

# BB KNOWLEDGE

## MODULE 8: BB SONGS

### LESSON OBJECTIVES

- To share the significance of the BB songs, its meaning and when it is sung
- To develop the BB Spirit in members through these songs

### TEACHING GUIDE

#### BB VESPER

- The BB Vesper is a prayer that we sing at the end of a BB parade, gathering or function
- Every BB Officer and member is expected to know how to sing it.

GREAT God, Who knowest all our need,  
Bless Thou our watch, and guard our sleep;  
Forgive our sins of thought and deed,  
And in Thy peace Thy servants keep.  
We Thank Thee for the day that's done  
We trust Thee for the days to be;  
Thy love we learn in Christ Thy Son,  
O may we all His glory see! Amen

#### ANCHOR SONG

- The Anchor Song promotes the "BB Spirit" and some Company sang it during the opening parade.

There's an emblem fair that is known to all  
A sign to help us through  
It stands for strength and it stands for right  
An Anchor tried and true.

The Emblem of The Boys' Brigade  
It helps us on our way,  
Our father's knew in days gone by  
This sign we know today  
Sure and Stedfast  
The Brigade Boys' motto clear

That's our watchword when trouble and trials are near  
Sure and Stedfast  
to the flag that flies above  
In all that we do  
We'll try to be true  
To the anchor that we love.

### **TABLE GRACE**

- BB has a unique way of saying grace before every meal; thanking God for the food He has provided. Hence, Table Grace is sung before we eat our meal and everyone stands at attention.

Be present at our table, Lord;  
Be here and everywhere adored;  
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we  
May feast in paradise with Thee.  
Amen.

### **UNDERNEATH THE BANNER**

Underneath the banner of the Cross arrayed,  
Lord we ask Thy blessing on The Boys' Brigade;  
Thou art our Commander and Thy soldiers, we  
And in Christian warfare, we would honor Thee

Underneath the banner of the Cross arrayed,  
Lord we ask thy blessing on The Boys' Brigade

In each lowly service as on Drill Parade,  
"Duty" be the watchword of The Boys' Brigade;  
Make us ever loyal, small or great the foe;  
Lead us, Saviour! lead us, Everywhere we go

We will fight for laurels that will never fade;  
For the Holy City march The Boys' Brigade;

What we find unholy in our daily life,  
We will try to conquer - Help us in the strife

## **TEACHING IDEAS**

### **SING IT OUT!**

- Prepare the lyrics of the songs – you may write it on the board or in small pieces papers and pass it to the members
- Share with the members the meaning of the song and when it is usually sung
- Teach them how to sing the song in proper note and manner. You may use a recorded version of the song to help you in your teaching or play live music if you have a team of musicians. The Senior members can be enlisted to help in this session
- Get the members to memorize the lyrics and sing without the lyrics

*To help the members remember the songs better, you can get them to sing these songs at appropriate times such as meal time, during fall in and fall out, etc.*

## **SUGGESTED ASSESSMENT**

### **PRE-JUNIOR / JUNIOR**

#### **WE WILL SING!**

- You may group them together into 4-5 members per group
- Choose a leader among them or get the squad leader to lead them in the song. It will be effective to get an Officer or a Senior who is familiar with the song to guide them
- Give them time to practice and thereafter, present the song to the class. Ensure that everyone sings and those who do not will be called out to sing solo
- Ensure that they sing in correct tune and tempo. Address any shortfall immediately.

#### **I WILL REMEMBER!**

- In addition to the above, you may ask them to recite the song lyrics or write it down
- Simple Q&A can be given to them such as meaning of the song, when it will be sung, etc.