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Starfish to print for Morning Prayer



Candle of Hope

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Those experiencing homelessness often feel lonely and isolated. One of the people the SVP has supported described homelessness like this...

"I found myself truly outside. Physically, spiritually, and emotionally outside of society."

THINK

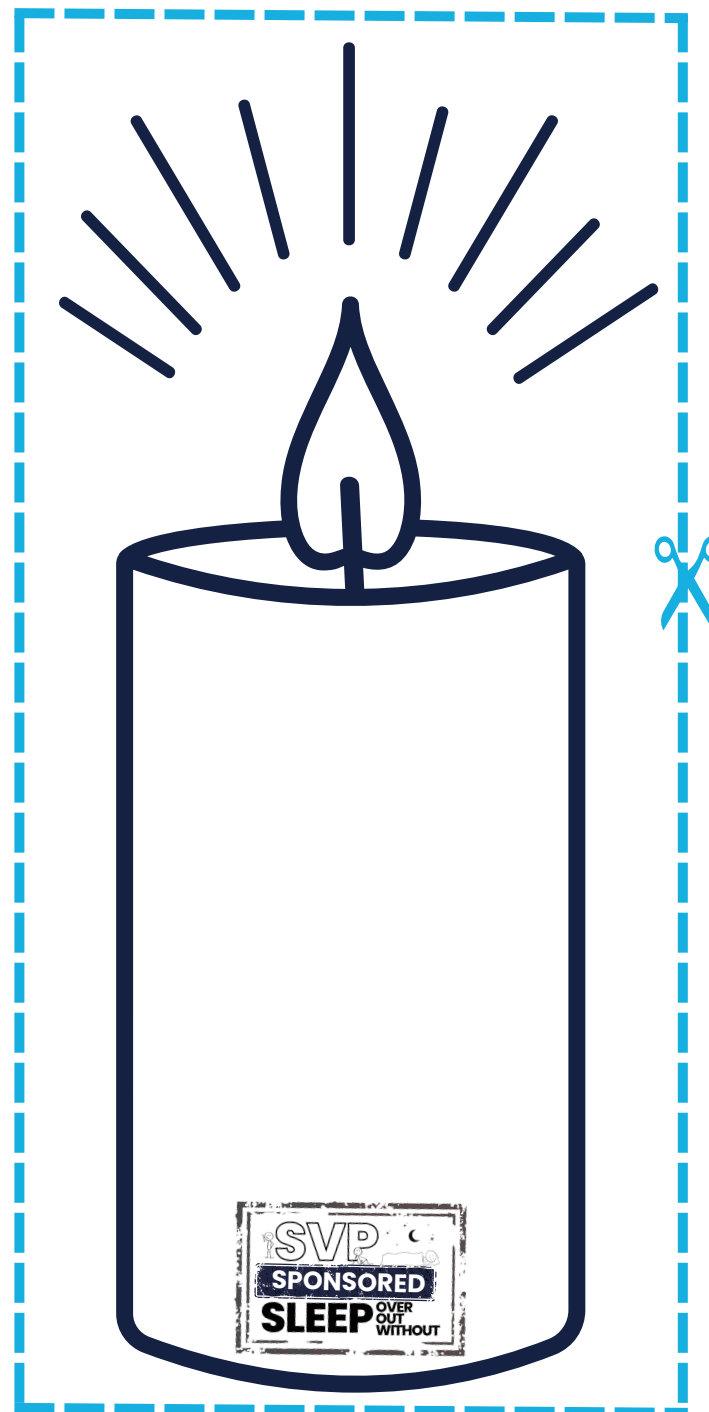
*"No one has ever seen God.
But if we love each other, God lives in us.
If we love each other, God's love has reached its goal.
It is made perfect in us."
1 John 4:7*

- What is this piece of scripture trying to tell us about God?
- Use a pen to circle or highlight the words and phrases that stand out to you.
- If God lives in us how does that change the way, we live our lives?

DO

We would love you to write a message of hope on your candle and decorate it for someone experiencing homelessness to show them that they are not alone and that they are loved. Your candle will reflect God's love to the people who read it.

Send a photo of your candle to youngvincentians@svp.org.uk, and we will share your messages of love with our St Vincent's centres and SVP Conferences around England and Wales who work closely with those experiencing homelessness or those who are in temporary accommodation.



Vinnie Pack

SEE

Vinnie Packs are parcels which the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) have put together for a number of years to give out to those experiencing homelessness. They cost £3.50 to put together, but of course are free to anyone who needs one.

These packs provide items to help them feel warmer and valued, and they are made up by teams of volunteers to make sure that those who are homeless continue to be cared for, especially when the weather is at its coldest. These packs must be light weight and cheap to make so that we can help as many people as possible. Those who make the packs have listened carefully to the needs of homeless people and the thing that they say they need most.

THINK

Before we find out what items are in a Vinnie Pack, let's think about the essential things you would put in a pack to make people feel warmer and cared for. If you were making up a pack worth £3.50 what would you put in it? You can write a list with costings or perhaps you'd like to draw out what the pack would look like.

DO

Each pack contains:

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

Did you have any of the same things in your pack?

These packs provide important help for those who are sleeping on the streets. Could you make a plan to raise awareness about Vinnie packs?

Why not organise a fundraiser at school to raise money for Vinnie Packs?

Find out more about Vinnie Packs at info@svp.org.uk

