often and unseen by the mighty power of sympathy, by the sense of union in our object, by the resolve that ‘the world’ should be ‘bettered by banded womanhood,’ by the strong force of united prayer.”



What GFS Means To Me

Fill in the shield shape with words to describe what GFS means to you.





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.

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

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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.

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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;

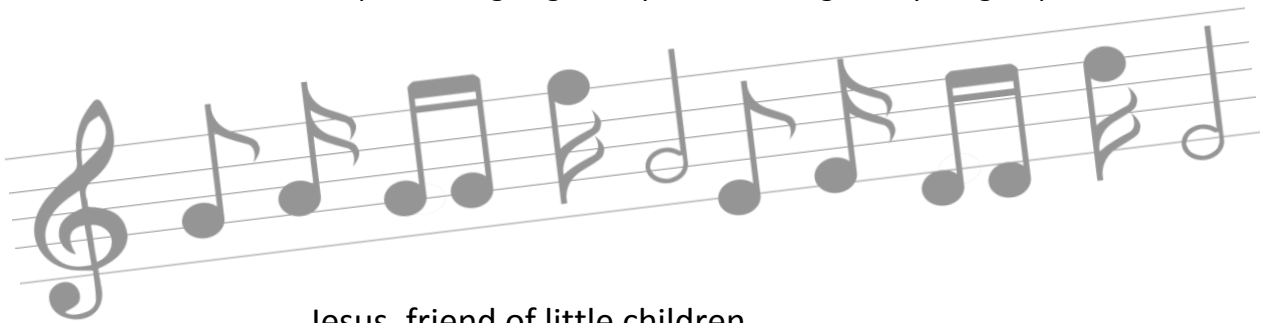
Cleanse us from our sins, make us pure
and holy by the _____ of thy spirit,
and bring us all to the joy of thy heavenly
_____, through Jesus _____ our Lord.

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.

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B.



GFS History & Me

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



GFS in the World

There are GFS branches just like yours all over the world and every three years members from branches all over the world come together to attend the World Council.

Part of the function of the World Council is to decide on a World Project that GFS branches around the world to be supported until the next World Council.

It is felt that three years is a quite a long time between World Councils and that it is very hard to keep up to date with what is happening in all the other GFS countries around the world. So an idea of 'Linked Countries' was created.

A group of linked countries is made up of 'older' GFS member countries and other 'newer' GFS member countries. Ireland is one of the older members in its linked group.

These countries exchange correspondence within the link and thus receive support and encouragement from the other members of their linked group. The groups all contain GFS country members that have different social and economic backgrounds. Each GFS country may face its own unique issues, but there are numerous issues that all GFS member countries face and so they can help each other within the link.



GFS in the World

When was GFS World Council last in Ireland?

Where was the last World Council held?

Where will the next World Council be?

Describe the current World Project that GFS supports.

List Ireland's 3 linked countries

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____