

GENERATIONS IN FAITH TOGETHER



ADVENT GAMES AND IDEAS

PASS THE PARCEL

Pass the parcel is an exciting and fun kid's party game that can be played indoors or outdoors. Grab a treat and wrap it tight over and over and watch the delight on the children's faces as they eventually discover the secret contents. Include in each layer one of the share questions (Appendix 11).

You will need:

Wrapping paper/newspaper
Sticky tape
Chocolate or small gift
Share questions cut out
Christmas Music

What to do:

1. Wrap a bar of chocolate (or some other small gift), in a layer of wrapping paper.
2. Now wrap it in another layer adding one share question to each layer, repeat until you have 20 or so layers (or however many participants you think you will have).
3. Sit everyone in a circle and play a short snippet of music. When the music stops, the person holding the parcel removes one layer of wrapping and gets to share the answer to the question.
4. Repeat until the last layer of wrapping has been removed, restarting and then stopping the music each time.

PIN THE STAR ON THE STABLE

Draw a simple outline of a stable on a large piece of brown paper and stick on the wall. Invite each participant to make a star from yellow or orange coloured paper and to write their name on it. Blind-fold each person one at a time and get them to "Pin their star on the stable" with tape.

MUSICAL CHAIRS

Play Christmas Carols during a game of music chairs. Invite the person who 'gets out' each time to share with everyone the name of their favourite Christmas Carol.



CHRISTMAS PEOPLE BINGO

Walk around the room and invite people to sign the space if they practice any of the following Advent/Christmas traditions in their home.

Someone who has experienced a White Christmas (snow at Christmas time).

Someone who has a real Christmas tree in their home.

Someone who will be away from home this Christmas.

Someone who makes their own Christmas pudding.

Someone who has an Advent Wreath in their home.

Someone who gives a gift to charity during for Christmas.

Someone who will be working on Christmas Day.

Someone who opens their Christmas presents on Christmas Eve.

Someone who has had their photo taken with Santa.

Someone who is involved in a Christmas play this year.

Someone who celebrates Christmas with pets.

Someone who enjoys a hot Christmas lunch on Christmas Day.