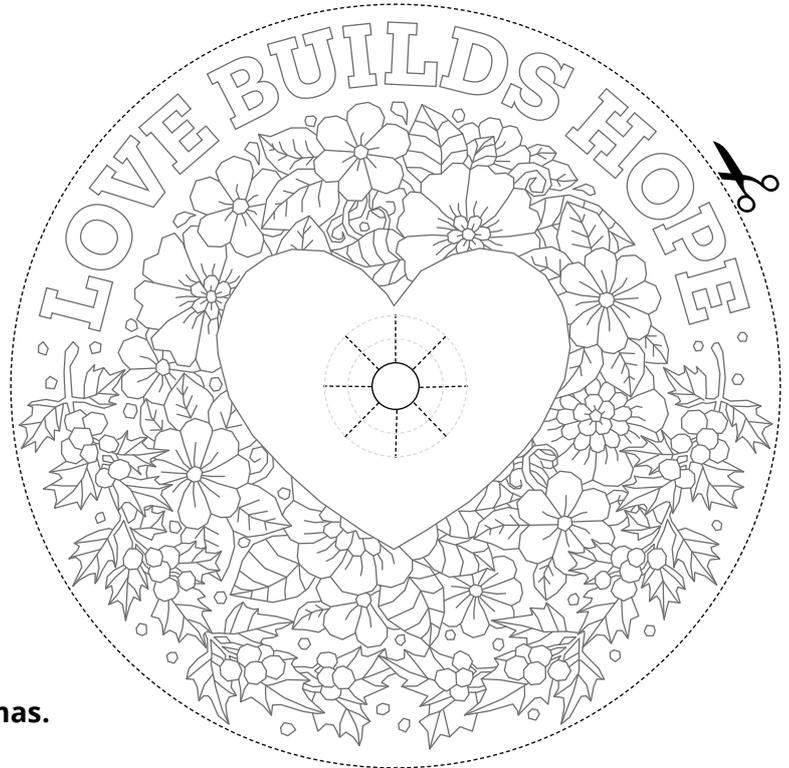


Your festive candle shield

This Christmas, love builds hope.

Knowing crisis here at home, we now stand united with people like Kawite, facing drought in Ethiopia, and millions of other families battling the climate crisis around the world. In the face of darkness, we stand in solidarity and hope.

Use this candle shield to stand with our neighbours near and far and celebrate the hopeful light Emmanuel brings this Christmas.



1. Colour in your candle shield. Find ways to do this as a prayerful activity at caid.ie/ChristmasChurch Cut around the outer circle.



2. Place the candle shield on a soft surface and use a sharp pencil or point to make a hole in the centre.



3. Using a small pair of scissors, cut along the dotted lines from the centre. For a 1/2" candle, cut to the first circle, for a 3/4" candle, cut to the second.



4. Push the base of your unlit candle through the hole from the top of the candle shield.

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Suggested ways to use your candle shield:



- If you are worshipping in church or at home, use them for a candlelit moment of reflection during your Carol Service this Christmas season
- Decorate your candle shield as an act of reflection. Use our service guide at caid.ie/ChristmasChurch to do this as a group together or online
- Tie a piece of string through the top of your candle shield and attach it to your Christmas wreath to show hope and solidarity to your local and global neighbours
- Give copies to members of your congregation who are still isolating to share in Christmas worship
- Share a photo of your candle on social media using the hashtag **#lovebuildshope**

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