



## Mini Vinnies new starter meetings

### Meeting 4 - Turning concern into action

#### Aim of session:

- To turn their concern into action with preparation for their first project.
- To learn about some of the other branches of the SVP.
- To prepare to link with another branch of the SVP.

#### What you will need for the meeting:

- *Turning Concern into Action* worksheet
- *Let's Learn About the SVP* [Presentation](#)
- Pens and pencils
- *Minutes of the Meeting* template for the Secretary (see website)
- A reading or reflection chosen by one of the children related to helping others

#### Procedure:

The President or another Mini Vinnie starts the meeting with the opening prayer from the handbook. The agenda of the meeting is shared with all the members.

Invite the Mini Vinnie who chose this week's reflection/reading to share it with the group. This should be encouraged in future meetings now, or you might like to use the Gospel readings from the *Spiritual Reflection Guides*.

This meeting time could be used to carry out their first call to action based on what was decided in the previous meeting.

You could also use this time to further explore about the different branches of the SVP and share the presentation with the children as a springboard for discussion.

#### Activity:

- What could you do to help your local adult SVP group?
- Find out where the location of the nearest St Vincent's centre. How could you support their work?
- What could you do to help if your school is near a St Vincent's community shop?
- Prepare your own short assembly to share with other children about the work of the SVP.

Finish the meeting with a closing prayer.

Encourage the secretary to take minutes of this meeting and make the children aware of the next meeting.



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