



*The second cup...*

## Activity suggestions

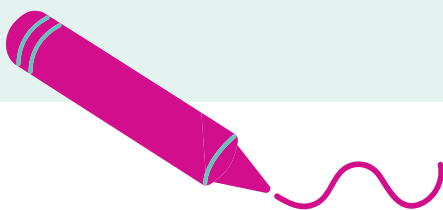
### Decorating cups

In Mary's story from the video, we heard about the difference that sharing a cup of tea makes in the lives of older people experiencing loneliness, and in this activity we invite younger members of the congregation to create a beautiful cup for someone that is feeling alone, as we recognise that everyone is invited to God's table.

#### *You will need:*

- Paper cups
- Stickers
- Coloured paper
- Safety scissors
- Glue sticks

Have paper cups available together with a selection of stickers, safety scissors, coloured paper, glue sticks etc. Invite children (and anyone else that would like to) to decorate a cup for someone else who might be experiencing loneliness.



### Make an invitation

Our reading this year is Luke 14:15-23, a parable in which we hear of those on the edges of society being invited into a great banquet. This activity invites younger members of the congregation to decorate or create from scratch an invitation for someone feeling alone to join God's party.

#### *You will need:*

- Invitation template sheets (to use or to give format idea)
- Plain paper
- A good selection of coloured crayons or coloured pencils

Using the template, or for older children/young people starting with a blank sheet of paper, design an invitation to share with someone that might be experiencing loneliness.

*We suggest introducing these activities just before the sermon, and inviting children to bring their work to the front as part of an offering, placing them on the altar as a symbol of inviting others to God's table, and ours.*

