



## Creating “Heaven on Earth” Welcome Cards

### Leader's guide

#### Aim of the session:

To help Mini Vinnies understand how small acts of kindness and welcome can bring hope and joy to others, and to reflect on ways they can make people feel valued and included.

**Time:** 15–20 minutes

#### Materials Needed:

- Card, paper, or blank folded cards (enough for each child)
- Pens, pencils, or markers
- Crayons or coloured pencils (optional, for decorating)
- A board or large sheet of paper to note discussion ideas (optional)
- Example of a short message of hope (optional prompt for children)

#### Opening Prayer (1–2 mins)

*Lord Jesus, Thank You for showing us how to love and welcome others.  
Help us to bring kindness and joy to everyone we meet,  
so that we can share a little bit of heaven on earth. Amen.*

#### Story Reflection (2–3 mins)

Read aloud the story of the retired man. Highlight his words: “What I have found here... is heaven on earth.”

*A retired man who had found himself a widow, and with little family around him, came to one of the SVP Community Support Projects to take part in the regular activities, meet friends and feel welcomed. When asked to describe what the experience had meant to him, he simply said this: “What I have found here at St Vincent’s I can only describe as heaven on earth.”*

#### Group Discussion (3–4 mins)

Ask:

- What do you think he meant by “heaven on earth”?
- What makes someone feel welcome, loved, or at home?
- Write a few answers on the board/paper (friendship, kindness, laughter, feeling included, etc.).

#### Creative Response (10 mins)

Give each child a piece of card/paper. Ask them to design a “Heaven on Earth” Welcome Card for someone who might feel lonely. Inside, they can write a short message of hope (e.g. “You are never alone”, “You are loved”, “We are glad you’re here”).

#### Closing Reflection (2–3 mins)

Gather the group. Invite a few children to share their cards.

End with a short prayer: *Lord, help us to bring heaven on earth by making others feel welcome and loved.*

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