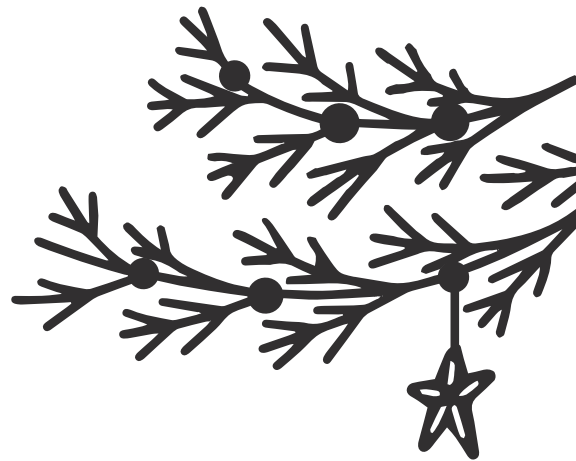


12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Here are some ideas about what you could do in the lead up to Christmas to spread hope and joy in your community!

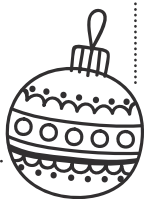


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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Create some crafty Christmas decorations for your home, classroom, or even to deliver to a local Vinnies Service.

You could use Google to search up some ideas, or think up some cool ideas yourself! Extra points for using recycled materials!



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AFFIRMATIONS

Thoughtful, well-chosen words can really make someone's day!

Think about the talents, skills or attributes of your classmates. Write down 5 or more of them, and then make the effort to share these with each person.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD SIGN

With your family, create a sign with a positive message for the community to hang in a front window or on your fence.

You might like to thank our amazing medical workers, or just tell everyone 'hang in there! It's almost Christmas!'



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THANK YOUR TEACHERS!

How can you show your gratitude to your teacher/s for the amazing work they've done teaching you this year? (Not to mention doing online learning!) You could...

- make them a drawing
- write a note or poem
- send an email
- do some Christmas baking, like rocky road!



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PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED

Think about those who need God's help this Christmas, whether it's for healing over sickness, loneliness, needing a safe place to live, or something else.

Then take the time in a quiet space by yourself to pray for each person and their needs. You might also invite your family or friends to pray with you at a special time.

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CREATIVE BOUQUETS

Create a bouquet of "flowers" for your family. You could use flowers and leaves from the garden if you have one but if you don't ... think about what materials you have around the house that you could recycle, paint, cut and stick together to make an extra special arrangement!



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MAKE SOME MONEY

What's the easiest or most fun way for you to raise some money?

It might be doing chores at home or getting together with your friends or family to have a Christmas bake sale.

Then ...



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DONATE

Donate the money to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal, or think about what Christmas food you really like, and use the money you earned to purchase these to donate to your school or parish's Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

*Make sure all donated foods are non-perishable

Donate at: donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub

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CARE

Create a care pack for someone in need and drop it to your local Vinnies store. A care pack might include: A bag filled with shampoo, soap, tooth brush and toothpaste, hand cream, deodorant etc. You might also like to include a kind note to whom ever will receive your pack.

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SELFIE LOVE

Make a selfie video to send to a friend or family member to cheer them up. It will mean more than a text that you've gone to the effort of making a video, and they will enjoy seeing your face!

You could:

- tell a joke
- show them something you've been working on
- be creative and try and make them laugh if you can

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HELP OUT AT HOME

Do some chores around the house (on top of your usual ones), not for pocket money, but just to help out your carer or parent.

You could also help your teacher/s with end of year cleaning in the classroom.

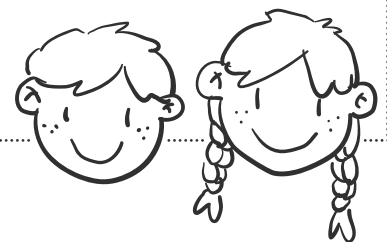


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SHARE THE LAUGHTER!

What do you find funny that you could share with someone else to make them laugh today?

- think of who around you makes you laugh and get their help!
- could you make a bad lip-sync video?
- can you get some friends together to write a skit?



If you have any Vinnies related questions, reach out to your school coordinator!
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