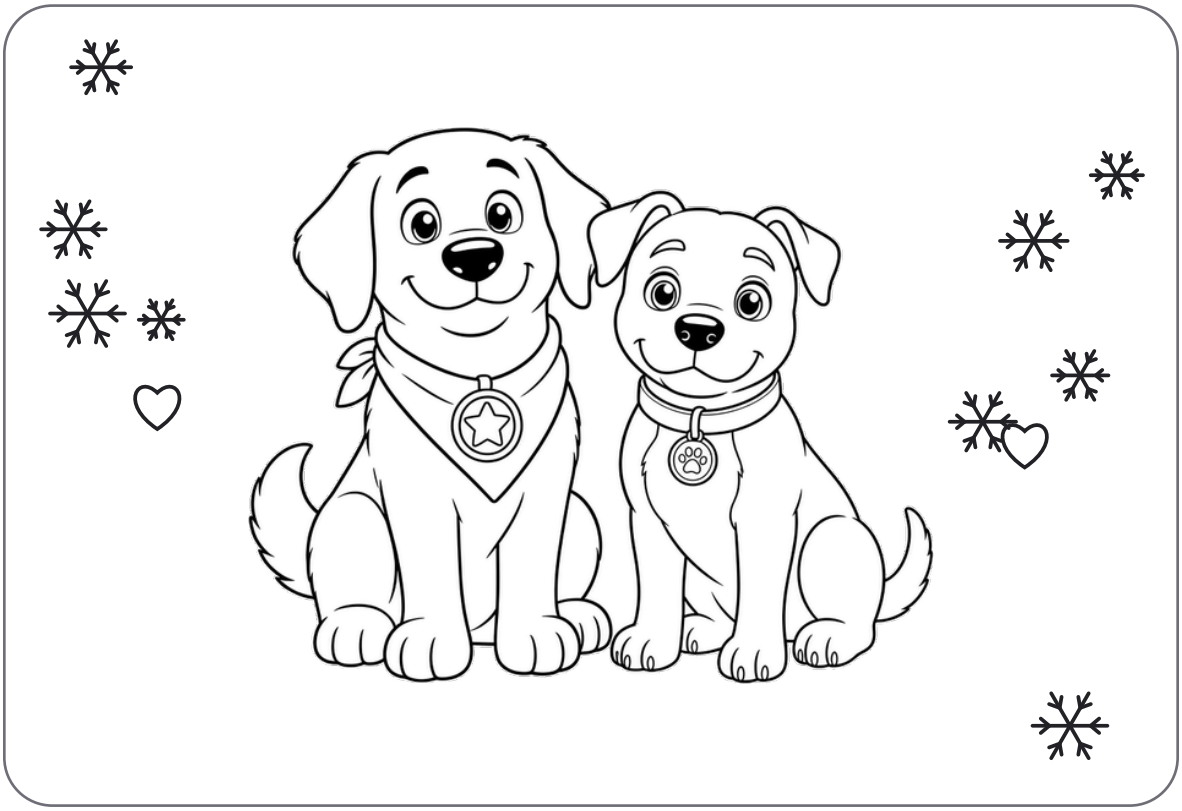
# Command & Cuddles

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# Winter Giving: A Warm Hearts Lesson

No holiday references. Pairs with **Command & Cuddles: The Adventures of Sarge & Arwen** (Book 1) by R. L. Sarwen, or any read-aloud about friendship and sharing.

**Ages 4-6 · PreK-1**



## At a glance

**Time:** About 25 minutes

**Materials:** The book, crayons, scissors

**Goal:** Celebrate giving without spending a cent.

**Today's Choice:** Choose to give from the heart.

## What's inside


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TEACHER NOTES

# Teacher Notes

Read aloud (about 10 minutes), talk (5 minutes), then make and give (10 minutes).

## Before reading

- Ask: **"What is a gift?"** Then ask: **"Can a gift be something you can't wrap?"** Collect ideas: a smile, helping, sharing, a kind word, a drawing.
- Say: "Today we will listen for ways Sarge and Arwen show they care."

## During reading: stopping points

1. **Pause when the friends share or take turns.** "How do you think that felt? Show me with your face."
2. **Pause when a friend needs help (for example, when Sarge gets stuck).** "How do his friends help? Helping is a gift you can give!"
3. **Pause at the end.** "What gifts from the heart did the friends give each other today?"

## After reading: make and give

- **Warm Hearts Mitten** (p. 3): children draw a kind gift inside the mitten. Write their words on the line.
- **Kindness Snowflake Cards** (p. 4): color and cut the cards. Each time a child gives a kindness, add a snowflake to a class "Warm Hearts" wall.

### Good to know

- This version has no holiday references, so it fits any classroom in December, January, or February.
- Keep gifts no-cost: kind words, help, sharing, and drawings all count.
- **Extra support:** let children point to a picture on the page to choose their gift.
- **Stretch:** ask "How do you think your friend will feel when you give it?"

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# Warm Hearts Mitten

Name _____ Ages 4-6 · PreK-1

**Draw a kind gift you can give inside the mitten. It could be a smile, help, or a kind word!**



**A smile**




**Help**



**Sharing**

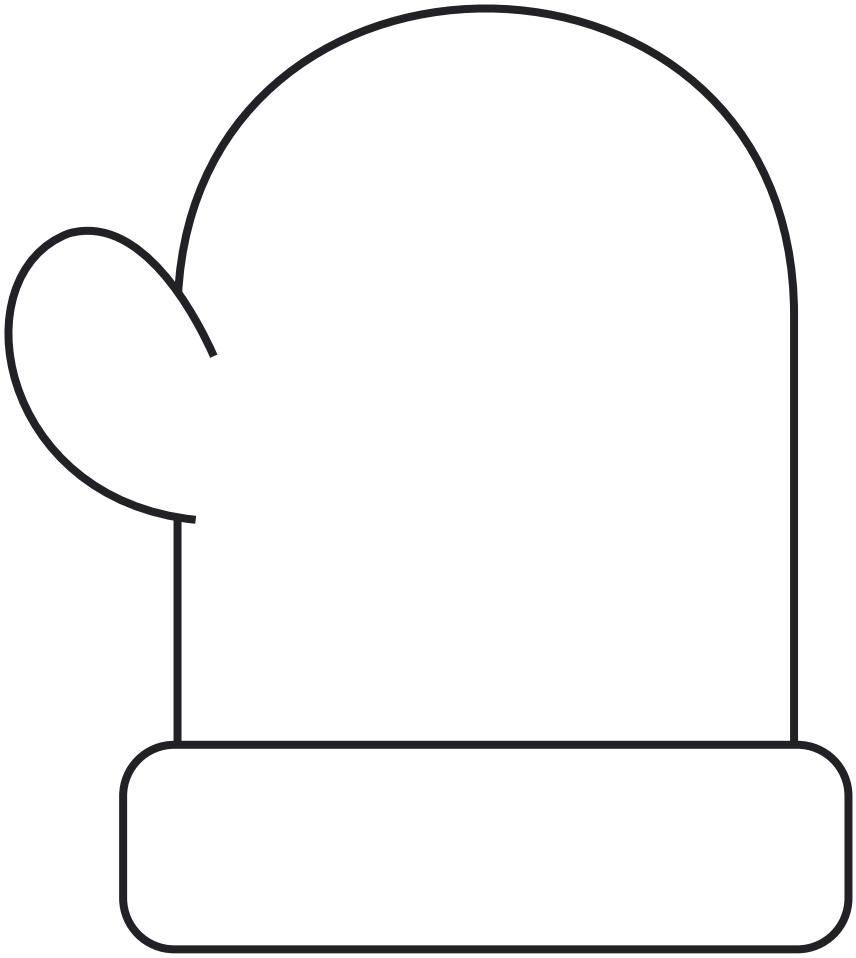


**Kind words**











## I can give

Grown-ups: write the child's words on the line.

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# Kindness Snowflake Cards

Name _____ Ages 4-6 · PreK-1

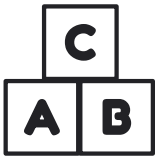
Color each snowflake. Cut it out. Add it to our Warm Hearts wall when you give that kindness!

## A big smile for you!



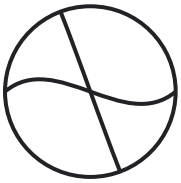
To: _____ From: _____

## I will help you.




To: _____ From: _____

## Let's share!



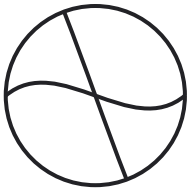
To: _____ From: _____

## You are a good friend.



To: _____ From: _____

## Let's play together!



To: _____ From: _____

## Thank you!




To: _____ From: _____

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