



FREE TO B. A LEADER

Adult Leader and Pi/Pa Activities & Event Guide

Hello, Leaders! We've created this FBAL Activities & Event Guide specifically for your Adult (& Pi/Pa) Leadership team. In conjunction with AHG's Girl Leadership focus, this Guide will help your team explore, together, key aspects of UPward biblical leadership – aspects that apply to you, the Troop Leader, as well as to the girls you serve. It's a terrific precursor to introducing your girls to AHG's Girl Leadership Positions.

Whether you have a couple of hours or a full day, you can pick and choose through the offerings listed to custom-create a Leadership gathering that best works for you.

STEP ONE: Open in Prayer

Father in Heaven, we praise and thank You for calling us, through AHG, to help lead our youth. Please bless our time together today as we seek Your will for us as Leaders and as (brothers and) sisters in the Body of Christ. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

STEP TWO: Read through Frieda B. and the Finkledee Ink

- Who doesn't love a picture book? Relax and enjoy this story together, either directly out of the book or via PowerPoint (both available in the online store at www.FriedaB.com; books also available in the AHGstore).
- Talk through *Read and Discuss* in the FBAL Main Guide.

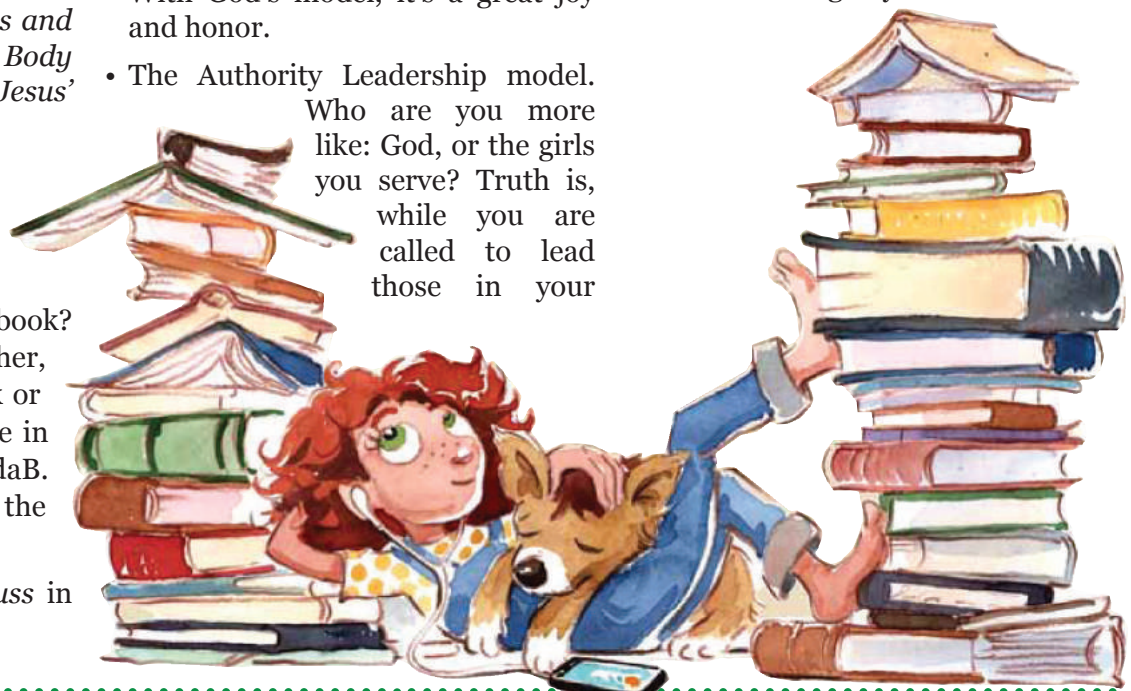
STEP THREE: Discuss... What is Biblical Leadership?

- On all levels, biblical leadership places its focus UPwardly, on Christ, as the model.
- For the girls you serve. As explored in the FBAL Main Guide, youth are called to lead (1 Timothy 4:12), and benefit greatly from learning and being given the opportunity to example biblical leadership principles: servant leadership (John 13:12-15); being part of the Body of Christ (Romans 12:3-8); lifting others UP (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10); and seeking the right voices (John 10:27-30).
- For you, as their Leaders. As adult Leaders, and Pioneer/Patriots with hearts to lead, you are called into a position of authority within your Troop. This need not be intimidating... Just the opposite! With God's model, it's a great joy and honor.

- The Authority Leadership model. Who are you more like: God, or the girls you serve? Truth is, while you are called to lead those in your

care, you are far more like them than you are like God. So consider: God is not calling you to be the ultimate authority – that's His job. He is calling you to come alongside your girls, learn about them – their gifts and dreams – to care about them, encourage them, always lift them UP. And when they struggle, He asks You to take them by the hand and – with the measure more of experience that you have – assure them that while you don't have all the answers, you do know how and where to *find* the answers, leading them UPwardly toward God's will and wisdom. This model assumes humility and honesty – demonstrating that in order to best lead those in your care, "He must become greater, I must become less." – John 3:30 (NIV)

- How is God's model of leadership different from the world's? How is this reassuring to you?



STEP FOUR: Activities (choose one or more)

- Highly suggested: Be a Torch-Carrier, see separate download at FriedaB.com/AHG/FBAL.
- Leadership Rocks, in the FBAL Girls Activity & Event Guide. Tailor this so that you, as Leaders, are recognizing and validating each other's gifts of leadership.
- Fingerprints of God, in the FBAL Girls Activity & Event Guide. Have each leader share about her role within your Troop. Then use the "fingerprints" portion as a representation of the joy and beauty of being, together, the Body of Christ.
- Book Chat, in the FBAL Girls Activity & Event Guide. Consider reading and sharing *Take Your Best Shot* by Austin Gutwein. Great insight

(written by a teen) to encouraging the girls in your Troop into roles of leadership.



For full program details:
FriedaB.com/AHG/FBAL

STEP FIVE: Review AHG's Girl Leadership Position Guide

Take the opportunity to explore and discuss the potential leadership positions available to the girls within your Troop. How can you match these roles with the gifts and talents you see in each girl? The AHG Guide provides a consistent and measurable standard for leadership within each girl role, at every level. [Not a small thing: girls leading within these positions will learn first-hand important lessons of leadership, and help alleviate some of the responsibilities of your Leadership team(!).]



STEP SIX: Plan an FBAL/Girl Leadership Event or Retreat for your Troop

Now that you've explored the basics of leadership for both you and the girls you serve, you're more than ready to get them involved! The FBAL Main Guide and Girl Activities & Event Guide contain all you need for a Troop meeting, a special event, a sleepover – even the lead-in to an AHG Girl Leadership Retreat. And if you have Pi/Pa's looking to step into authority leadership, it's a perfect avenue for letting them take the lead.

FINAL STEP: Celebrate & Close

Eat cake! Take a group photo!

Close in Prayer. *Dear Father, we praise You, we thank You, for reminding us today of the importance of leadership within the Church, the Body of Christ. May what we have learned today remain with us, and may we be moved to lead UPwardly – according to Your divine plan – those girls entrusted in our care into positions of leadership. To Your glory, and to the care of our family, friends, community and world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

