

# Gerri's Story

## Playing by the Rules

When I've earned my Gerri petal,  
I will know how to be  
**respect authority,**  
just like Gerri the Geranium.

To earn your Gerri petal, do these three things.

1.

Enjoy "Gerri's Story," then talk about it.

2.

Visit someone who has authority in your community, such as a police officer, firefighter, or your school principal

3.

Practice respecting authority.

# Playing by the Rules

Beep, beep!

Lupe honked the horn of her petal-powered car. "Time to go to school," she called out. "I'm driving everyone today!"

The Flower Friends rushed out of the Daisy Flower Garden and climbed into the car.

"Fasten your seat belts," Lupe reminded everyone.

But the Flower Friends were too busy giggling and joking with each other to pay attention.

"Hey, everybody, we need to **listen** to Lupe," Gerri said

"She's our driver and she's just trying to make sure we're safe."

"You're right, Gerri," Clover said.

But before they had gone three blocks, Rosie told a joke that gave Mari and Zinni a fit of giggles. Tula and Sunny started singing their favorite song as loudly as they could. And, Vi pulled out a drawing

she made for class and began waving it in the air for the others to see.

“Please, Lupe said. “I have to focus on my driving.”

Once again, no one heard her.

Gerri clapped to get their attention. “Lupe asked us to be quiet,” she said.

“It’s important that we follow her rules while we’re in the car.”

“That’s right,” Lupe said. “It’s the same way that I have to follow the rules of the road – like stopping at a stop sign!”

A few minutes later, they arrived at Petal Elementary School. The Flower Friends walked up the sidewalk to where a crossing guard stood.

“Please, wait until I tell you it’s safe to walk,” she said.

"We will," Gerri said. "We know it's your job to make sure we wait until the cars are stopped before crossing the street."

"That's right!" the crossing guard said.

"I'm glad you understand that our rules keep you safe."

She looked up the street. Then, she looked down the street. Then, she held up her sign to tell drivers to stop their cars.

"Okay, Flower Friends!" she said. "It's your turn to go! Thanks for waiting."

The Flower Friends walked into Petal Elementary School. Miss Evergreen, the principal, stood at the door. She smiled at all the students moving past her.

"I'm glad no one is running in the halls," she said.

“I would be upset if any of my students slipped and fell down. After all, I want you to learn and have fun while you’re at school. You can’t do that if you’re hurt!”

“We know!” the Flower Friends called out. “We’ll be careful.”

As they went to their classroom, Gerri added,

“ And I know that we’ll  
have a great day today!”

## 1 Talk about “Gerri’s Story”

Why do you think Lupe has rules for people who ride in her car?

How do you think Lupe felt when the other Flower Friends did what she asked them to do?

What other times did the Flower Friends show that they respected authority?

## 2 Visit someone who has authority in your community, such as a police officer, firefighter, or your school principal

Ask about the rules you should follow and why they’re important.

## 3 Practice respecting authorities

There are lots of ways to act like Gerri! Try it out by doing one of these activities:

With your Daisy friends and adult volunteer, talk about the rules that you follow in your meetings. How do the rules help you have more fun?

or

Talk to your family about the rules you all agree to follow and why they're important. Ask an adult to write a list, and then, draw a little picture next to each rule to remind you what they are.

or

Find out about people who are authorities in your community. Draw a picture of one of them and talk to an adult about why you respect them.

# Congratulations!

You have earned your Gerri petal. Now, when you say the Girl Scout Law, you'll know exactly what that line means. Wear the petal on your tunic or vest to remind you to always respect authority.

Gather together with your Daisy friends and say the Law up to Gerri's line. Now, you know seven lines of the Law. Keep adding lines as you earn more petals!

## The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong,  
and responsible for what  
I say and do,  
and to  
respect myself and others  
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