

CHAIN OF LIFE OUTDOOR CEREMONY

Photocopy sheet and cut each part in strips. Glue strips onto larger color paper strips. As each person says her part, link the strips making a chain circle. Leaders can start and finish the circle. If you have more girls than parts cut blank strips so everybody is part of the chain.

- ❖ **#1** All God's creatures have a certain job to do. All living creatures fit together like a chain. Every plant or animal depends upon another kind. What happens if one part of the chain of life is destroyed?

- ❖ **#2 Insects:** Insects have a great value to us. They pollinate many of our crops, provide us with honey and other products and serve as food for fish, birds, and many other kind of animals. In fact, life as we know it could not exist if all insects on earth were to disappear.

- ❖ **#3 Vegetables:** Vegetables are a great deal more important in supplying our food needs today than they have ever been before. This is because we understand what kinds of foods the human body needs much better than our grandmothers did. Vegetables are important to us because of the vitamins and minerals they contain. They are also important sources of necessary elements, including calcium, phosphorus and iron.

- ❖ **#4 Animals:** Man could not live without the help of animals. The role of animals in the balance of nature ranks as their most important service to man. Animals also serve man by supplying him with many foods and other useful products. Animals also destroy life. They hunt and kill other animals and they eat plants. Without animals, man would have no meat, milk or eggs; or wool and fur. Every kind of animal fits into a marvelous system of nature.

- ❖ **#5 Bacteria:** Bacteria are important in the cycling of chemicals in nature. Bacteria also convert nitrogen gas in the air into chemical forms that can be used by plants and animals. Without bacteria, the soil and water would soon become poor in nitrogen, and all plants and animals would die. man uses bacteria to make buttermilk, cheese, vinegar, sauerkraut and silage. Bacteria cause a chemical change called fermentation, which produces these products.

Chain of Life (cont.)

- ❖ **#6 Man:** He differs greatly from animals because of his brain, which is probably the most complex living structure yet known. Man can reason because of his brain. His brain helps him to unlock many secrets of the universe, such as knowledge of the shape of the earth, structure of atoms and the composition of plants and animals. Man can create new ideas, adapt himself to his climate and surrounding; change his surroundings to meet his needs, and create things of lasting use and beauty.

- ❖ **#7 Trees:** Trees supply the chain of life with beauty, wood to make furniture, and various products. Also, trees give us wood, which we can use for heat (fire). Trees also supply the chain of life with fruits.

- ❖ **#8 Grass:** Grass also beautifies the landscape and plays an important part in conservation. Grass covers the surface of the soil and its roots hold soil particles together so the wind cannot easily blow the particles away and water cannot wash them away.

- ❖ **#9 Birds:** Many birds are valuable to man. Chicken and other poultry provide meat and eggs for food. This is essential to the chain of life.

- ❖ **#10 Flowers:** Flowers supply the earth with beauty. To the chain of life, flowers supply our common vegetable. Fruit and grains are actually part of the flowering plants. We eat the roots of beets and carrots, the leaves of lettuce, the seeds of beans and peas, the fruit of apples and peaches and the young stems of asparagus. Cloves, used to flavor many foods are the pickled flower bud of the tropical clove tree. Also, oils extracted from roses, lilies, jasmines and other flowers are among the oldest perfumes..

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Hold completed chain above the heads. You may sing "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands".