


## Sparks --- Approx. 50 minutes

Activity	Description
Opening	
Interactive Story	<p><b>Thinking Day Story</b> Have the girls sit in a circle. Divide the circle into four groups. Assign each group something to listen for in the story and an action to perform. For example, one group of girls will listen for “Lord Baden Powell.” Every time the name is said they all stand up and bow. Read through the entire story, pausing to allow girls to perform their various actions.</p>
	<p><b>A bit about Grenada</b> Grenada is a member of WAGGGS – The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Share some of the facts regarding Grenada with the girls.</p>
	<p><b>Guiding in Grenada</b> Ask girls what they like about being a spark. Compare with Guiding in Grenada. Share the image of uniforms in Grenada with the girls.</p> <p>One of the largest service projects that girls in Grenada participate in is leatherback sea turtle conservation. The girls clean garbage off of beaches, work with conservation officers and teach community members about the importance of turtles.</p>
Game	<p><b>Turtle Tag</b> This game is played much like British Bulldog. Define clear boundaries for the game, with a safe zone on opposite ends of the playing space. A girl cannot be tagged while in the safe zone. Choose two girls to be ‘it’ and have them stand in the middle of the playing space. These are your turtles. Have everyone else line up against the wall in one of the safe zones – they are your jellyfish. When the turtles yell “It’s Turtle Time!” all of the other girls run to the other side of the gym while the turtles try to tag them. When tagged, girls become turtles. The game continues until all girls have been caught by the turtles.</p> <p>Note: Leatherback sea turtles love to eat jellyfish. However, sometimes a floating plastic bag looks like a jellyfish and they eat it. Turtles cannot digest plastic and if the plastic stays in their digestive tract. If they eat too much plastic they can die.</p>
Hat Craft	<p><b>Fun Foam Turtle</b> Have each girl cut out their fun foam turtle. Girls can use white glue to add googly eyes to the head and sequins to the shell. Attach safety pin by poking through a leg and put on camp hat when dry.</p>
	
Song	<p><b>Little Turtle</b> Can teach as repeat-after-me song or teach all at once.</p>
Closing	

## Thinking Day Story

When you hear:	You should:
1. Lord Baden-Powell	Bow
2. Lady Baden-Powell	Curtsy
3. Boy Scouts	Hold up two fingers and say, "Be Prepared"
4. Girl Scouts & Birthday	Say, "Girl Power!" with fisted hands on hips Say, "Happy Birthday!" and blow out imaginary candles

Thinking Day is a very special **birthday**. It is the **birthday** of **Lord Baden-Powell** and **Lady Baden-Powell**.

On Thinking Day, girls all over the world have parties to celebrate **Lord Baden-Powell** and **Lady Baden-Powell's birthdays**. On this special **birthday** we think of the Sparks, Brownies and Guides all over the world. And they think of us in the same way on this day.

**Lord Baden-Powell** was born in England about 150 years ago! When he was an adult he wrote a book about camping, first aid, animals and lots of other things. He called this book "Scouting for Boys". Lots of boys in England bought the book. They loved it so much, they started little groups called **Boy Scouts**. In the groups they did all the activities **Lord Baden-Powell** talked about in his book and they talked to their friends about how much fun it was. In just a little while, **Boy Scout** groups began popping up all over the world.

**Lord Baden-Powell** had no idea how many boys there were in these groups so he decided to call them all together for a big party in London. He invited 'anyone doing Scouting' to come to the party. Was he ever surprised when eleven thousand boys showed up. But he was even more surprised by the small group of girls that came as well!

**Lord Baden-Powell** stood in front of the girls and asked, "Who are you?"

Together they replied proudly, "We are the **Girl Scouts**."

**Lord Baden-Powell's** sister **Lady Agnes Baden-Powell** was at the party too. She smiled at the girls, then turned to **Lord Baden-Powell** and said, "It looks like you're going to have to have to write a book for the girls too."

"Hmmm. How about you do it, Agnes?" replied **Lord Baden-Powell**.

And so **Lady Agnes Baden-Powell** wrote a handbook for the girls. Over time younger girls wanted to join in the fun too, so the Brownies were formed.

Just like the **Boy Scouts**, the Girl Guides and **Girl Scouts** spread all over the world!

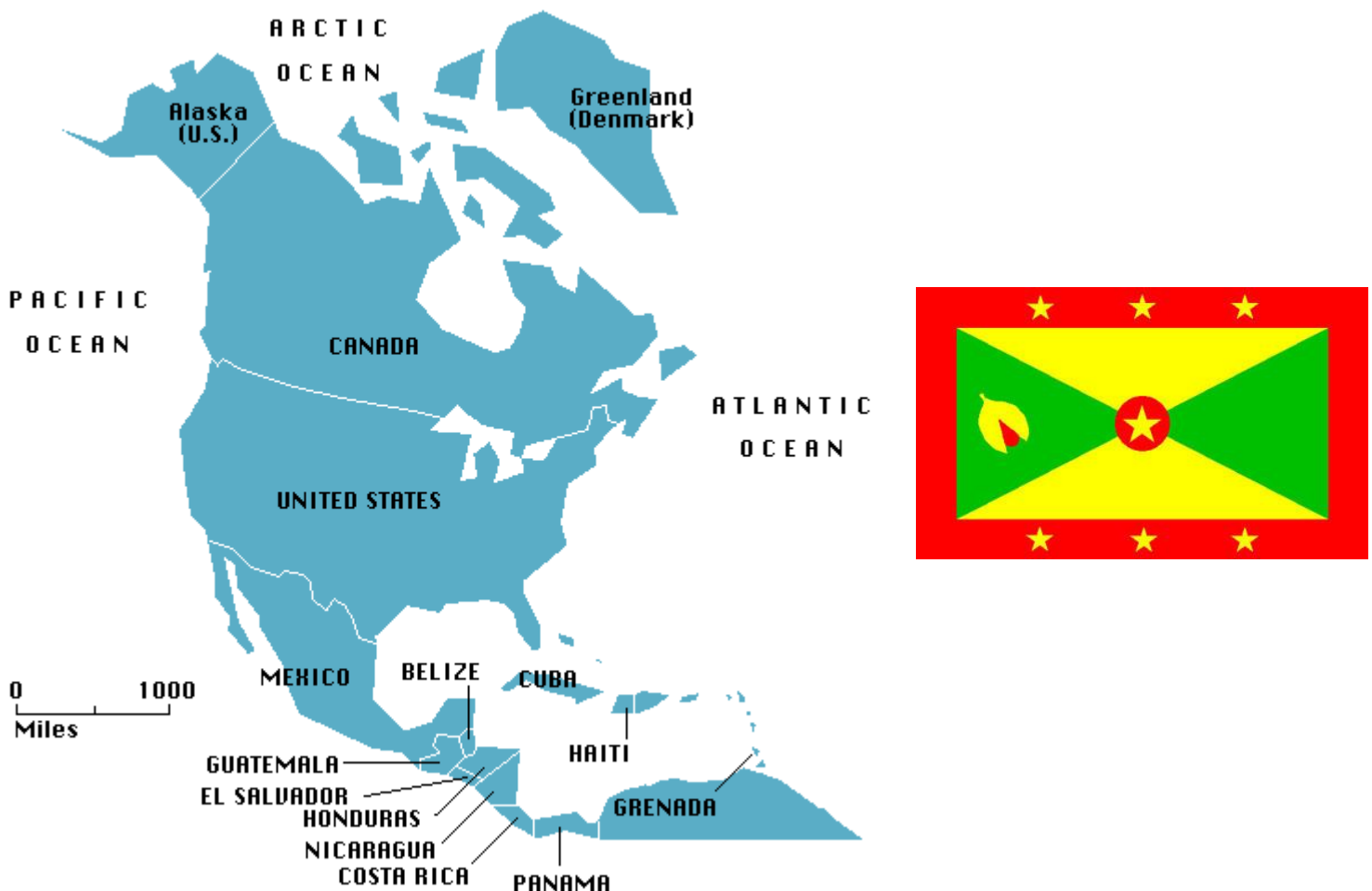
## A Bit About Grenada

Grenada is an island nation consisting of the island of Grenada and six smaller islands in the southeastern Caribbean Sea. Grenada is also known as the "Island of Spice" due to the production of nutmeg and mace crops of which Grenada is one of the world's largest exporters. Like Canada, Grenada is Commonwealth nation and the official language is English.

Grenada has a tropical climate – hot and humid in the rainy season and cooled by the trade winds in the dry season. Average temperatures range 24°C to 30°C.

Cricket is the national and most popular sport. An important aspect of Grenadian culture is the tradition of storytelling, with folk tales having both African and French influences. Music, dance, and festivals are also extremely important.

Education is mandatory in Grenada for children between 5 and 16 years old. Primary school is free and well attended, and there is good access to secondary schools. School lunch programs are also common. Another program helps children from impoverished neighborhoods to receive textbooks. Most students wear uniforms to school.



## Guiding in Grenada

### Age Groups:

Rainbow Guides - 5-7

Brownie Guides - 7-10

Guides - 10-16

Ranger Guides - 16-19

Leaders – 19 +

### Promise:

I promise that I will do my best,

To do my duty to God;

To serve my country and

To help other people and

To keep the Guide Law

Most units meet after school in a church or community center.

**Activities Grenada Guides like to do:** sing songs, play games, make crafts, do service projects, go camping, earn badges, play soccer, dance and hang out with friends. Popular service projects include leatherback turtle conservation, planting trees, visiting the homes of senior citizens and distributing flyers, t-shirts, stickers and pens at bus stops to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS. Every year the leaders host a Fun Day for all girl members that includes face painting, bouncy castles, scavenger hunts, crafts, relay races and games like tug-of-war.

Rainbow Guides:



Brownie Guides:



Guides:



Ranger Guides:

Leaders:



## **THERE WAS A LITTLE TURTLE**

There was a little turtle. (Make a fist in one hand)

He lived in a box. (Make a box with both hands)

He swam in a puddle. (Make swimming motions)

He climbed on the rocks. (Have the fingers on one hand climb up the other arm)

He snapped at a mosquito. (Clap hands)

He snapped at a flea. (Stick out tongue)

He snapped at a minnow. (Dip hand down to catch a fish)

He snapped at me. (Point to self)

He caught the mosquito. (Grab with hand)

He caught the flea. (Grab with hand)

He caught the minnow. (Grab with hand)

But he didn't catch me! (Run away)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9bMjZboMnY>