



Compassion *Christmas*

Information Booklet



Loving one another
through giving
this Christmas

**“And this shall be a sign to you:
You shall find the baby wrapped
in swaddling clothes and lying
in a manger.”**

Luke 2:12

**Thanks so much
for your interest in
hosting **Compassion
Christmas** with your
church or group.**





The Word became
flesh and made his
dwelling among us.

JOHN 1:14

What is Compassion Christmas?

Compassion Christmas is a simple way for your church to celebrate Jesus **and demonstrate His love for others during the Advent season**. It gives you a practical response tool, an ornament which highlights real needs **such as shelter, food support to mom & babies, and discipleship**. Those interested to respond may choose an ornament, scan the QR code, and give directly to the need that matters most to them.

This Christmas, your church, school, business and group are invited to take part in supporting five key areas of need: safe spaces for families, nutritious food, care for moms and babies, education and training and child sponsorship.

Consider something like this: Each ornament represents a specific need and can be displayed to help your church visualize and understand its impact. Every ornament includes a QR code that can be scanned with a smartphone, leading to a secure giving page where individuals can choose an amount and complete their gift.

This advent season, as we prepare to welcome Christ, God with us, we have an opportunity to embody His hope, peace, joy, and love to others.

Each message shared on an ornament focuses on a unique theme and highlights a specific area of need:

1. **The Welcome of God**
A message of hope that reflects God's heart for the weary, the vulnerable and the stranger.
Invitation to act: safe spaces for families
2. **The Hospitality of God**
A message of peace that reminds us all are welcome at God's table.
Invitation to act: nutritious food for families
3. **Joy in the Unexpected Guest**
A message about the joy found in welcoming others and sharing life together.
Invitation to act: care for moms and babies
4. **Love that Makes Room**
A message of love rooted in putting others first.
Invitation to act: education and training

We have prepared four short devotional messages to guide you through the weeks leading up to Christmas Eve. You can use all four, choose those that best fit your context, or combine them into a single week. Each message provides an opportunity to reflect on sharing God's love during the Christmas season.

A blank ornament template is also included if you would like to feature a different local ministry for one of the weeks, such as a food bank instead of the Nutrition focus. The printer-friendly digital file can be customized to suit your needs.

How can I join Compassion Christmas?

You can register to host Compassion Christmas with your church or group here: (LINK to SITE).

Once registered, we will send your Compassion Christmas kit with everything you need to get started. Each kit includes ornaments, a Gifts of Compassion catalogue, info cards and a pen. Your kit will ship between October 26 and 30, giving you plenty of time to prepare.

Register as soon as possible to give us time to prepare and deliver your kit, ensuring you have everything you need for a meaningful Advent and Christmas season.

The national launch for Compassion Christmas is November 29, 2026, and it will run through Christmas Eve on December 24, 2026. You are welcome to start earlier or extend beyond these dates based on what works best for your group.



**“Fear not, for behold, I bring
you good news of great joy
that will be for all people. ”**

Luke 2:10

Step-by-Step Overview

- 1. Register for Compassion Christmas**
Sign up at compassionchristmas.ca to get started.
- 2. Receive your kit**
Your kit will arrive in late October and includes ornaments and everything you need to host.
- 3. Set up your display**
Launch on November 29 by setting up your ornament display in a foyer or shared space.
- 4. Share with your group**
Use the teaching guides to share the vision in a way that fits your context. You can highlight one area of need each week or share everything together at once.
- 5. Invite people to respond**
Those who want to give can take an ornament, scan the QR code and choose the area they feel led to support. They keep the bottom portion and return the ornament to the display.
Optionally you can add your customized self printed ornament here to represent your local need.
- 6. Keep it available**
Leave the ornaments up throughout the Christmas season so people can respond at any time.
- 7. See the impact**
In January, you will receive an update on the impact made across Canada.

Thank you!

Thank you for the way you welcome Christ into your life each day, for the way you embody His love in your local neighbourhood, and for the way you have made His love known to the most vulnerable this Christmas. Thank you for participating in Compassion Christmas, for your prayers, care, and support for children, families and communities experiencing poverty. May the Lord bless you and your church family this Christmas season and this coming year!

**“Love each other as
I have loved you.”**

John 15:12

