

LITTLE FINANCE HEROES

# The Christmas Lantern Mission

The Star We Made Together



Christmas comic + family playbook  
Ages 6-12 | Read together, make together

# A Christmas worth making

A little money. Five friends. A welcome that belongs to everyone.

Penny wants the brightest star in the village. But when the Christmas plan changes, the heroes discover that useful money choices and thoughtful gifts can make a different kind of light.

- 1 Read the adventure on pages 5-20. Pause whenever someone makes a choice.
- 2 Try one activity at a time on pages 21-36. There is no race to finish.
- 3 Check the explanations on pages 37-39. Some choices have more than one good answer.

Bring pencils, scrap paper and pretend coins. For the board game, add a die and one shared counter. Cutting is optional; a grown-up handles sharp tools.

You do not need to buy anything to use this book. Choose what fits your family. Nobody needs to share private money details, give a gift, or celebrate in the same way.

## This book belongs to

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Younger heroes: read and count together. Older heroes: explain your reasoning and try the extra questions.

# The wish in the window

Start with what the celebration is for.



**Penny:** Look! That enormous star would make our Christmas celebration sparkle!



**Goldie:** A beautiful wish. What do we want people to feel when they arrive?



**Mira:** Welcome, heroes! Here is our community's €24 for Lantern Night. Let's make a plan together.



**Byte:** A warm room, a kind welcome, and something we can share. Mission accepted!

# A plan before a purchase

A budget gives the available money jobs.



**Tally:** Drinks €8. Snacks €6. Lantern parts €4. Paper €3. Keep €3 for surprises. Total: €24.



**Cash:** Let's check what we already have before we buy anything new.



**Penny:** The shop star costs €18. That would leave only €6 for everything else.

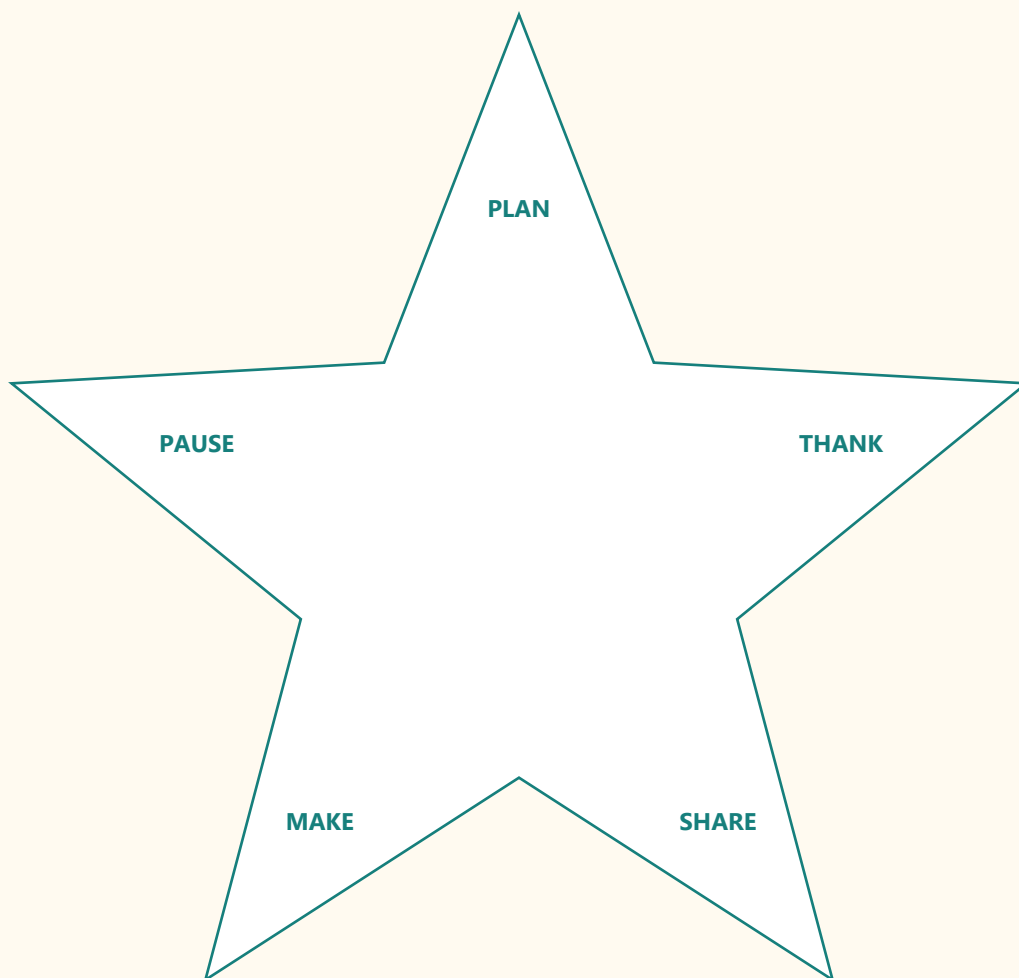


**Goldie:** We can enjoy a wish without buying it today. First, let's find our own kind of sparkle.

# Make your own five-point star

Colour or decorate the star with clean paper you already have. A grown-up can help cut it out.

- 1 Choose a colour for each point: plan, pause, make, share and thank.
- 2 Add a tiny picture showing how you would welcome someone.
- 3 Display it safely away from heat. Use battery lights only with grown-up help.



No shopping required. Draw your own star on scrap paper if you prefer. Keep cut scraps away from small children and pets.

# Little gifts of time

Cutting is optional. Fill in an offer and agree it together. Keep it small enough to do.

## A story together

For:

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I offer:

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Agreed time:

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## A shared drawing

For:

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I offer:

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Agreed time:

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## A game together

For:

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I offer:

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Agreed time:

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## Help sorting something

For:

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I offer:

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Agreed time:

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## A thank-you card

For:

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I offer:

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Agreed time:

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## My own thoughtful offer

For:

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I offer:

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Agreed time:

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Ask first. A recipient can decline or suggest a different time. No money value, expiry date or forced chore is attached.