

Club Membership



MEMORY VERSE

Deuteronomy 7:6



AIMS:

- To understand what it means to be a member of GEMS Girls' Clubs
- To know that a GEM is treasured by God
- To learn the club aim, song, and colors
- To learn the responsibilities of being a member of a GEMS Club



Discovering:

What is GEMS?

GEMS is a special place for you to belong, a place to discover, learn, and grow, a place to make great friends, and a place where everyone has fun.

What Does it Mean to be a Member of GEMS?

Being a member of a GEMS Club is a special honor. Not everyone has the opportunity to go to a GEMS Club and learn and do all the exciting things you will experience. But opportunities come with responsibilities. You will need to do your part to make sure your club runs smoothly and effectively. Read through the list below and check all the actions you will commit to as a member of your GEMS Club:

- Attending meetings
- Arriving on time
- Helping clean-up after meetings
- Showing respect to leaders – my counselor and other counselors
- Showing respect for the room and building where we meet
- Participating fully in all club activities

IN MY OWN WORDS,

this means...



Important Stuff to Know

Being part of a club also means having common goals and a shared identity. After you learn them, check off each of the following things that make GEMS Clubs unique.

- I have memorized the GEMS Club aim.
- I have learned the GEMS Club song.
- I can explain the GEMS Club emblem and colors to others.

The Aim of GEMS Girl's Clubs

The aim of GEMS Girls' Clubs comes straight from the Bible. Micah 6:8 says, "He has showed you, O man (O woman), what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." This verse says exactly what God commands you to "aim" to do throughout your life.

What does each part of this aim mean? Draw a line from the verse phrase to the meaning.



To act justly

To put God first in all you do – not thinking of yourself, but thinking of what He wants you to do



To love mercy

To be kind and helpful to others and love doing it!



To walk humbly with your God

To do what is right – being honest and fair with others and with yourself

The GEMS Club Song

Jesus Is All the World to Me

*Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;
He is my strength from day to day, without Him I would fall.
When I am sad to Him I go, No other one can cheer me so;
When I am sad, He makes me glad, He's my friend.*

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The GEMS Club Emblem and Colors



The GEMS emblem is in the shape of a shield which stands for God's protection over me. The emblem includes three images. Each image has a deeper meaning – it stands for something else. Look at the emblem. Then match the explanation with the image by placing the correct word on the line.

Cross

Heart

Girl

- _____ 1. Jesus suffered and gave His life for me.
- _____ 2. I live inside the heart of God!
- _____ 3. God's is FULL of love for me.

The colors of the emblem also have meaning. Can you guess the words that should appear in the blanks below?

BLUE stands for **Loyalty**: God is _____ and faithful

PINK stands for **Beautiful Daughter**: I am a _____ of the King

WHITE stands for **Purity**: God's love makes me _____ in heart

Understanding:

What Activities Will I do at GEMS?

Number the GEMS activities in order from 1-6 showing what you think you will enjoy most

- _____ Studying the Bible and learning how to use it to make wise choices
- _____ Singing and doing creative movements – worshipping God
- _____ Making crafts that bless others
- _____ Exploring and earning badges together with my small group
- _____ Doing service projects that help other people
- _____ Learning about God, how much He cares for and loves me, and how I can live in a relationship with Him

What Will the Badges Help Me With?

The *Discovery Place* badges will help me in four areas:

1. **Knowing God**
2. **Understanding and Applying God's Word**
3. **Caring for God's World and His People**
4. **Exploring and Using God's Gifts and Talents**

Look at the Table of Contents in the front of this book. You'll see that there are many badges listed under each of the four units. Write down two from each unit that you would most like to do.

Knowing God:

1. _____
2. _____

Understanding and Applying God's Word:

1. _____
2. _____

Caring for God's World and His People:

1. _____
2. _____

Exploring and Using God's Gifts and Talents:

1. _____
2. _____

My Commitment

Being a part of a Club means being responsible and committed to the Club goals and aim. Now that you've learned more about GEMS, make the commitment right now to be an active member! You will be glad you did!



I am choosing to fully participate in my GEMS Club because I want to become a true GEM! I am willing, open, and eager to grow in my relationship with God, with my counselors, and with all the other girls in club. I will do my part to help make our club a great GEMS Club dedicated to God's purposes!

Signature: _____

Practicing & Serving:

Learn the memory verse by heart and be able to recite it. Then pick two of these options to complete your Club Membership badge!

A

Volunteer to help your GEMS counselor with one of the following: leading devotions, leading singing, acting in a skit, planning a service project, or helping prepare a craft.

B

Find out more about each of the girls in your GEMS group. Make a poster with each girl's name on it. Consider adding a photograph or drawing their pictures. Write two facts about each girl, focusing on what you think her unique talents and abilities might be.

C

Make a list of specific rules and responsibilities that your group will follow. Post the list in your GEMS room.

D

Make a banner for your classroom using the GEMS emblem and colors. Include each girl's name in your group on the banner.

E

Read Zephaniah 3:17b, which celebrates God's love for you. Find two other verses in the Bible that remind you that you are a GEM to God. Write the verses creatively and display it in a place where you will be reminded of the treasure you are.

Applying: God had a good and perfect plan for including Deuteronomy 7:6 in the Bible. What has He taught YOU through the study of this verse and badge?



GOOD JOB!



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parent or counselor signature date