



Take on the 2021 Good News Challenge!

Good news! Christmas is coming and it's time to start the countdown. During Advent let's challenge ourselves to share the news of Jesus by doing practical things with our families, friends and community. Let's be reminded while we keep our social distance we can still love people the way God loves us.

It's been a tough year for all of us and what better way to share some love and hope this Christmas than taking on a Good News Challenge to remind others and ourselves that God is good and that we have hope in Him.

Cut out the challenges below and put them in a jar, choose one each day at random and complete the challenge as best you can.

Share your progress and forward a challenge to your friends on social media to spread some joy this Christmas using the hashtag **#SpurgeonsGoodNews**.

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Good news in the wild:

Write a Christmas message on a post-it and leave it for someone to find.

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Great food and good news:

Bake or buy some biscuits or cupcakes to share with your neighbour, school, workplace or local centre.

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Good news superheroes:

Create an award for someone in your community who is a hero to you.

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Heralding the good news:

Share the good news of the gospel and invite your friends and neighbours to your Advent church services, whether online or in person.



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Share some good news:

Phone or video call a friend or family member you haven't spoken to for a while and catch up.

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Good neighbours:

Get to know your neighbours; do something kind for them.

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Good cuppa:

Make someone a surprise cup of something they love; tea, coffee, hot chocolate? **Get the kettle on!**

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Good News quiz:

Host an online Christmas quiz using a video calling platform to raise funds for Spurgeons projects. Encourage entrants to make a donation to play via our website or set up a JustGiving page! It's a great way to have fun from the sofa whilst being a game changer for children this Christmas.

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Good quality time:

Break out the board games, go for a walk, attend an activity together. Spend time as a family.

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Get good and crafty:

Get crafty and make some personalised home-made gifts.



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Good food and good news:

Get creative with your meals and make an extra plate for a neighbour who may be eating alone. Package something yummy and include a note or label of encouragement to pop on their doorstep, ring the bell and remember to keep your distance.

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Good time:

Give the gift of an hour to someone who needs it. Whether it's a neighbour moving house, helping with a weekly shop, or offering your time to Spurgeons. Your time is a precious gift that has the power to change other people's lives. For ideas of how you can volunteer for Spurgeons visit: www.spurgeons.org

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Goodness and kindness:

Do something lovely of your own choosing for someone else.

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Good prayers:

Draw a picture of people you want to pray for over Christmas time. Stick the picture where you will see it every day so you can remember to pray, drop them a text to say that you're praying for them.

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Read the good news of Christmas:

Re-read the Christmas story starting in Matthew 1:18 as a family or home group.

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Good health:

Gather some festive material and make some Christmas masks to help keep others safe.

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Good Gospel verses:

Decorate a bookmark, Christmas ornament or picture using your favourite bible verse and share it with a friend.

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Good tradition:

Take your favourite Christmas tradition, favourite movie, podcast, book, poem or article and swap it with a friend's favourite. See Christmas through the eyes of a friend and share part of your story with them.

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Good snow day:

Check-in on someone who is vulnerable on a snow day or a day that is particularly cold.

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Good meal:

Make lunch for someone who can't make it for themselves. It could be a sandwich for a homeless person, a meal for someone elderly or packing an extra snack for a friend in need at school.

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Good sing song:

Host a live sponsored sing along using social media and encourage your followers to donate to Spurgeons! Not online? Have a street sing along and pop a bucket out to collect donations.

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Good wishes:

Make a special thank you card for a star in your life.

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Good encouragement:

Fill a small jar of your own with bible verses, encouragements and special messages and pop them in the post to lift someone's spirits this Christmas.

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Good walk:

Challenge yourself to a sponsored walk and encourage friends and families to donate to Spurgeons to help support families in need this Christmas.

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Good memories:

Give a gift to Spurgeons in memory of a loved one this Christmas. Write a special note to hang on your tree to honour them.



Fundraising for Spurgeons? You can donate the money you raise by visiting www.spurgeons.org Thank you.