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# SHARE A LITTLE BIT OF LOVE AT CHRISTMAS

### VALUES-BASED ASSEMBLY



#### Aim

- To consider ways we can include others
- To understand that Christians believe in loving God and loving others
- To find out some of the ways The Salvation Army helps others at Christmas



#### Resources

- PowerPoint presentation
- Guess the activity cards (you may wish to add your own)
- 'Share a little bit of love' stickers (optional)



#### Bible verse

'Love each other as I have loved you.'

(John 15:12 ICB)



#### You will need:

- If using the 'Share a little bit of love' stickers, insert the images into a sheet of sticker labels then print.

You may wish to share information about the Be a Star / Christmas Present Appeal.



#### INTRODUCTION

##### Slide 1 - Holiday activities

*Introduce yourself and welcome pupils to assembly.*

We're getting closer to the Christmas break. During these holidays lots of families and friends often have special activities they like to do every year, to enjoy winter or Christmas together.





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## Slide 2 - Guess the activity

Can you guess the Christmas/winter holiday activity? *Ask for a small group of volunteers to mime out the activity - no speaking or sounds allowed! Change the volunteers for each card.*

*Cards: Sledging; singing; eating food or pulling crackers; opening presents; writing Christmas cards; playing pass the parcel; watching movies; tree decorating; snowman building; playing musical statues.*

I can't wait for the holidays. Every year I really look forward to *(share a personal Christmas/winter holiday activity with the pupils).*

I wonder if there is anything you are looking forward to doing this holiday? *Take a variety of responses.*



## MAIN TALK

### Slide 3 - Spreading joy

These activities all sound like a lot of fun! Did you notice that many of the activities often need more than one person to do them? Doing things with friends or family often helps spread the fun; it can be really enjoyable and exciting to share these activities with others.

But I wonder if we could make sure we spread a little bit more joy and happiness this year?

When we do these fun activities, how easy would it be to include others with them? When we're playing a game, are we making sure we include everyone we can? Or when we're writing out cards to send, are we remembering everyone? If we're decorating the tree, are we including all family members?

This can be a tough time of year for some people, especially if they feel they have no friends or family close to them. So taking a moment to think about including others in the fun is important.



### Slide 4 - Christian perspective

For Christians, this time of year is special because it celebrates the birth of Jesus. Jesus was born in this world to share our experience of being human. He knew exactly what it was like to play with friends, to share experiences with the people around him, or even what it felt like to be left out.





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When Jesus was born, the Bible - the holy book for Christians - tells us that the joy and happiness surrounding his birth was shared with others. People that you would think would not be included were invited to join in the happy event. Strangers were included too, like shepherds. These were people who were usually looked down on in Bible times, but they were specially invited by angels to meet the baby. Wise men, people who were well respected, were also invited. They followed a star to the place where Jesus was born and shared in the excitement.



## Slide 5 - Bible verse

When Jesus grew up, he taught us many things, and one of his most important messages was to:

**‘Love each other as I have loved you.’**

(John 15:12 ICB)

Jesus showed how important it is for us to care for each other, to include each other, to show love to one another.



## Slide 6 - Salvation Army perspective

The Salvation Army, a Christian church and charity, believes in following Jesus’ teachings, especially to include others and care for everyone, which is why it focuses on loving God and loving others.

At Christmas time, when people can feel particularly left out or lonely, The Salvation Army works hard to help people feel included. This can mean providing Christmas dinner for people who have no home or are lonely. It can mean visits to older people. It can mean giving supplies and presents to families who are struggling. And it means inviting all to join in with the celebration of Jesus’ birth.



## REFLECTION

### Slide 7 - Reflection

So what can you do to help others feel included this Christmas?  
What can you do to include others in your fun activities? What can you do to help others? What can you do as a family? Or as a class?

*Pause for a few moments for reflection.*





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## SONG



### Slide 8 - Song

The Salvation Army has written a song about how we can share a little bit of love with each other while we are enjoying this holiday season.

*Play the song 'Share a Little Bit of Love at Christmas' and encourage the pupils to sing along.*



### Slide 9 - Goodbye

Thank the pupils and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly.

*Play the song 'Share a Little Bit of Love at Christmas' as pupils leave.*

*Give the pupils a sticker as they leave.*

