

**FOR ALL
AGE GROUPS**

THE GIFT OF GIVING



GET INVOLVED



30 MINUTES



**PREPARATION
NEEDED**



CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

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Appreciate the gift of giving this Christmas with a community-based giving activity, helping to remind us all to spread joy and love this Christmas. Link with our 'The Greatest Gift' Christmas Challenge 2023. A suggested activity to help award our Christmas tree decoration.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Varies depending on the activity chosen

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THEME: HELPING OTHERS



LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to decide on which giving project to take on and make the necessary arrangements for that idea. Deciding the project, where possible, should be done in partnership with the children and young people.



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 At the very first Christmas, we were given the gift of the baby Jesus, for whom Christians would describe as the greatest 'gift' of all time.
- 2 2,000+ years later and Christmas today still has a lot of importance attached to the giving and receiving of gifts. This activity is all about encouraging children and young people to give something back to their community this Christmas.
- 3 As a group decide what your giving activity will be (some suggestions below) and then make plans on how you will make that happen.
 - **Foodbank:** Organise for your children and young people to bring in donations for a local foodbank. How many items can you collect to give away?
 - **Toys:** For many children, receiving toys at Christmas is something they very much look forward to. However for some, this sadly doesn't happen. Could you organise a toy donation appeal and donate these toys to an appropriate local charity or specific 'toy appeal'?
 - **Time:** Not all gifts have to cost money. The gift of volunteering is free and can be just as valuable. Are there any local projects that would benefit from your time this Christmas?
- 4 Before, during or after completing the giving activity, spend some time discussing why it is important to 'give' to others, particularly those who may be less fortunate than ourselves. How do they think the people receiving the gifts will feel? What difference will it make? What would the world look like if more people gave more of their time or money to worthy people and causes? How did Jesus encourage the act of giving, during his ministry and teachings?



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This activity is linked to our Christmas Challenge, themed for 2023 around 'The Greatest Gift'. This activity could be one way of completing that challenge and awarding our 2023 Christmas tree decoration to children and young people. For more information visit

<https://boys-brigade.org.uk/christmas-2023>



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

A leader should risk assess the chosen giving activity. If volunteering, then this should be done under the supervision of leaders.