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## INSPIRING AND ENGAGING YOUR FAMILY IN FAITH



## CREATIVE LIFE IN FAITH IDEAS FOR THE SPRING HOLIDAYS

# Build Your Own Shelter or Teepee

**During the holidays we often go on journeys. This activity aims to help your family to reflect on the journeys that many people around the world have to make as refugees, when they are forced to leave their homes by hunger, war or natural disaster.**

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Have fun building a shelter or cubby in the backyard or inside the house. You can use sheets, blankets, cushions - don't forget to bring some soft toys, snacks and games along. Invite each family member to write a list of all the things they would like to take on a holiday.

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When finished writing the list, announce a change of plans. You can only bring two items each. Discuss as a family what you would take, what you would leave behind and why.

3

Many refugees have to leave their homes very quickly and can only take what they can carry. Think about what it would be like to leave your home and not know when you will return. Would that make a difference to the two items you would take?

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Say a prayer together for people who are forced to leave their homes and most of their belongings behind. You can use your own words or pray the following prayer together:

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Jesus, our friend and brother, we thank you for our safe homes. We pray that by welcoming refugees we may show our love for our neighbours and be close to you. Amen