You are so holy and perfect. I know You want me to love and worship You, but You are so much better than me. I bow down low to show You I know that You are God. (Psalm 99:5)

See It:

'So when you give to those people in need, do not shout it from the roof tops, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, so that others will think you are really good. I tell you the truth, they have been given their reward in full. But when you give to people in need, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving is in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.' (Matthew 6:2-4)

On It:

Have you ever watched a magician perform a magic trick? There is so much mystery and intrigue. I never know how they do it and I am in so much awe of them. But once you find out there was a trap door or a second bird, it's just not that exciting anymore, is it? It is the same with your giving and your service. If you tell everyone you gave up your pocket money, they won't be that impressed. If you give lots and lots, they might think you are a really good person, but they may think that about you instead of thinking it about God. Jesus tells us that when we give, we should do it in secret. That way, all the glory and awe and intrigue and attention stays with God instead of being given to you. We want the praise to go to God and not to us. And if you feel like you should be praised for being so good, try to remember that God Himself will reward you which will be so much better than anything any human could give you. So, in a nutshell, when you give and are generous... shhhh!

Live It:

This week we are going to list a bunch of great Salvationists. Then you can research them to find out more about them. Keep the information you find, because you will need it for a challenge in the coming weeks.

Do It:

Prepare some paper, one with a heading that says, "Famous Salvationists" and ask your mom or dad if you can do some research on the internet this week. (You may need to ask them to take you somewhere that has internet.)



in it:

Thank You, God, for the joy that giving brings!

Eat It:

'We believe that we are justified by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself.' (Doctrine 8) Memorize this.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 42-44, & Revelation 22

You are holy and good and I want to worship You. I want to tell You that You are awesome and I love You! (Psalm 99:9)

See It:

'And when you pray to God, do not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners and be heard and seen by lots of people. Believe Me, they have received their reward in full. So instead, when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.' (Matthew 6:5-6)

On It:

Have you ever been at a meeting when someone was praying for a really long time? Everyone is really quiet and polite and just waits for them to finish! Sometimes it's great and God loves when we pray, but at other times I feel like it is kind of like a performance. What does Jesus tell us? He says to pray in secret! Why? Well, it's hard to explain. It's not that God doesn't like us to talk about Him or pray to Him in public. In fact, it's quite the opposite. But you see we humans are silly little creatures sometimes and we often take pride or claim points based on how holy people think we are. We think if we can say a fancy prayer people will think we are really close to God, and then they will look up to us or think we are powerful like God. This is very bad. We should be like Jesus, yes. But we shouldn't be trying to get others to think we are cool just because we love God. Be very careful about this, it trips up a lot of people. So, be holy, and be real about it!

Live It:

Here are some influential Musical Salvationists: Dean Goffin –composer; Eric Ball – composer; Charles Fry – 1st Brass Band; Eric Leidzen – composer; Sidney Cox – song writer; Richard Slater – Father of Salvation Army Music; Bill Himes OF - composer; Arthur Gullidge –bandmaster of 2/22 Battalion Band of Salvationists that died in WW2 battle; Joy Webb OF – Joy Strings; John Larsson – musicals.

Do It:

Choose one name from this list and find out an interesting fact about that Salvationist.



In It: Please keep my family safe and healthy.

Eat It: Doctrine 8

"Justified by grace." We are seen as 'just' or right by God's grace to us, and not because of any great things we do on our own. We don't deserve to be made right with God, but He graciously makes it possible for us.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 45-46, & Luke1

You will send help direct from heaven when I need it and You send Your love to me all the time. Thank You. (Psalm 57:3)

See It:

'And when you pray, do not keep on talking on and on like the pretenders, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.' (Matthew 6:7)

On It:

When I first became a Christian, I was too scared to pray out loud, even though everything in me wanted to! Everyone listening, talking to God the creator of the universe! Wow, talk about scary! It wasn't that I didn't want to pray, but everyone used these fancy words that I didn't even understand and so I just thought I should practise at home first... until I got better at it. That was silly. Think about a little baby and how ga-ga adults go over them... and they can't even talk! I learned that it's not what we say to God, it's what we feel in our heart toward God that He hears. You can say the fanciest prayers, but if you don't mean it then it would be like the sound of running your nails down a blackboard to God. Or you could say a very short and simple prayer and mean it and it would be like a choir of singing angels to God. So, don't be scared. If you want to speak to God, speak up and say it loud and proud. You'll probably teach an adult a lesson or two along the way.

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential evangelistic Salvationists: Lyell Rader Sr. – open-air evangelist; Elijah Cadman – invented uniform; Mary Styles – nurse evangelist in South Africa; Joe the Turk – novelty genius pioneer; Catherine Booth Jr. – 'La Marechale'; Clarence Wiseman Evangelist General; Catherine Bramwell Booth – widespread television interview evangelism in her nineties; Frank Bradley – combined love and humility in Central and Southern Africa; Andy Miller – one-on-one evangelist and preacher.

Do It:

Choose one name from this list and find out an interesting fact about that Salvationist.

in it:

Please show me people today who I can talk to about You



Eat It: Doctrine 8

'Through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.' In Romans 5 Paul suggests that we get our grace through faith. This doctrine says the same thing. God's grace doesn't justify everyone. His grace justifies everyone who uses faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Faith in anything else won't work. So, don't waste your time.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezekiel 47-48, & Luke 2

Please save all of Your children. With Your power and love, please make it possible for all Your children to come to know You. (Psalm 60:5)

See It:

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. (Matthew 6:8)

On It:

When I was a teenager and still living at home with my parents, I would often use up the last of something and never remember to tell them that we needed more. Toothpaste, toilet paper, shampoo, butter etc. But every time I went to use it again, it was there! My mom always seemed to know what I needed and when I needed it without me even asking! How? Because she cares about me and she pays attention to the things I am doing and the things that I need. And if I did NEED something and needed her to buy it for me, I could just ask her... I didn't have to beg or convince her. It is even better with God I am sure, because He is not replacing toothpaste, He is replacing the big stuff we need like forgiveness, love, friends, health etc. We should always tell God how we are going and ask Him for the things that we need. But He is our DAD and He knows us, so you can talk to Him and know that He is listening and will give you the things you need without you having to do a big song and dance about it.

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential preaching Salvationists: Allister Smith Jr. – worldwide revivalist; Gypsy Smith – popular evangelist; Rhoda Sainsbury –Newfoundland legend; "Miss Salvation Army"; Samuel Hurren – 'wonderful orator'; Margaret Hay – UK Preacher of Year; Arthur Pitcher – holiness story teller; Israel Gaither – craft weds passion.

Do It:

Choose one name from this list and find out an interesting fact about that Salvationist.



In It:

Thank you, Father, for providing for me.

Eat It: Doctrine 8

'He that believeth hath.' Now, these doctrines were set down a long time ago when they sometimes put 'th' at the end of words instead of 's'. But it means the same thing as 'he that believes has'. And, by the way, it also means 'she that believes has' as well!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Daniel 5-6, Psalm 130, & Luke 3

Praise You! You are a God who saves! Halleluiah! You rescue us from death and save us. Thank You! (Psalm 68:20)

See It:

'This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name." (Matthew 6:9)

On It:

Imagine you had a secret formula for an invention that would enable you to communicate with the most powerful leader in the world! Would you use it? And what would you say? Would you ask for world peace, or would you ask for a Nintendo Wii? Well, today, you are getting the secret formula! Jesus teaches us exactly how to speak to God, the creator and governor of the universe! Now some people use it as an actual prayer, and that's great, but it can actually be used as a guide for prayer as well. It starts with 'Our Father'. Wow, let's just remember that the God we pray to wants to be called our Dad! 'Hallowed be Your name'. Now, He is not calling Himself another name... hallowed means holy, special, praiseworthy, awesome... this is where we worship God! So, we start a prayer by saying Hi to God, and then praising Him!

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist heroes: Harry Andrews – SA medical pioneer; received the Victoria Cross; William Evans – Australian in Zambia, overcame cancer and effects; Anna Beek –Dutch in the Congos for life; Jean Caldwell – principal of the Usher School under fatal attack; continued service in Zimbabwe after the event; A. Bramwell Cook (OF) Kiwi medical officer in India for more than 50 years; Charles Pean – converted Devil's Island into Salvation Island.



Do It:

Choose one name from this list and find out an interesting fact about that Salvationist.

in it:

God, I praise You because You are so powerful and mighty and You still listen to my prayers.

Eat It: Doctrine 8

'The witness in himself.' Most people don't get this, but it refers to a verse in Romans 8:16 where Paul teaches that if you are real Christian the Holy Spirit testifies with your spirit that you are God's child. And this is key. We will know that we are saved because Holy Spirit witnesses deep down in our spirits that we belong.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Daniel 7-8, Psalm 137, & Luke 4

Thank You that You are my God, and that You listen to my prayers. You always do what is right and I know that You will save me. Thank You! (Psalm 71: 2)

See It:

'Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread.' (Matthew 6:10-11)

On It:

I want you to sit for a minute and imagine Heaven. Imagine the Kingdom of God. Then think for a minute about earth and some of the things that are not nice here on earth. In His lesson to us on how to pray, Jesus is telling us to pray that the earth would start to look like Heaven! Now when I thought of Heaven, I thought of everyone worshipping God, everybody happy and fulfilled, and nobody sad. When I thought of earth, I remembered that there are loads of people who don't even know God, tonnes of people who are hungry and dying and heaps of people who are sad. But God doesn't want it to be that way! Jesus is telling us to pray that earth would be more like Heaven, so we know that God wants good things for His children on earth. God wants all His children to know Him, to be safe, and to be fed every day. And even though that seems like hard work from where we are now, God knows we can do it if we call on Him for His help. So, let's pray that God's will is done on earth today, and not ours.

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential writing Salvationists: Frederick Coutts – international Bible lessons material; Catherine Baird – 'The Army's poet laureate'; Gunpei Yamamuro OF– Japanese 'Common Peoples' Gospel'; Albert Osborn – Poet General; Henry Gariepy – a lot of books; John Gowans – poetry/musicals; Milton Agnew – holiness teaching; Edward Read – holiness teaching; Sallie Chesham – poet.

Do It:

Two challenges today! Draw a picture of Heaven AND choose one name from this list and find out an interesting fact about that Salvationist.



in it:

Help me to make the world around me a better place by showing Your love to others.

Eat It: Doctrine 8

Some people get confused on this and stop any use of emotion. But, if you love your mommy, for example, you show her. There are emotions involved. In the same way, if you love Jesus, you show Him. There are emotions involved.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Daniel 9-10, Psalm 123, & Luke 5

You are my rock and I know that with You I will be kept safe. (Psalm 71:3).

See It:

'Forgive us our trespassers as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.' (Matthew 6:12-13)

On It:

Yesterday, we imagined Heaven. Today, I want you to imagine God. It's amazing. He is so powerful and righteous and majestic and big! Now, imagine a human. Even the toughest human doesn't compare to the awesomeness of God. And yet, He forgives us and calls us to be His children! It's really amazing! So, if God, the most awesome one, can forgive us little creatures He created, then we can definitely forgive people who have hurt us. God wants us to forgive others in the same way He forgives us. We don't forgive because people deserve it, or because they have done something to make us. We forgive because God asks us to, and if God can do it for us without us having to prove our worth (as if we ever could anyway) then we can surely forgive others. Don't get tripped up on holding a grudge. Satan loves it when God's children don't forgive each other. When we do that, satan wins. That is no good. Speaking of that worthless swine, we need to remember to ask, everyday, for protection against his slimy schemes and tricks. We need to be protected in the first place and if we do stumble and mess up by his temptation, we need to be delivered out of that in the power of God through repentance.

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist Leaders: William Booth; Edward Higgins – guided Army through 1929 crisis; Evangeline Booth OF – established The Army in USA; Frederick Adlam – much loved leader in Africa; Joel Mbambo Matunjwa OF - 'Zulu Apostle of The Salvation Army'; Eva Burrows – eastern Europe Vision; Paul Rader - internationalism; Brian Tuck – Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa; Albin Peyron – 'to the French, Peyron was The Salvation Army, and The Salvation Army was Peyron'.

Do It:

Choose one name from this list and find out an interesting fact about that Salvationist.



in it:

Please help me to forgive those who have hurt me today.

Eat It:

'We believe that we are justified by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself.' (Doctrine 8) Recite this. Memorize it. Tell five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Daniel 11-12, & Luke 6