

# Additional Christmas Bowl Activities

## Make Your Own Decorations

### Christmas Bowl Ornament Candles

Create a sparkling and delicate centrepiece in no time at all. If you don't have an antique pedestal dish, use any pretty footed dish as the base for this bright and shining holiday display.

#### What You Need:

- Pillar candle
- Pedestal dish
- 20 or more small glass ornaments
- Mirror (optional)



#### Instructions:

- Place candle in dish.
- Gently arrange ornaments around the candle until desired look is achieved.
- *Optional: For a warm reflected glow, place the dish in front of a mirror.*

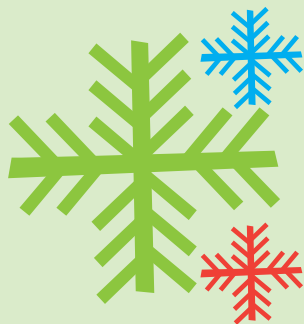
### Paper Snowflakes

#### What You Need:

- Paper, square sheets work best
- Scissors
- Glitter or glitter glue

#### Instructions:

- Fold the square into a triangle shape. Fold that triangle into another triangle. You can stop folding here or you can fold one more time. If it is a young child doing this, it is easier to fold less because the thicker the paper, the harder it is to cut.
- Now cut different shapes out of the sides of the paper.
- Open up and see the beautiful designs.
- Use glitter glue to further decorate your snowflake. It will look beautiful hanging in the window or on a tree.



### Star Foil Ornament



#### What You Need:

- Card paper (any colour)
- Silver foil
- Liquid glue
- String
- Gold, silver, white, green, or red glitter
- Scissors

#### Instructions:

- Draw a star onto the card paper.
- Cut it out and use it for a pattern to draw another star onto the card paper (2 card stars are needed for one ornament).
- Cut the second star out.
- Put glue on each and cover with foil.
- Draw a design in glue on the foil covered stars.
- Sprinkle glitter on them and let dry.
- Then carefully cut a line half way down the middle on each star. Then slide 2 stars together.
- Put a hole in one star and tie the string through the hole.
- Now you have a homemade star-foil ornament!

### Advent Wreath

#### What You Need:

- 3 purple or blue candles (1st, 2nd & 4th Weeks of Advent)
- 1 pink candle (3rd Week of Advent)
- 1 white candle for Christmas Day
- Thin wire
- Holly branches, vines or plastic foliage for wreath greenery

#### Instructions:

- Braid or twist the vines together and shape into a ring. Wrap long lengths of wire around the foliage to keep it together and in its shape. When creating the wreath, make sure that it is big enough, with the candles far enough apart, so that people can place things in the space at the centre without being burnt.
- Twist two lengths of wire around the base of each candle, leaving double ends of wire projecting downwards to securely wrap around branches within the wreath. Space the purple and pink candles evenly around the ring.
- Now your Candle Wreath is ready to be used in your church or at home. Remember to keep an eye on the candles when they are burning and extinguish them before the heat reaches the base. Use a yellowish table cloth to suit the decoration.
- Feel free to use your own creativity by adding further decorations such as berries or baubles to the wreath or selecting different objects to place in the centre to represent the theme of each week of Advent.



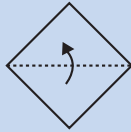
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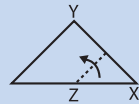
# Christmas Bowl Peace Doves

**You will need:** 1 x square sheet of paper (15 cm x 15 cm is a good size to start off with).

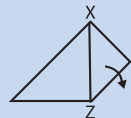
**1. Fold the bottom half over the top half.**



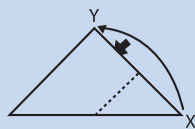
**2. Fold so that point X meets point Y. After completing the fold, line ZX should be vertical.**



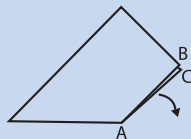
**3. Unfold.**



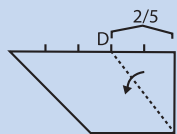
**4. Fold point X to meet point Y with the fold in the middle of the two sides.**



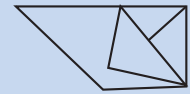
**5. Rotate the model so that edges AB and AC are horizontal. The finished model will rest on edges AB and AC.**



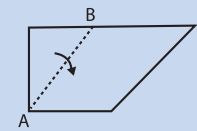
**6. Fold the top layer of paper on one side downward to create the first wing. NOTE: point D is located at approximately 2/5 the length of the top edge.**



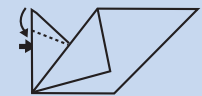
**7. Turn the model over.**



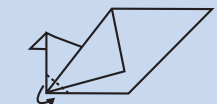
**8. Repeat step 6 to create the second wing. NOTE: after completing step 8 the creased edge of the second wing (edge AB) should be in line with the creased edge of the first wing.**



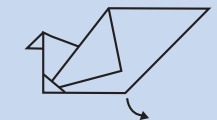
**9. Fold the top corner into the inside between the two sides to form the bird's head.**



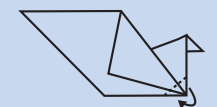
**10. Fold the front corner inward.**



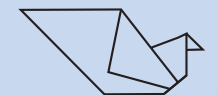
**11. Turn the model over.**



**12. Repeat step 10.**



**13. The finished Dove.**



## Paper Mache Reindeer

### What You Need:

- 10 newspapers
- 3 paper towel tubes
- Water base paint
- Brushes
- Buttons
- Pipe cleaner
- Small pom pom
- Masking tape
- Glue
- Sealer



### Instructions:

- Tear the newspapers into small strips.
- Immerse the strips completely in a medium sized container with 3/4 parts glue & 1/4 parts water. Rub them together to prepare the paper mache paste.
- Use one whole paper towel roll to form the back of the reindeer. Cut one whole paper towel roll into four pieces of equal size. These four parts will make the front and the hind

legs of your reindeer.

- Use glue to attach the legs to the lower surface of the reindeer. Hold them together with masking tape. All the legs must stand evenly on the table.
- Cut the "neck" and "head" of the reindeer out of the remaining paper towel roll. Make a hole in the paper roll that forms the back of the reindeer. Insert the "neck" into the hole. Make a similar hole in the "neck" to put in the "head" of the reindeer. Use masking tape to hold these in place.
- The rough structure of your reindeer is ready. Now cover it with the paper mache paste. See that no area of its surface remains exposed. Use your hands to mold the shape so that it resembles a reindeer.
- Let the paper mache reindeer dry for several hours or overnight.
- When it dries, paint the reindeer in any color you like. Allow the paint to dry.
- Now glue the buttons in place of eyes. Attach the pom pom for the nose. Make a small hole in the "head" of the reindeer. Set the pipecleaner through it to make the antlers.

Your Paper Mache Reindeer is ready, and you can present it as a Christmas gift to anyone you like!

# Extra Christmas Bowl Activities

## Calculating for the Christmas Bowl:

According to the World Bank, 80% of the world's population lives on \$12.50 per day or less. That's 5.15 billion people! Do you think that you could live on only \$12.50 per day? Talk to your parents and try to estimate how much money you spend for housing, food, clothing, transportation, medical expenses and schooling per day.

Living Expenses:	Housing:	Food:	Clothing:	Transportation:	Medical Care:	Schooling:	Total:
Cost per week:							

Is there anything else that you buy that doesn't fit into those categories? What about books, video games, Foxtel or Satellite, DVDs or rentals, mobile phone, CDs?

Items or Activities:	Books:	Television:	Insert Your Own:	Insert Your Own:	Insert Your Own:	Total:
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Cost per week:						

- What is the total amount of money that you spend every week on both living expenses and on items or activities?
- Is \$12.50 more or less than you spend every day? By how much?
- What would you have to give up if you only earned \$87.50 per week?
- 20% of the world earns only \$12.50 per week! What would you have to give up if that was all that you earned?
- Over 300 million people live on less than \$7 per week! What would you have to give up if that was all that you earned?
- Consider giving up something small, like TV for one night or your favorite junk food and see if your parents will help you to send the money that you saved to children living without these luxuries. Consider making this small sacrifice for the Christmas Bowl!

### The Rights of Life

By comparison to the majority of the world, we Australians are extremely lucky! Here is a list of our basic human rights? Are they all available to you? Does everyone share in these rights?

The right to:

- Life \_\_\_\_\_
- Dignity and self-respect \_\_\_\_\_
- A name and nationality \_\_\_\_\_
- Shelter \_\_\_\_\_
- Ownership of property \_\_\_\_\_
- Education \_\_\_\_\_
- Work \_\_\_\_\_
- Freedom of thought and expression \_\_\_\_\_
- Religious beliefs \_\_\_\_\_
- Privacy \_\_\_\_\_
- Freedom \_\_\_\_\_
- Medical care \_\_\_\_\_
- Peaceful living \_\_\_\_\_
- Equity before the law \_\_\_\_\_

#### Activities:

Number these rights in your own order of priority.

# Christmas is a Time for Peace

## What does peace mean to you?

- Peace is \_\_\_\_\_
- A peaceful colour is \_\_\_\_\_
- One way to achieve a peaceful world is \_\_\_\_\_
- The most peaceful place I know is \_\_\_\_\_
- Who is the Prince of Peace? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why is Christmas a celebration of Peace and Goodwill? \_\_\_\_\_

## 'Blessed are the Peacemakers'

Peacemaking is bridging the gaps between all people, bringing together those in developed and the developing countries to form one world. A peacemaker is someone who shows that by living and promoting justice. We can work towards establishing a peaceful community and an end to all war.

### Activities

Collect a number of newspaper articles about recent wars such as in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan or the Gaza Strip. Put them into categories:

- Those which contain propaganda.
- Those which are biased towards one side.
- Those which present a balanced point of view.
- In each case, identify the words/phrases that helped you choose a category.
- Find the meanings for: negotiation, conciliation, mediation and arbitration. What do they have in common?
- If you were to choose an anti-war slogan, what might it be?
- What is the meaning of the word genocide? Cite two modern examples where genocide has taken place.  
(Answers: a) Genocide is the deliberate and systematic destruction, in whole or in part, of an ethnic, racial, religious or national group. b) Bosnian Genocide - refers to the genocide committed by Serb forces in Srebrenica in 1995; Rwandan Genocide - 1994 mass killing of hundreds of thousands of Rwanda's Tutsis and Hutu political moderates by Hutus under the Hutu Power ideology.)
- What is the meaning of the word impunity?  
(Answer: Impunity means the exemption from punishment or loss. In the international law of human rights, it refers to the failure to bring perpetrators of human rights violations to justice and, as such, itself constitutes a denial of the victims' right to justice and redress.)
- Who was the first Head of State to be tried and convicted for war crimes and crimes against humanity?  
(Answer: Charles I, 1649)
- Which President was recently indicted for the above crimes?  
(Answer: Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir - The International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant on counts of crimes against humanity and war crimes in Darfur.)



## A Gift of Peace

**Peace is a gift from God, given to us all. So we should be leading the way in the search for peace. In the New Testament we find many references to peace and how to become peacemakers. Here are some!**

Read each passage and write down what each says about being a peacemaker.

- Matthew 5:9
- Matthew 26:52
- Matthew 18:21-22
- Luke 6:31
- Luke 6:27
- Romans 12:18
- 2 Corinthians 3:11
- Hebrews 12:14
- Colossians 3:15

### Parables of Peace

Jesus told his followers many parables that have messages of peace. A parable is a story with a unique message.

In groups, act out one of these parables. Feel free to make it more modern if you like.

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| The Lost Son            | Luke 15:11-32    |
| The Good Samaritan      | Luke 10:29-39    |
| The Unforgiving Servant | Matthew 18:23-35 |
| The Final Judgment      | Matthew 25:31-46 |