

# Ladybirds

The Ladybird Guide Unit is led by a Leader called Coccinella (generic name for a ladybird) and she is assisted by other Leaders called Rainbow, Adalia,

**MOTTO:  
LADYBIRD  
GUIDES CARE  
AND SHARE**

## Promise

I will try to do my best to love my God\* and to help other people.

*\*The word "God" can be replaced by the word "faith" according to one's spiritual beliefs.*



We introduce the girls aged 5 - 7 to the principles of Guiding by encouraging them to share, to help others, to learn about teamwork, to enjoy nature, etc. When the Ladybird Guide moves through Brownie Guides and then to Guides she will develop these principles as she progresses.

**Ages : 5 - 7  
(with flexibility  
at the upper  
age limit)**



## **Ladybird Guide Vesper**

Tune: Au Claire de la Lune

**Ladybird time is over  
Please listen while  
we pray, To make us  
kind and helpful ,  
Until we meet next  
day.**

## To be enrolled a Ladybird Guide must know her:

Name, address, telephone number, birthday, Ladybird Story, Ladybird Guide Song, Promise, Motto and Vesper.

Each Ladybird can earn her Discover, Grow and Fly badges over her time in Ladybirds.



## **Ladybird Song**

(Tune: Here we go gathering nuts in May)

We're the Ladybirds see us fly  
Watch our spots as we go by  
As we stretch our wings and play  
Happy as it's Ladybird day.

Now we'll fly and hop and run,  
Every Ladybird will have fun,  
Because it's time for us to say,  
Let us start our Ladybird day.

## **Ladybird Uniform:**

Red sweatshirt and red polo shirt with the IGG logo; navy badge sash and navy tracksuit bottoms. Navy neckerchief and woggle (strip of leather to hold neckerchief in place).





L earning to grow in independence

A ctivities, including songs and games

D ainty red sweatshirt with Ladybird Guide logo

Y es, it's great fun

B usy and bright and sometimes quiet

I s for the family of Guiding to which we all belong

R eady to help with a smile

D iscover the world

### ***THE LADYBIRD GUIDE STORY***

*It was many thousands of years ago, when Ladybirds had no spots, just bright red backs. The Ladybirds were very good and always helped to keep the countryside clean and the rainbow bright and shiny. Ladybirds had to be extra careful when the birds thought the red backs of the Ladybirds were red berries and they might make a mistake and eat them. One day the Ladybirds said they would all gather around in a big ring at the end of the rainbow and make a wish. They wished that the Leprechaun would protect them from the birds. The Ladybirds were of course Fairies favourites because they were always so helpful and cheerful.*

*The Leprechaun who was sitting on the crock of gold at the end of the rainbow heard their wish and he decided to give them black spots, on their backs so that the birds would not see them so easily.*

*The Ladybirds waited to see how they were going to get their spots, when they heard the Leprechaun say 'let the rain fall' and as it did, the first seven drops of rain that fell on their backs turned into black spots. From that day on, when a Ladybird is born she has only a bright red back, so she hides under the leaves until it starts to rain. The first seven drops of rain that fall on her back will give her black spots.*

*She is safe now and can fly around helping in the garden by eating the greenfly and other insects that destroy plants, and that is how the Ladybirds got their spots.*