

Parents Service

W.A.: When I was a very young girl, I asked you if I could join a special group of girls in an organization called Rainbow. I didn't know much about it, and maybe you didn't either, but you felt anything that might help me through my terrible teens would be worth a try. Since then I, along with my Rainbow Sisters, have learned and grown and we would like to share what we have discovered with you.

LOVE: Love your father and mother, love your home and every member of your family. There may be times when we don't like each other very much, but we have learned that family love will shine through. This lesson has helped us be more tolerant of others, to try to understand, and to help someone who may be distressed.

RELIGION: There is a God. This is something that I had always been told, but I have many questions. I now know about Faith and that we should be identified with some church. As Rainbow Girls we have been given a taste of the beauty of ritual, enough to make us want more; have learned to be kind to our fellow man; and what it means to forgive, for you can never fully understand the meaning of religion unless you learn this lesson. I now take time to thank God.

NATURE: Nature is out-of-doors and I learned that a portion of my time should be spent there. I love the quietness of the fields where the grasses and grains grow. I love to sit in the shade of the trees, to smell the fragrance of flowers in the air, to see the stars twinkling at night. I now take time out of my busy life to smell the roses.

IMMORTALITY: We as young people are immortal, or so we believe. I have learned that no matter how young and tender our years may be, death is no respecter of persons. It takes the babe and the mother; it takes the son and the father. Death will come to each of us, but our soul is immortal. I have learned to plan for a life eternal and to remember the last enemy is death. Above all, I have learned to appreciate life.

FIDELITY: I have always heard the phrase "true blue" without understanding its real meaning. Through Rainbow I have learned the meaning of loyalty and trueness to my sisters, my family and my friends. They have confidence in me. I try not to create distrust by any act of mine. The color blue is a symbol of fidelity and loyalty and I will always remember this.

PATRIOTISM: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands." I remember learning to say this pledge when I was just a little girl. But, Rainbow has taught me the meaning of patriotism. I always thought it was the sister who kissed the brother good-bye. However, this is no longer true as they now fight the battles side by side. Our flag and all it represents is sacred and I will defend it always.

SERVICE: Be of some service each day. I heard those words the night I was initiated. Since that time I have had an opportunity to put those words into practice by serving - serving at rest stops, dinners, working the concessions at the ballpark, cleaning the highway, working with the disabled, painting faces of the children at the Shrine Hospital and many other projects. Thus far my life has been good and by being of some service each day I am in some small way paying back for this reward.

DRILL LEADER: Remember the awkward little girl who first started wearing high heels and long dresses. Rainbow has helped me learn to walk without tripping, to stand tall and to be proud of myself. This lesson will be with me the rest of my life and help me in whatever endeavor I may pursue.

CHAPLAIN: Thy blessings rest upon the members of this Assembly and our homes. Kindness and gentleness are chief characteristics of womankind. These are the lessons I have learned to think and care for others. I have come a little closer to God in my own individual way and am strengthened by these lessons

FAITH: Faith in God, Faith in our fellow man. We all need something to hold onto as we travel through life. Rainbow has made me understand, that something is Faith. We may find life difficult, but if we hold firmly to the hand of Faith we will be strong and make it to the end of the journey.

HOPE: Hope always awaits you, Hope never sleeps, Hope never dies. No matter where we go in life, as long as we have hope, we can succeed. Hope represents the noon day when the sun's rays are the brightest. No matter how discouraged we become in our lives we must always have hope.

CHARITY: Faith, Hope and Charity, these three, but the greatest of these is Charity. There is a Pot of Gold at the end of the Rainbow, and even though it always seems to disappear or appear farther on as the searcher approaches, I have learned that I will find its contents through a life of giving and loving.

WAA: Our ability to succeed in life depends on our own ability to understand and apply the many lessons we have learned. This applies not only to Rainbow, but in every other endeavor we may undertake. By letting me join Rainbow, you have opened the door to womanhood and life. I have just begun my journey, but if I will just apply part of what I have learned, I will have a safe and successful journey to the end of the Rainbow.

W.A.: Today we have tried to show you why Rainbow is so very special to each and every one of us: why we try so very hard to fit it into our busy schedules; why we want to share this special feeling with our Rainbow sisters throughout this and other jurisdictions; why we have a special bond with our Rainbow sisters young and old; why Rainbow is not just another organization, but a 'Way of Life.' Thank you for letting me become a member of this very special group of people.