

juniors

SURE & STEADFAST



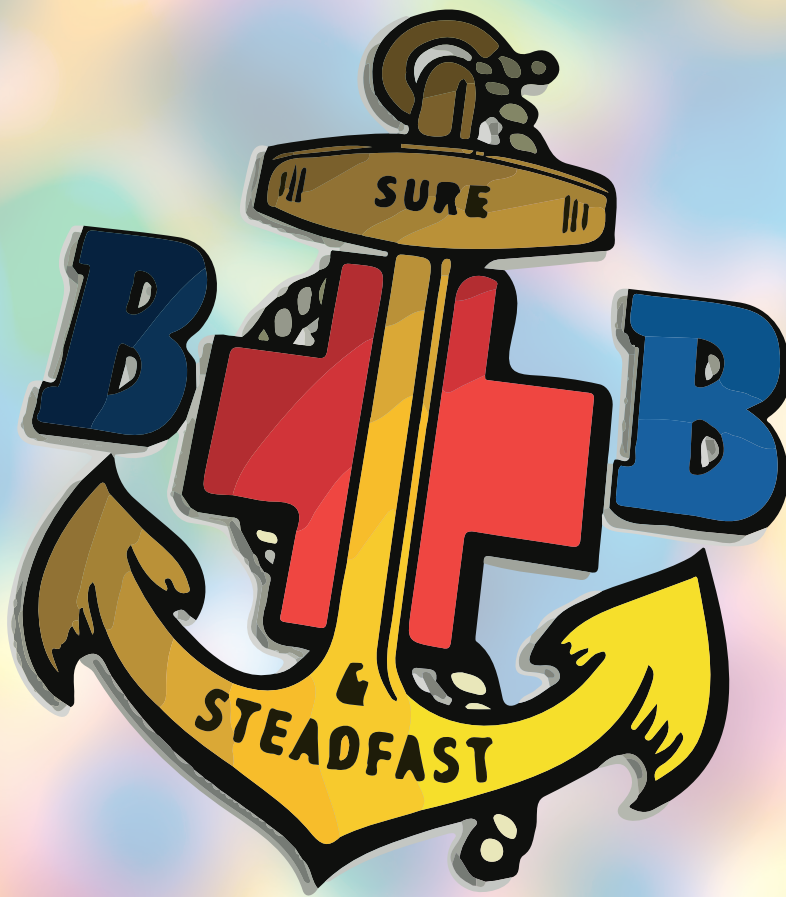
ESSENTIALS



20 MINUTES



READY
TO GO



AIM

To understand a little about The Boys' Brigade badge and the meaning behind it. A great activity to help award the Juniors' Membership Award.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Everyday items from around your meeting space



LEADER PREPARATION

No preparation is needed for this activity. However, leaders may want to give some consideration to step 3 in the activity. You may wish to get items ready for this or consider which room(s) can or can't be used to find items in.



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 Without looking at the BB badge, ask your group if they can describe what the BB badge looks like. Can the group get all the details right, including the colours and the words of our motto? Do they know what any part of the badge represents?
- 2 Now take some time talking about the key components of our badge and the meaning behind them. These include:
 - **The words 'Sure & Steadfast'**, our BB motto. This comes from Hebrews 6:19 "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast". This talks about God's promise in Jesus and how our hope and trust in him should be strong, like a ship's Anchor.
 - **The Anchor** – Our badge is based around a ship's anchor for the same reasons as above. Ask the children what an anchor is used for. Why might people need an anchor in their lives?
 - **The Red Cross** – This helps us to remember that Jesus died to help us. The original badge didn't have the cross. This was added in 1926 when The Boys' Brigade amalgamated with The Boys' Life Brigade.
- 3 Now challenge your group to create a giant version of the BB badge, using items they can find around your meeting space. This may be from using books, pots & pans, games equipment etc. Anything they can get their hands on.



DID YOU KNOW?

- The Boys' Brigade has over 43,000 members in the UK & ROI. 14,000 of them are Juniors just like you.
- We were started in 1883 by William Alexander Smith. That's over 135 years ago!
- Our Patron is The Queen.
- The Boys' Brigade worldwide has half a million members across 70 countries.
- The Boys' Brigade was the first voluntary uniformed youth group in the world.



IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Make learning about The Boys' Brigade badge part of earning the Juniors Membership Award. Once the children have earned their badge points and learnt about the BB badge, make sure you present their award in a special way. This might be during the opening or closing of your meeting, or maybe at a Church service or parents' night.