



Mini Vinnies new starter meetings

Meeting 5 – St Vincent de Paul: The Saint behind the SVP

Aim of session:

- To have a good understanding of the life of Saint Vincent de Paul.

What you will need for the meeting:

- *The life of St Vincent de Paul* presentation
- *St Vincent de Paul* worksheet
- 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 the poor

Procedure:

- The President starts the meeting with an opening prayer. This could be from the Mini Vinnies handbook or prayer book.
- One of the children shares the reflection chosen for this meeting. You could reflect on a quote from St Vincent de Paul from the slides and gather some thoughts and feelings about it.
- The Mini Vinnies discuss what acts of kindness they have been doing since the last meeting. Ensure minutes are being taken by the Secretary.
- Explain to the children that during this meeting they are going to learn a little bit more about the life of St Vincent de Paul as he is the patron of charities and volunteers.
- Show the children the PPT and get them to comment on his life.
- The children can complete their worksheet, which they could display on the Mini Vinnies board, or stick into a scrap book for their time in the Mini Vinnies.
- St Vincent de Paul tells us about the importance of kindness towards others and friendship. This week's call to action is to make friendship prayer cards. The children should decide as a group who these could be made for.
- The President brings the meeting to an end with a closing prayer.
- Don't forget to schedule in the next meeting.



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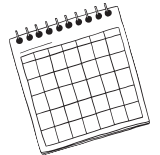
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St Vincent de Paul

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Cut the card out. Fold down the dotted line and glue the inside to create a double sided prayer card.

Friendship Prayer

Thank you God
for my friend...


is a wonderful
friend because...

Be close to my friend, Lord, as your
friendship is the greatest.

Amen

"Let us live together in great charity and friendliness."

— St Vincent de Paul



By Lena London



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