

ANGELICAN FOUNDATION YOUTH RESOURCE

Foundation Kids helping kids all across the country

How It All Started

In 1957, seven friends were talking together about ways in which they could share what they had with others. During their conversation, each of the friends told stories of churches and people who needed help but didn't have enough money to make things happen!

These friends said to one another, "What can we do to make sure everyone has an equal chance to have a church where people can worship and where those in their community can gather together to meet and make new friends?"

One person said, "I don't need to keep all of my money for myself. I am going to give the first gift." And that person's generosity inspired the others to give too. They were so excited that they told their bishop about this, and they gave their project a name — The Anglican Foundation of Canada. The bishop told this story to other bishops and people in Anglican churches all across the country. And pretty soon, lots of people were willing to give small gifts, medium sized gifts and big gifts to help others.

That's how it all began — seven friends who decided to share what they had to help others. Then they invited other friends to join and 58 years later, there are 900 Anglican Foundation Friends! Each of them has given a gift of money to help make all kinds of things possible right here in Canada.



You Can Be A Toonie Member

Here's how it works

- Your group (Church School, Youth Group, Confirmation Class, Youth Choir) can decide that you want to help others by giving a Toonie. Just think – if everyone in your group gave one Toonie – you could help in an amazing way. You could make a really big difference for other kids right here in Canada!

Here's an idea

- During a special season (Advent, Lent, Easter) you could have the Toonie Program as your special project. Collect toonies in a basket or piggy bank.
- Call it **FOUNDATION KIDS – kids helping kids – changing lives – making a difference**

Your toonies support

- Nutritious breakfasts for kids before school
- Homework coaching after school
- Giving kids a chance to go to summer camp or choir school
- Caring for kids with a terminal diagnosis

We keep in touch with Anglican churches all across Canada. We know where the greatest needs are and how your group can help!

Send us all the names of the kids who have given a Toonie and we'll send you

- a certificate signed by our Primate
- a membership card
- a "Kids Helping Kids" pin to put on your back-pack

Kids Helping Kids Fund

- We will put all the toonies in this fund so that whenever there's a need – the Anglican Foundation is right there to respond! Why? 'Cause you and your group are willing to be generous!



Anglican Foundation Activity

(adapted from Learning to Give Resource)

Purpose

To discover that sharing and trust are important aspects of being a member of a faith community

Objective

For young people to demonstrate how sharing and trust are important parts of giving and receiving

Activity themes

“All those who believed were together and had everything in common; they gave to anyone as they had need”
—Acts 2:44-45

“There is no happiness like the happiness of giving to another”
—Words from Hebrew commentary on the Torah

“Suppose a brother or sister does not have clothes or daily food. If you say, I wish you well — stay warm and well fed and you do not do anything to help, what good is that?”
—James 2:15

When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus said, Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind with all your soul and with all your strength ... and love your neighbor as yourself.”
—Mark 12:29-31



Activity Steps: The Cookie Crumbles



1 You will need a supply of large delicious home-baked cookies

Please note: Sensitivity is needed for this activity. Be allergy-sensitive — **no nuts** — and if you know of children who are diabetic — **sugar-free** cookies should be available for them. You may wish to ask the group the week before this activity if anyone has food allergies or sensitivities. It's helpful to talk to parents or care-givers ahead of time and let them know that you are planning this activity

2 Tell the kids in your group that you will be using a cookie to show how sharing and trust are important aspects of being a follower of God. Tell the group:

“Trust me. I promise that each of you will get a cookie.”

3 Ask kids to think of someone they trust in their family, at school or in their faith community.

- Why do you trust that person?
- What does that person do that makes you trust them?

4 Write answers on a big piece of paper under the word,
TRUST

5 Ask kids if they know of people who trust them

- Why do those people trust them?

Circle words already mentioned and add new words to your TRUST list

6 Divide the group into pairs and ask them to sit together
Tell the kids you are going to do a sharing & trust activity using the cookies

7 Hold up one large cookie and ask the kids to raise their hand if they would like the cookie. When lots of hands are raised, crumble the cookie into the smallest possible pieces and announce that everyone can have some of the cookie



8 Ask the group about the fairness of doing it this way
or ...
You could give two or three people big pieces of the cookie and smaller, unequal pieces to everyone else (demonstrating inequality in sharing)

9 Give each pair one cookie. Hold up a whole cookie and ask the pairs to think about these questions:

- How can you best share the cookie with your partner?
- How can the two of you make sure that you equally share the cookie?
- How can you make sure that the cookie will be divided equally?

Give the pairs a couple of minutes to discuss and plan how they might equally share the cookie

10 When the pair has divided the cookie equally so that they are both satisfied, ask them to stand up and give a high-five to their partner.
Ask each member of the pair to say to the other, "I trust you"
Then they can eat their half of the cookie

For discussion as a group

- How did you divide the cookie?
- What role did trust play in sharing one cookie between you?
- How is trust important when we share with others in our community?
- Why is sharing sometimes so hard to do?
- Why is it important to learn to share?
- Does God expect us to share with others?
with people we know?
with people we have never met?

Ask the group if they remember the promise you made before the activity began.
The promise was that everyone would receive a cookie.

As the group:

- Did you trust me to keep my promise?
- Why did you trust me to keep my promise?

Tell the group:

You never know what good things can come when you share and trust in others.

You may wish to remind them that God loves a cheerful giver and that Jesus said we are to love our neighbours as ourselves

Give a cookie to each person and enjoy!



Additional Activity

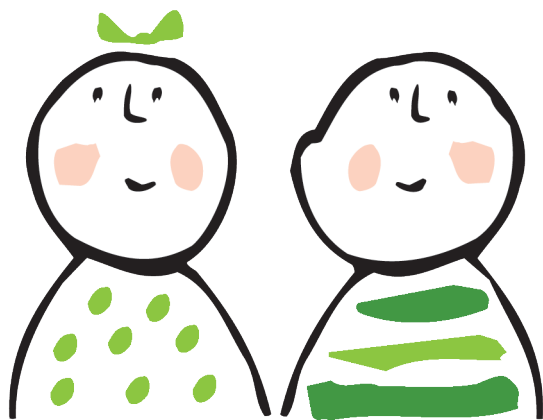
You may suggest that the kids try this sharing and trust experiment with a friend or family member. Were they trustworthy in dividing the cookie? If they try this, ask them to report back to the group what happened next time you are together.

Further discussion with the group

Tell the group about the Anglican Foundation and how it began with seven friends who wanted to help others and share what they had with people in churches all across the country.

You might tell them that these seven people and others who became Foundation Friends:

- helped build a church so that a small community would have a place in which to worship and meet on Sundays
- helped send kids to summer camp
- supported a choir school for young people
- gave money to put a washroom and running water in a church
- made it possible for a ramp to be built so that people in wheelchairs could get inside a church more easily
- paid for before-school breakfast programs
- paid for after-school homework coaching
- donated to hospices in Canada for children with an end-of-life diagnosis
- helped to create an eco-friendly farm to grow fresh vegetables for a faith community
- and lots lots more!



The choice of your group to become **Foundation Friends** or **Foundation Kids** means that you will be helping people all across Canada have a faith community that they are proud of!

The Anglican Foundation of Canada invites all of us to share what we have with others

The Anglican Foundation of Canada is an organization you can trust to give help whenever and wherever it's needed





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