



Promise and Law

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Cub Law

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The Cub Law is:

"The Cub gives in to the Old Wolf
The Cub does not give in to himself."

Explanation

From the story of Mowgli, you will learn that the young cubs obey the older wolves. In the jungle there may be several young wolf cubs, playing and tumbling over each other. One of them may wander off in search of adventure. The mother wolf, who has been lying nearby with her head resting on her forepaws will raise her head suddenly and stare hard at the wanderer. He will stop immediately and look at her, and in an instant come trotting back. Nothing is said, but the smart young cub understands what is wanted of him and does it at once. This is obedience – giving in to the Old Wolf.

This is what human Cubs should do too – understand what is wanted of them and do it without waiting to be told. Cubs should always obey, whether or not their mother, father, teacher or Akela are there to see them. Older people know better because they have seen more and done more. They know what is right and try to keep you from harm by telling you the right way to behave and how to do tasks. So anyone you know who is older than you are, or is in charge of you, is an Old Wolf.

When a young wolf is hunting a hare for food, he may get tired and want to stop, but he does not give in. He keeps after it and soon finds that the hare is just as tired – so he gets his dinner. Maybe you will start to do something which turns out to be much harder than you thought it would be. You may want to stop, but don't give in to yourself. Instead, keep on trying and DO YOUR BEST. A Cub is also giving in when he cheats, steals, lies, bullies, loses his temper, or is greedy. Surely you do not want to be like this?

Cub Promise

"I promise to do my best –
To do my duty to God and my country;
To keep the Law of the Wolf Cub Pack
And to do a good turn to somebody every day."

In order to understand the Promise properly, it is perhaps better if we look at it step by step.

I PROMISE: When you say "I promise:" it means that you will do your best to do whatever you said you would do. When you make your Cub Promise it is for all the time – at home, at school, at play –

not only when you are in uniform. There is no need for your mother or father or Akela, to check whether you are keeping your promise.

TO DO MY BEST: This means that you must try very hard, and be sure that what you do is truly your very best.

TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD: God will help you to do your duty to Him. When you remember Him, it will help you to do the right thing. Remember, too, what God has made – trees, flowers and animals of all kinds. A Cub takes care of God's creation. Thank God for everything you enjoy, thank Him at your place of worship and whenever you have a moment by yourself. God wants you to help others. Helping others, without thought for yourself, is part of your duty to God.

AND MY COUNTRY: Just as the wolves obey Akela, so the people of our country obey our leaders. Our country has laws for people to live by. A Cub is careful not to make fires which will burn the veld or trees. A Cub does not damage or hurt plants, animals or any wild thing. A Cub shows respect for flags and national anthems and does all they can to be a good citizen.

TO KEEP THE LAW OF THE WOLF CUB PACK: Every game has rules the players must follow, and in Cubs we have two rules. When you follow them you are keeping the Cub Law.

AND TO DO A GOOD TURN TO SOMEBODY EVERY DAY: A Cub does not only think of himself. A Cub is always looking for ways to help others, especially those at home. Cubs do their fair share of work and are cheerful while doing it. Cubs accept no reward because they WANT to make others happy. Be alert for a chance to help others by doing little jobs like carrying a parcel, or picking up rubbish. There are many things you can do to keep this part of your Promise.

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Documents

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