

**Scouts' Own  
Stranded  
Camp Nor'Wes, July 5-8, 2019**

**Welcome** Welcome to our Scouts' Own Ceremony. Let us celebrate being together on this day. **Youth**

**Reflection** Instructions: Pass out a stone to each person. Then, have each person place their stone in the centre to form a circle of stones, when placing, each should mention something they are grateful for.

**Reading** **The Starfish Story: One step towards changing the world** **Youth**  
Once upon a time, there was an old man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach every morning before he began his work.

Early one morning, he was walking along the shore after a big storm had passed and found the vast beach littered with starfish as far as the eye could see, stretching in both directions. Off in the distance, the old man noticed a small boy approaching.

As the boy walked, he paused every so often and as he grew closer, the man could see that he was occasionally bending down to pick up an object and throw it into the sea. The boy came closer still and the man called out, "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young boy paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean. The tide has washed them up onto the beach and they can't return to the sea by themselves. When the sun gets high, they will die, unless I throw them back into the water."

The old man replied, "But there must be tens of thousands of starfish on this beach. I'm afraid you won't really be able to make much of a difference." The boy bent down, picked up yet another starfish and threw it as far as he could into the ocean. Then he turned, smiled and said, "It made a difference to that one!"

**Song** **Song of your choice** **All**

**Thoughts** The Power of One  
by Ashish Ram

**Shared  
reading**

One song can spark a moment,  
One whisper can wake the dream.  
One tree can start a forest,  
One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,  
One moment can make one fall in luv.  
One star can guide a ship at sea,  
One word can frame the goal

One vote can change a nation,  
One sunbeam lights a room  
One candle wipes out darkness,  
One laugh will conquer gloom.

One step must start each journey.  
One word must start each prayer.  
One hope will raise our spirits,  
One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom,  
One heart can know what's true,  
One life can make a difference,  
You see, it's up to you!

**Closing**

“Never forget that you are one of a kind. Never forget that if there weren't any need for you in all your uniqueness to be on this earth, you wouldn't be here in the first place. And never forget, no matter how overwhelming life's challenges and problems seem to be, that one person can make a difference in the world. In fact, it is always because of one person that all the changes that matter in the world come about. So be that one person.”

**R. Buckminster Fuller**