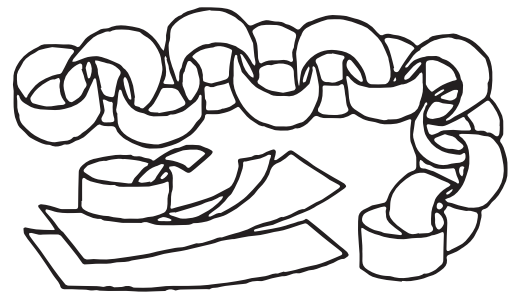


ADVENTURES IN RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

A FAMILY PAPER CHAIN ACTIVITY FOR ALL AGES



Our family had such a great time (and was stretched) last year as we did these Random Acts of Kindness! We had several opportunities to talk to others about Advent, and how we celebrate the expectation of Jesus' birth by showing the same kindness that he has shown to us. At NCC Kids, we've tried to make this activity easier to use this year by adding dates to each Act of Kindness. I'm excited that we, as families and as a church, get to bless the city of Tacoma again this year!

With expectation,
Leigh Hampton
NCC Kids Coordinator

DIRECTIONS

- 1) Cut each strip of paper and arrange them in order by date.
- 2) Look and staple/tape each strip to create a paper chain.
- 3) Starting December 1, pull off a link in the chain and perform the act of kindness at some point during the day.
- 4) Use these acts to both bless others and as a way to remember the kindness that God the Father has shown by giving us his Son!

Dec 1 - Help a neighbor with their garbage, recycling or yard waste bins

Dec 2 - Make a card for a soldier

(bring to church on Sunday & we will deliver it for you, or send it to someone you know)

Dec 3 - Leave change in a vending machine or gumball dispenser

Dec 4 - Buy the coffee for the person behind you in line

Dec 5 - Let someone in front of you in line today

Dec 6 - Say one thing you appreciate about everyone in your family

Dec 7 - Hold the door open for someone you don't know

Dec 8 - Clean up after yourself without having to be asked

Dec 9 - Write a letter to someone

Dec 10 - Volunteer at a Food Bank or donate food

Dec 11 - Cut snowflakes out of paper and decorate a window in your house

Dec 12 - Say thank you to your teacher/boss today

Dec 13 - Say something kind to someone at school/work today

Dec 14 - Pick up the trash on your street

Dec 15 - Bring a treat to your school lunch workers, nurse or office staff

Dec 16 - Put change in a Salvation Army red bucket

Dec 17 - Deliver cookies to library staff, fire station or police station

Dec 18 - Bring a new magazine to a hospital waiting room

Dec 19 - Smile at five people today

Dec 20 - Learn about a Christmas tradition from another country

Dec 21 - Do a sibling's chore for them

Dec 22 - Bring flowers to someone

Dec 23 - Create a Giant Thank You card and give to someone

Dec 24 - Take a Christmas Card to an all night drug store employee
