



Christmas Small Group Ideas



BE THE LIGHT

Featuring:

Loads of ideas of how to put your faith in to action this Christmas

Suggestions for random acts of Christmas kindness

Ideas for you to do with others



What could you do this Christmas to 'be the light' in your community?

WHY BE THE LIGHT?

So often the focus of Christmas is far away from the true amazing message of Jesus' birth. Somewhere behind all the food, wrapping paper and gifts the message that at Christmas God came to earth to rescue us is often lost. By being the 'light' in your community you can help to make Jesus known and take a first step towards sharing your faith with someone.

WHY IDEAS FOR GROUPS?

Next week we will have more ideas for individuals, but stepping out in faith can often be intimidating and require courage, that's why we have created these ideas for groups as doing something with others is just easier! You can work as a team or take a decision to each do something as individuals, but hold each other accountable. You could do these with your Beacon

small group, or just a few friends you know would also like to take a brave step in their faith this Christmas.

DON'T FORGET TO PRAY

Whatever you do, don't forget why you are doing it! Bring your plans to God and pray about them, pray for spiritual conversations, pray for deepened relationships and pray that you might be bold for Jesus.



GO CAROL SINGING

A bit of a dying tradition, so let's revive it! Why not go round your own local community as a small group. We have carol booklets available (just ask the office, info@thebeaconchurch.com) and there's even an app to play backing music with!

Carol singing is literally an opportunity to sing the gospel over people. These are the words of the last verse of 'Once in Royal David's City':

"And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love; For that Child so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heaven above: And He leads His children on, To the place where He is gone"

Get out and sing for Jesus!

ACTS OF CHRISTMAS KINDNESS

As a group why not **hold each other accountable** to try out at least one of these ideas?

Acts of Christmas kindness are a brilliant way for all of us to each take little steps in displaying our faith. Some of these ideas can be done together as families so can be a great way to demonstrate to kids that Christmas is not just about getting presents. Try one of these.....

1. Take mince pies or cookies to neighbours
2. Give out our mini candy canes
3. Call someone you've not spoken to in ages
4. Visit an elderly friend
5. Have someone over for dinner
6. Offer to babysit for friends with younger children

Be brave and give a reason for your kindness - *'you want to give back as you know Jesus is the ultimate gift this Christmas!'*

THROW A PARTY

As a group why not host a party? The options are endless... a simple mulled wine and mince pies gathering, an ugly Christmas sweater party, family party games night, a festive pamper evening, a white elephant gift exchange (every one brings a cheap gift and as the gifts are opened you can keep the gift you've received or steal someone else's!), Christmas bake off night - bring your best festive bakes, a cookie exchange, a crafternoon bash. So much choice, just make sure you invite someone you're praying might know Jesus!



*"Mild He lays His Glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King"*