



# Leader's guide:

## Design a Vinnie Pack

### Activity aims:

- By the end of this activity, children will have a good understanding of what a Vinnie Pack is, and their importance
- Children will have thought about what contents they would put in a Vinnie Pack and they will be able to give reasons for their choices in a mini presentation
- Children will have developed literacy and creativity skills by designing a poster for their Vinnie Pack
- To encourage ideas for future fundraising for Vinnie Packs

### You will need:

- Design a Vinnie Pack booklet (1 per child)
- A3 paper for posters (1 per pair)
- Pens/pencils

### Procedure:

- To get the children interested in the topic, play a quick game of hangman to elicit the topic



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## What do you think they are?



- Explain that during this session, they will learn about Vinnie Packs, and they will get a chance to design their own. The winning design will be chosen by the teacher or leader after the children's presentations
- Hand out booklets and read the front page together. This summarises the session for the children
- Read out loud the details on p.2 about what a Vinnie Pack is, and find out from children if they had heard about Vinnie Packs before this session
- Put the children into pairs and allow them some time to make some notes on p.3 about the eight things they would put in a pack and reasons for their choices
- Give each pair some A3 paper, colouring pencils and/or pens to create their poster
- Before the children present their ideas, get them to decide who will talk about which parts of their poster. They could do four each so that everyone has a chance to speak
- Before you choose the best design, share with the children the contents of a real Vinnie Pack and explain the importance of those items.

### Each pack contains:

- Thermal hat
- Thermal gloves
- 2 pairs of thermal socks
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Pen
- Information sheet

### Were any of these things on your list?

- Choose a winning design from the children's presentations
- Talk together about other fundraising events you could do in the future to raise money for the SVP to pay for Vinnie Packs
- Close the session with the prayer for the homeless