

# JUNIOR YOUTH SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

### THE PROGRAM AIMS TO ENHANCE

- Community Involvement
- Power of Expression
- Spiritual Perception

In the Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program, young people ages 11-15 come together regularly in local junior youth groups, where they design and carry out community service projects, study and discuss spiritual themes, and participate in extracurricular activities. Over the course of the program, group members develop close bonds of friendship and mutual support that help them navigate the transition from childhood to adulthood.

Mentors, called animators, act as true friends and role models to the group, empowering participants to ask questions, share ideas, enhance their powers of expression, problem-solve, and reinforce positive moral practices that will serve them throughout their lives.

### **SERVICE**

Junior youth identify and implement service projects that benefit their neighborhoods. Through service, they have the opportunity to put into practice the spiritual qualities they study in the curriculum.

## **STUDY**

The junior youth examine intellectual, moral, and spiritual themes including: hope, justice, excellence, responsibility, service to the community, and unity.

#### **RECREATION & FRIENDSHIP**

Based on the interests of the group, junior youth may play sports, games, engage in music, theater, visual art, or take field trips and helping one another learn new skills.



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