



FISCH Advent Giving Calendar

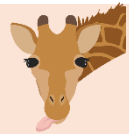


What is an Advent Giving Calendar, you ask? Well, instead of receiving a sweet treat each day of Advent, you learn about life in Iringa, Tanzania, compare this to your life in your home country, and then pop a gift in your Giving Jar. After Christmas, you take the contents of your Giving Jar to your local friendly FISCH Team Member, post it to the address at the bottom or send the equivalent online as a donation to FISCH.

Thank you!

Date	Things to do / think about	Gift tally
1 st	The Tanzanian flag (and FISCH logo) is made up of the colours green, yellow, blue and black. Gift 10p for every item of clothing you are wearing in these colours.	
2 nd	Every day we provide a breakfast and lunch for the Children staying at the Short-Term Accommodation. Pop 5p in the Jar for every different type of food you had for breakfast.	
3 rd	Lake Tanganyika is the second largest lake in the world and is located on the western border of Tanzania. Gift 5p if you have been swimming in the last month.	
4 th	The Food Parcel Scheme offers a monthly food package to FISCH Children who are desperately struggling to enjoy a full meal each day. The Parcel consists of maize flour, beans, rice, sugar and oil. Pop 3p in the Giving Jar for each one of these items you have eaten today.	
5 th	Did you know, Tanzania is home to a few populations of tree-climbing lions. If you have a small tame lion in your household, gift 5p per kitty.	
6 th	Iringa is a city in Tanzania with a population of approximately 202,000. The name derives from the Hehe word <i>lilinga</i> , meaning 'fort'. Drop 7p in the Giving Jar for every castle or fort you have visited this year.	
7 th	The Sewing Club offers training for FISCH Children who would like to learn how to sew and make clothes and other items. We host both female and male students. Pop 5p in the Jar for every button the clothes you are wearing today.	
8 th	Mosquitoes present a year-round problem for the people of Tanzania, spreading the disease malaria. If you have ever known the itch of a mozzie bite, drop 30p in the Giving Jar!	
9 th	Healthcare is not free in Iringa. If you need to visit a doctor, there are fees to be paid – if you can afford it. Pop 5p in the Giving Jar for each trip to the doctor or hospital you have made this year.	
10 th	FISCH Church meets every Sunday, with lots of praise and worship alongside the teaching and message. If you join a church fellowship today, pop 5p in the Giving Jar for every "amen" you hear!	
11 th	Many of the toilets in Iringa are long-drop or squat toilets. Yikes! If you are grateful for your porcelain throne, pop 7p per loo in your home in the jar, and an extra penny per loo roll as well.	
12 th	The Breakfast Club provides a hot cup of chai (tea) and mandazi (delicious sweet bread/doughnut snacks) to the Children still living on the Streets each morning. Gift 5p to the Giving Jar for every cup of tea or coffee you enjoy today.	
13 th	Have you got your Christmas tree up yet? If so, pop a penny in the Jar for every bauble or decoration on the tree.	
14 th	The Short-Term Accommodation hosts basic facilities at the Drop-in-Centre for those Children who are moving from life on the Streets to life within a family home again. There are bunk beds for the Children to use. Gift 15p to the Giving Jar for each bed in your household.	

15th The giraffe is the national animal of Tanzania, specifically, the Masai giraffe (one of the nine subspecies). If you have ever seen a giraffe in a zoo, pop 15p in the Jar, and if you are lucky enough to have seen one in the wild, put 20p in!



16th The Children love a kickabout. Football is a great opportunity for these Children to build relationships, stay fit and healthy, and learn to work as a team. Gift 20p to the Jar if you are a football player or a football fan.

17th The people of Africa love to sing and dance, especially at church. The FISCH Church community is made up of the families that FISCH supports, as well as members of the local community. If you join a church service today, gift 6p to the Jar for every hymn or worship song sung.

18th FISCH is able to offer showers to the Children who visit the Drop-in-Centre and those staying in the Short-Term Accommodation. Pop 10p in the Giving Jar for every bar of soap in your home.



19th Most Children in Iringa walk to school, and for those living in the surround villages, that can mean several miles each way. Gift a penny to the Giving Jar for each mile you commute to work or school each day.

20th Did you know we support some of our FISCH Children through University? The courses studied by our Students include Medicine, Business and Tourism. Put 3p in the Jar for each member of your family who has gone through Further Education.

21st Despite being a very hot country by day, it gets very cold at night. The Kids still sleeping on the streets are very grateful for hats, gloves and scarves to help keep them warm during the night. If you wore a woolly hat, gloves or scarf today, drop 25p in the Giving Jar.



22nd Children are not permitted to go to school if they do not have the correct uniform and equipment, such as stationery and workbooks. Pop 5p in the Giving Jar if your school/work shoes are neat and tidy – and 10p if they're not!

23rd FISCH has supported young entrepreneurs by providing micro-finance for the Kids to start their own small businesses. Examples of these include a travelling spice shop and a carpentry business. If you did any last-minute Christmas shopping today, pop 15p in the Giving Jar.

24th It's Christmas Eve!
Christmas decorations aren't really a thing in Tanzania, but here's a Christmas Eve Challenge for you...



5p for every Christmas wreath in the house
5p if you have a star or an angel on the Christmas tree
3p for every bit of tinsel you have up
15p if you have fairy lights on your Christmas tree
20p if you have a Nativity Scene



25th

Merry Christmas!

Thank you so much for taking part in our Giving Advent Calendar. We hope you have had a bit of fun and learnt more about Tanzania, Iringa, and what goes on at FISCH.

Merry Christmas one and all! Have a fabulous day!

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