



tips for youth workers

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SHARING CHRISTMAS WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

“Christmas is going to look a little different this year.” This is the kind of phrase we keep hearing and it probably gives you negative vibes. The good news is that even though we cannot gather in large groups to share the Christmas story or celebrate, we can still find creative and interactive ways to reach out to families, church members and our communities. We can put our creativity into action! Here are a few ideas that you might want to consider trying this year:

1. **Jingle Jam** – Orange has provided the “Simply Christmas” Jingle Jam Event Kit at no cost. In it you will find everything you need to host a fun, family-centered event celebrating Jesus, God’s greatest gift. The resource kit provides you with everything from script, tech sheet, sound effect files, decorating ideas, promo postcards and a planning checklist. If you’d like to make your Jingle Jam more special or plan a virtual event there is an optional Media and Graphics Package you can purchase from thinkorange.com/jingle-jam-christmas-family-experience/. The media package includes these additional resources: video elements, music, additional graphics, more promotional pieces and a virtual experience you can send directly to the homes of your families
2. **A Christmas Journey – A Christmas Diorama** – Here’s a creative and physically distanced way to share the Christmas story using live images. Dioramas are used to share a story through models or images. A Christmas diorama is a way to move visitors through the story by having them visit 5 different scenes. The featured scenes include: the prophecy of Christ’s birth; the calling of His parents; His arrival in the manger; the calling of the shepherds to visit and share about the birth; and the visit of the magi. Suggested scenes and scripts are included. Download this free resource here: CANDBAyouth.com
3. **Advent Readings** – Orange has provided “Christmas Countdown” four weeks of daily advent readings for families in their 252 Kids December curriculum: Simply Christmas. Look for the “Christmas Extras” folder and begin with the “Start Here” files. You can choose to print this resource or email it home each week to your congregation.
4. **Christmas Resource Podcast** – Tune into our podcast as Major Terence Hales chats with ministry workers from across the territory. They’ll be sharing outreach and worship ideas to help make Christmas meaningful. Visit soundcloud.com/canbda-youth on November 16 when the podcast will be posted.
5. **Worship in A Box – Christmas Edition** – *The Light of Christmas* is a Christmas Eve/Day family worship gathering from the comfort of your living room. The box provides families with several activities to share together as they consider Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.
6. **Prayer Tree** – Place a Christmas tree in a prominent area (like your foyer, CFS area, Thrift Store) and invite people to write a prayer request and hang it on the tree. Ask people from your corps to pray for these requests over the following weeks.