

# BUILDER

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

Having completed this badge members will:

- Build a model from cardboard or other material;
- Build a model of blocks or similar product;
- Construct a model from paper or card.

## BADGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Build a model city, fort, castle or other large building/s.
2. Make a model using *Lego* or similar blocks.
3. Make a paper model.

EXPLORERS  
MOONBEAMS

builder



TIME FRAME

Three - Four  
weeks

AIM

To allow  
members to  
experience  
the fun of  
construction.





# Teaching ideas

- ☺ 1. Build a model city, fort, castle or other large building/s.  
Use cardboard boxes or other easily obtainable materials. The building can be as large or small as you like.
- ☺ 2. Make a model using Lego or similar blocks.
- ☺ 3. Make a paper model.  
Examples include paper airplane, boat. These websites have steps to make simple models:  
<http://dev.origami.com/diagram.cfm>  
<http://www.funpaperairplanes.com/Plane%20Downloads.html>

# Devotional ideas



1. **Title:** Taking care of God's house  
**Supplies:** Bible, Pictures from **Leader's Resource 1**  
**Bible:** Haggai 2:9

Display the pictures to members. Explain to members that Neushwanstein is a very famous castle in Germany. It is one of the country's most popular tourist destinations which attracts about 1.3 million people annually.

These houses are all very special and they have lots of people that look after them, clean them and repair them. Government House Yarralumla is the home of the Governor-General of Australia. This is where the Queen stays when visiting Australia. Captain Cooks Cottage is located in Fitzroy in Victoria. It is the house that was owned by Cooks parent's where he grew up. It was brought to Australia in pieces in 1933 and re-erected in Melbourne. Tranby House was owned by Joseph Hardy a Wesleyan Preacher and overlooks the Swan River in Perth.

If you were to enter any one of these houses, what would you expect to see? Would it be fancy? Clean? Some might have marble floors or expensive art on the wall or beautiful furniture. Outside they may have tennis courts, large swimming pools, and beautiful gardens. Do you think all these owners take care of their house? Of course they do. I would guess that they hire people to do most of the dirty work but they want to keep their house looking nice.

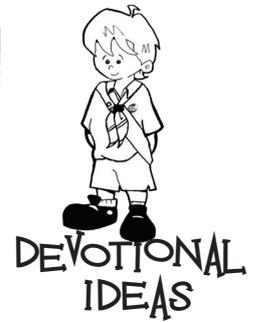
Do you and your parents take care of your house? Most people clean, fix or replace broken things, replace items that are worn out and make the house look nice especially when visitors are coming.

Can you tell me another house that is important to take care of? God's House (or the church). We need to take care of it in two different ways. First, we need to take care of the building itself. Just like our own homes, we want it to look nice when we have visitors. That means cleaning, keeping things tidy, painting, making sure we have supplies.

Second, we need to take care of the people in God's House. If you went to a party at the Governor General's house, do you think you would be ignored? Probably not. I'm guessing there would be many people greeting you, making sure you have something to eat or drink, and showing you around – in other words, they would make you feel welcome. We need to do that here too. We need to make sure that everyone that walks through our doors feels welcome. They need to feel the warmth of God's Love so they will want to come back to learn more.

However, we not only have to take care of the people inside our church, we need to take care of the people outside our church. We need to be inviting as many people as we can into God's House so that they can be loved and will feel welcome. This is something we can do no matter how old we are.

Read Bible passage.



# Leader's Resource 1



Neuschwanstein Castle



Government House Yarralumla



Captain Cook's Cottage



Tranby House Perth

# Devotional ideas



- 2. Title:** Are you good enough to get into heaven?  
**Supplies:** Bible, A soccer ball, a musical instrument, etc  
**Bible:** Mark 10:19 - 21

Ask members if they are good at something allow them to respond and then question are they good enough to make the Australian team, play (their music) at the Opera House.

All of us are probably good at something, but the question is, "Are we good enough?"

Read the Bible passage.

With God, anything is possible. The Bible tells us that it isn't our goodness that will get us into heaven. It is our faith in Jesus. It's not being "good enough", that matters. It's Jesus.!



- 3. Title:** Heaven  
**Bible:** Matthew 13:44 - 45  
**Supplies:** Favourite Toy

Show members your favourite toy. Ask if they have a favourite toy.

Ask members if they would give away all their other toys just to keep this favourite one. Comment that it is their treasure. Jesus describes a treasure so great, so valuable, and so precious that the men sold everything they had to gain it. That treasure was heaven.

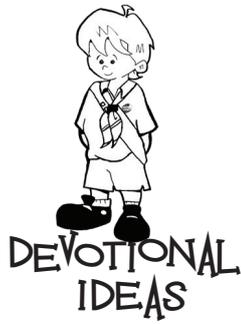
Read the Bible verses. They did not value anything of theirs as much as they valued the chance to have the treasure or the pearl.

What Jesus has offered us is so great, so valuable, that there is nothing we have that is worth keeping if it means we can't be in the kingdom.

Have you ever had a yard/garage sale? It can be difficult to decide how much your old toys are worth or even if you want to sell them at all. In life, we often have to decide how much certain things we do are worth to us. Should we keep them? Which is most important? Jesus is telling us in this lesson that the most valuable thing in our life is our relationship to God. Are we in the kingdom? Will our activities or habits keep us from the kingdom? What could possibly be more important than saving our souls and pleasing God?



DEVOTIONAL  
IDEAS



# Devotional ideas



- 4. Title:** Do Good  
**Bible:** 1 Timothy 6:18 - 19  
**Supplies:** Bible, Empty tissue box, black and yellow construction paper, or black paint, scissors, glue, colouring pencils, card with verse printed on it

Read the Bible passage and explain to members that we should share everything we have, be generous with our money, time and belongings. We should not want what other people have that we may think is better than what we have. God will supply our needs and if we are lucky that we have more than enough we can share more. The letter to Timothy says people should not try to be rich in money but rich in their life of doing things for others, being generous and kind. Make the treasure box to remind members of the treasures that we will have in heaven.

1. Cover the tissue box with black construction paper (all sides). Use enough glue that when the top is slit open the paper will stick.
2. Using sharp scissors, have an adult cut around 3 sides of the tissue box, about an inch from the top (so the treasure chest opens). You will need to bend back the cardboard on the remaining, attached side so the chest opens and closes nicely.
3. Glue a piece of yellow or red construction paper, felt or tissue paper to the inside of the "lid" and chest (so it looks like a nice velvety lining)
4. Colour the lock and handle pieces as necessary and cut them out.
5. Cut 2 cm strips from yellow construction paper and glue them to all the edges of the treasure chest.
6. Glue the lock onto the front of the chest and handles onto the sides of the chest.
7. OPTIONAL: Glue sequins, fake jewels or painted rocks onto the lid for a jewel encrusted treasure chest
8. OPTIONAL: You may wish to glue the key template to some cardboard before cutting it out to make it more durable.
9. Fill with gold coins (chocolate ones) scripture verses, or similar treasures.

# Leader's Resource 2

Handle, lock and key template

