

Hope

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Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11,
Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; Mark 1: 1-8

Messengers of Hope

Prayerful Bonbons

Before you make the bonbons, have the children and families think about hopes and prayers for the different members of their family for the coming year. Talk about the sorts of things they could hope and pray for: doing well in Year 12, make the school swimming team, be happy in their job, find new friends at a new school, recover from an illness, find time to get some exercise ...

You will need:

- ♦ cardboard rolls (from cling wrap, foil, paper towel etc)
- ♦ textas, pencils
- ♦ little squares of paper
- ♦ cellophane and coloured paper, or Christmas paper, to wrap around the rolls
- ♦ curling ribbon
- ♦ wrapped lollies, stickers or small novelty gifts
- ♦ scissors
- ♦ stars, stickers, glitter etc.
- ♦ labels or name tags

Preparation:

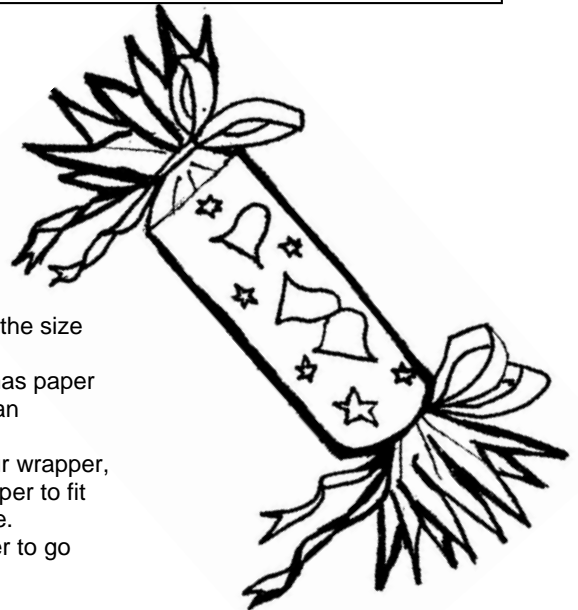
- ♦ Cut the cardboard rolls to the size you want.
- ♦ Cut cellophane or Christmas paper the length of the roll plus an extra 15cm.
- ♦ If using cellophane as your wrapper, cut a piece of coloured paper to fit around the cardboard tube.
- ♦ Cut small squares of paper to go inside the bonbons.

What you do:

- ♦ If using cellophane glue a piece of coloured paper around the cardboard tube to cover the tube. Allow to dry.

Personalised messages:

- ♦ Take a square of paper for each member of the family, and one each for any other people who will be eating Christmas dinner with you.
- ♦ Write the name of each person on a square, and then write your hope or prayer for them for the coming year.
- ♦ Roll the squares up and tuck each one into a bonbon roll.
- ♦ Add a lolly or a sticker or two, or a small novelty gift.



- ♦ Roll cellophane or Christmas paper around the outside of the bonbon and tie each end with curling ribbon.
- ♦ Write the person's name on a sticky label or name tag for the outside of the bonbon.
- ♦ Decorate the cellophane wrapper with stars, stickers, glitter etc.
- ♦ On Christmas Day everyone will have a personalised bonbon prayer with which to start the meal.

This also makes a thought-provoking family activity for Advent – a time for sharing hopes and dreams, and then each person preparing a bonbon for another family member or guest.

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