



Mini Vinnies Meetings

First Mini Vinnies Meeting

- 1) Open the meeting with a prayer or reflection.
You may want to start the meeting by reading a prayer from the Mini Vinnies Little Book of Prayers. Have a student choose a prayer (and a different student and different prayer each meeting).
- 2) Have the Vinnies representative address the group and remind them why they are part of Mini Vinnies and what Mini Vinnies is all about.
This is an opportunity for you to invite the Youth Staff or local Adult Conference President. Remind the students about, **SEE, THINK & DO.**
- 3) Decide as a group when, where and how often you will hold meetings.
- 4) Discuss and brainstorm what Social Justice means to each member.
- 5) Discuss and brainstorm what Social Justice issues the group would like to learn about.
- 6) Discuss and brainstorm any ideas that the group has for helping people. Emphasise that it is important to start small and doesn't need to revolve around fundraising.
- 7) Discuss ideas of raising awareness of Social Justice Issues in the school and local community.
- 8) Close the meeting with a prayer of reflection.

Subsequent Meetings

Once your group is established your meetings can follow a similar format to the first meeting, although there is no need to invite a Vinnies person to every meeting. You may however decide to invite guest speakers from time to time.

Alternatively you may like to spend the meeting working through a Mini Vinnies Fact Sheet. The Fact Sheets include some statistics and information on each Social Justice issue and also provide an activity that can be done on that issue. You may like to spend every second meeting doing learning and every second meeting actually doing something.

