



remember with me

Simple Tips for Hosting

**Gather, share, support - in memory of a
child, sibling or grandchild *who will always be loved***

1. Choose your way to gather.

Pick something that feels manageable and meaningful to you.

2. Invite your people.

Ask family, friends, colleagues, or community members to join you.

3. Share a moment of remembrance.

You may want to light a candle, say their name, share a story, display photos, play music, or simply pause together.

4. Support other families.

Invite guests to make a donation to TCFV in honour of your child, sibling or grandchild.

5. Know it matters.

Every dollar raised helps TCFV continue to support bereaved families with connection, understanding, and hope.

6. If you would like some structure, here is an easy flow:

Before people arrive

- Set up a welcoming space
- Put out food and drinks
- Have the donation QR code or link ready
- Create a small remembrance area with a candle, flowers, photo, or special object if you would like

7. During the gathering

- Welcome people warmly
- Share a few words about why you are gathering
- Invite people to eat, talk, and connect
- At some point, hold a simple remembrance moment





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8. A few words you could say on the day

Option 1

Thank you for being here. Today is simply about remembering [child's name], being together, and holding space for someone so deeply loved. If you would like to, there is also an opportunity to donate to The Compassionate Friends Victoria, so other bereaved families can receive support too.

Option 2

Thank you for gathering with me. This is a simple way to remember [child's name], share a little of who they are in our lives, and support other families who understand this kind of loss.

Option 3

There is no right way to do this. Today is just about being together, remembering, and making space for love, memory, and connection.

9. Keeping it simple

You do not need:

- a formal speech
- decorations unless you want them
- a fundraising target
- a large guest list
- a perfect house
- a big plan

You only need a reason to gather.

