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Young adults are an important part of the Vincentian family. We are all called to be like Jesus by helping people, becoming their friend and working with others to make a difference. Find out more and view our school resources by visiting **svp.org.uk/svp1833**

Leaders Guide

Light Chain

God did not create one kind of person, one type of work, or one way of being. He created a human family where each of us is called to reflect His love and become a light for others.

Many Stories, One Light celebrates the diversity of people, experiences, gifts, and vocations that make up our communities, united by a shared commitment to putting faith into action. We can reflect His light through the way we treat others and the words we share. In this activity, we will create a chain of paper fairy lights filled with messages to brighten someone's day.

You will need

- *Printable fairy-light templates*
- *Coloured pens, pencils or felt tips*
- *Scissors*
- *String or ribbon*
- *Glue, tape or staples*

Write on both sides of your light (top and bottom)
Side one: I see light in others when...
Think about the moments when you notice kindness, courage or goodness in other people.
For example:

- Someone includes a person who is on their own.
- Someone stands up for what is right.
- Someone takes time to listen.
- Someone makes others feel welcome.

Write down "I see light in others when" followed by your answer

Side two: A message someone needs to hear
What words might someone need to hear today? Write a short message of hope, kindness or encouragement.
For example:

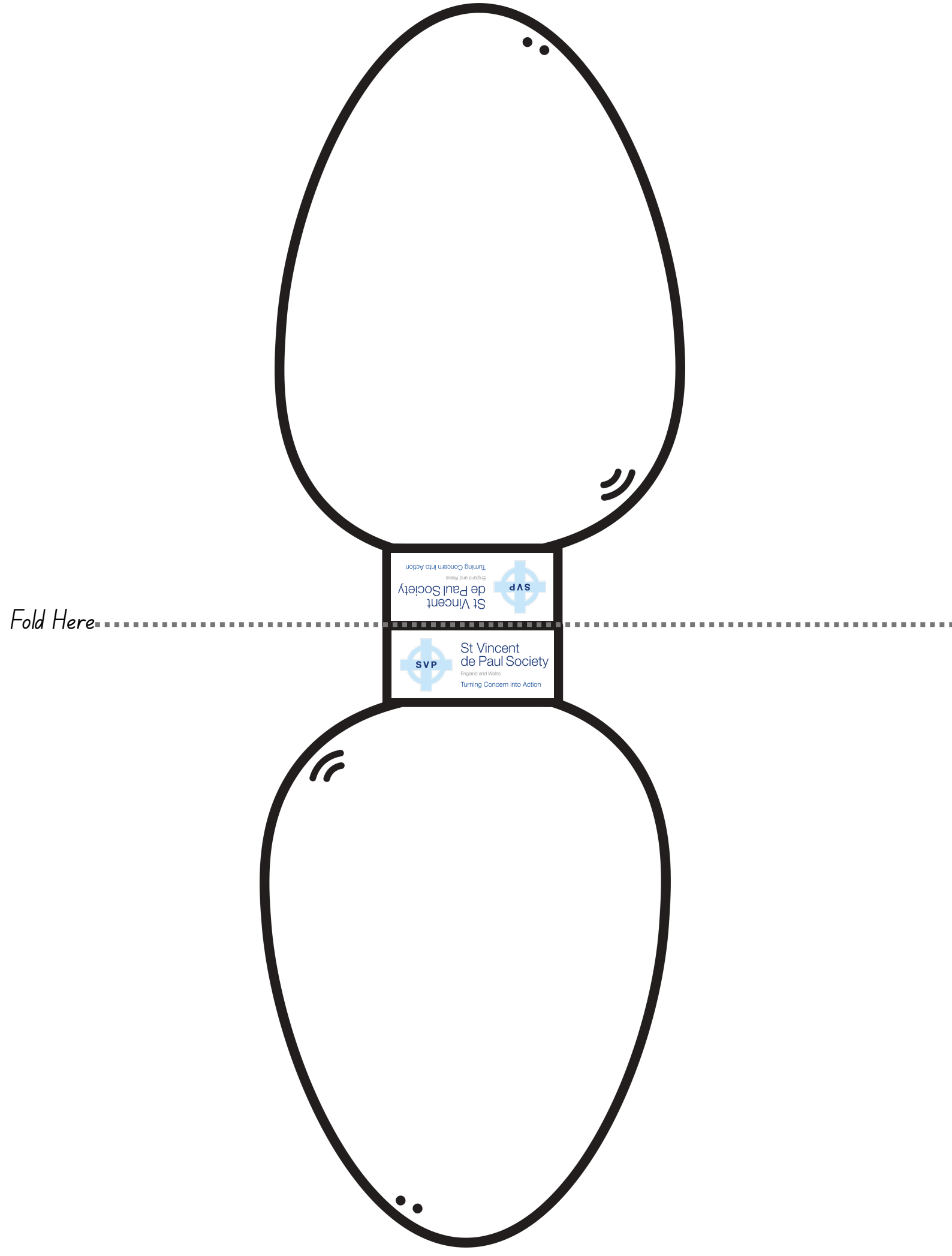
- You matter.
- You belong here.
- You don't have to face everything alone.
- Your kindness makes a difference.
- It's okay to ask for help.
- You are valued just as you are.

Decorate your light
Make your fairy light unique! Use colours, patterns, doodles, stars, hearts or symbols to express yourself. Every light should be different, just like every person's story.

Once you are finished, cut out your light (keep both sides connected), and fold along the line.

Once everyone has finished decorating and writing their messages, cut out the fairy lights and fold each one in half along the dotted line, so the two bulbs line up back-to-back. Place the string inside the fold, then secure the two sides together using tape or a staple. Join all the lights along the string to create one long fairy-light chain to display around school.

Display your chain around school so that everyone can read the messages and be reminded that they matter.


Fold Here
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