

Gathering Activity:

Have the girls make a name tag. You can print off the owls on the end of this meeting plan. Print on card stock and have the girls color and put their names on them. You can punch a hole in them and put them around the girls' necks or put a pin in them and pin them on. If you like you can collect them at the end of the evening and laminate them before the next meeting so you can use them for several weeks till you know all their names.

Opening:

Call all the girls into a circle and explain how each meeting normally starts. A Brownie ring or maybe you magic your room...whatever your opening normally is. Then welcome everyone and do introductions.

Brownie Story:

THE MAGIC FOREST

Assign the following parts to the Brownies, who, as the story is read, will perform their parts as the assigned group appears in the unfolding.

MAGIC FOREST - Stand up, turn around and clap hands

FAIRY QUEEN - Say "Your Majesty", stand up and bow

BROWN OWL - "Hoot Hoot"

MOSS - "Fairy Carpet"

WATER - "Ripple Ripple"

ANIMALS - Choose an animal and make a sound

BERRIES - "Yum Yum"

BIRDS - "Tweet Tweet"

TOADSTOOLS - "Fairy Magic"

BROWNIE - "Lend a Hand"

LAUGH - "Ho Ho"

LEAVES - "Rustle Rustle"

EVERGREENS - "Creak Creak"

Once there was a little BROWNIE who lived in the MAGIC FOREST under a large TOADSTOOL and slept on some lovely green MOSS. She liked to lie on the MOSS and listen to the LEAVES, EVERGREENS and ANIMALS. She ate BERRIES and drank WATER from the brook. This little BROWNIE whose name is Happy, loved to LAUGH. She would LAUGH at the other BROWNIES, the BIRDS, the ANIMALS, the EVERGREENS, the MOSS, the BERRIES, the TOADSTOOLS, and even the LEAVES, for she was so jolly. However, Happy, the BROWNIE would LAUGH even if someone were in trouble. If a BROWNIE fell from an EVERGREEN, got caught on a BERRY bush, tangled in the LEAVES, fell from a TOADSTOOL on to the MOSS with a bump, or even into the WATER, still Happy the BROWNIE would LAUGH.

Finally, the other BROWNIES went to BROWN OWL who was hidden in the LEAVES of the largest EVERGREEN of all down by the WATER. "BROWN OWL", complained the BROWNIES, "Happy LAUGHS at all of us BROWNIES, the ANIMALS, and just everything, all the time." "I thought it was good to LAUGH", said BROWN OWL. "Not all the time" said the BROWNIES, and the BIRDS, and the ANIMALS and the EVERGREENS, LEAVES and BERRY bushes all agreed. "Well", said BROWN OWL, "Let's ask the FAIRY QUEEN. So the FAIRY QUEEN came to the meeting in the clearing in the EVERGREENS close to the BERRY bushes, in the shade of the LEAVES down by the water, on a very large TOADSTOOL, surrounded by lovely green MOSS. BROWN OWL, BROWNIES, BIRDS and ANIMALS told FAIRY QUEEN about the problem BROWNIE who always LAUGHED. "Sometimes it is not helpful to LAUGH", said the FAIRY QUEEN. So by special magic, FAIRY QUEEN sent a message by the LEAVES, through the MAGIC FOREST for Happy, the BROWNIE to come to her. Happy the BROWNIE, heard the message of the LEAVES and came running. As she neared the TOADSTOOL, the EVERGREENS reached out a root and tripped her gently - just enough to send the BROWNIE tumbling into the WATER. FAIRY QUEEN, BROWN OWL, BROWNIES, BIRDS, ANIMALS, LEAVES, MOSS, EVERGREENS, TOADSTOOL, BERRY bushes, and even the WATER LAUGHED as hard as they could at the poor, wet BROWNIE. Happy, the BROWNIE's feelings were hurt badly when they all LAUGHED. She could not understand. So FAIRY QUEEN and BROWN OWL took her up on the TOADSTOOL and kindly explained it to her.

Forever after, Happy, the BROWNIE never LAUGHED at anyone in trouble. She thanked the FAIRY QUEEN, BROWN OWL, the BIRDS, ANIMALS, LEAVES, MOSS, EVERGREENS, TOADSTOOL, and even the WATER for showing her how to be a helpful BROWNIE in the MAGIC FOREST.

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Game:

Fruit Salad

Description

Get a group of young people to sit on chairs in a circle, then get 1 girl to stand up and remove their chair so this leaves 1 girl standing in the centre of the circle of chairs.

Everyone is labeled with three different types of fruit i.e. orange, apple, banana then when the person in the middle calls out one of the fruits the people have to move seats with the people with the same fruit. Or if the person in the middle of the circle calls out fruit salad then everyone must move.

The person in the middle has to try and get a seat once she has called out a fruit.

You can change this game for Brownie terminology. Instead of fruit name the girls Brownie circle names, fairies, gnomes, kelpies...etc. Then instead of saying fruit salad say "Brownies."

Craft:

Friendship Bracelets

Supplies needed: pipe cleaners, beads(a different color for each girl)

If you have 15 girls you will have 15 beads each in 15 different colors. Then you will give each girl all of one color. Then the girls will go around and meet each other and exchange a bead. Soon they will have all the different colors from all their new Brownie friends and they will put them on their pipecleaner to make their bracelet. You can help make the exchange go smoother by having the girls stand in a line or circle to help keep them organized.

Song:

Brownie Dance

(to the tune of "The Muffin Man")

Everyone stands in a circle. One girl starts in the middle. She skips up to someone and sings:

Do you know the Brownie Dance
The Brownie Dance
The Brownie Dance
Do you know the Brownie Dance that all the Brownies know?

(While she sings she taps her heels forward, and makes the Brownie sign with alternate hands)

The girl she is standing in front of replies doing the same actions:

Yes I know the Brownie Dance
The Brownie Dance
The Brownie Dance
Yes I know the Brownie Dance that all the Brownies know.

They then link arms and skip around the inside of the circle signing:

We all know the Brownie Dance
The Brownie Dance
The Brownie Dance
We all know the Brownie Dance that all the Brownies know!

Now those two girls go up to two new girls and they repeat the first verse and so on, so then there is four dancing in the middle, then there is 8 etc. If they girls are shy, everyone can always sing. And then just the girls in the middle or the ones that are replying dance. This works best in large groups!

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Closing: Do your regular closing

