



# We Are A World-Wide Family



## THE MISSION AIM

We are part of the larger church (Salvation Army and Christian Church)—we have a mission to share the gospel with others.



## KEY VERSE

**Luke 13:29:** “People will come from the east and west and north and south and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.”



## Pre-Mission Activity



## Supplies Needed

- Option 1: Puzzle pieces for Luke 13:29 (depending on the size of group, you may want more than one)
- Option 2: Beach ball (see mission assignment 2), balloon or other light ball

## Directions

**DO:** Choose one of the following options:

### Option 1)

**SAY:** Today we are going to learn a memory verse about all of the people who are part of God’s kingdom. Why not get a head start to learn the verse. Here are some puzzle pieces to put together to find out the verse of the day. Once you have the verse together see if you can memorize it. You could put some actions together too if that will help you learn it.

### Option 2)

**SAY:** Today we are going to be talking about where The Salvation Army is in the world and how we are to spread the word about Jesus. It takes a team to let the world know about Jesus’ love. So your task is to work as a team even now. The task is to keep this ball up in the air for as long as you can. You may only tap it (i.e. no catching it). Remember you want to work as a team so try to tap it to everyone on the team and tap gently so that it doesn’t get out of control. Have fun.

### Option 3)

**SAY:** Here’s another task to keep you focused on this great big world of ours. As a team, use the alphabet to come up with the names of countries that start with each letter of the alphabet. Try not to use the maps/globes in the room. For example, Angola, Brazil, Canada...



## Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 1 – Partners In Mission Episode 1: We Are A World-Wide Family"

Play "Partners In Mission (S1) Episode 1 (1/4)". Episode begins with the *Ready to Serve* theme song, followed automatically by the MISSION # 1 VIDEO. Pause the video when the MISSION # 1 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 1.

If using PPT for video, have PIM-Episode\_1-We\_Are\_World\_Wide\_Family.pptx ready and play slide one. Pause on the MISSION # 1 CARD so you and your recruits can complete Mission # 1.



## Mission #1



### Supplies Needed

- Cue cards with Army History

(When writing these out, do not include the card # as the recruits will need to put the cards in order according to year; if there are too many cards for your group, feel free to eliminate those that do not connect specifically to the history of The Salvation Army itself i.e. # 1 and 2 etc.)

Card # 1 – **1829** – William Booth and Catherine Mumford were born. (Salvationist.ca)

Card # 2 – **1855** – William and Catherine were married. They both cared very much for the poor. (Salvationist.ca)

Card # 3 – **1862** – William became an evangelist. That means that he went around to different parts of England telling people about Jesus' love for them. Catherine was also very much involved in telling people about Jesus. (Salvationist.ca)

Card # 4 – **1865** – William joined a group of people who held church in a tent in London, England. They worked as a team to share the good news and called their ministry The Christian Mission. (Salvationist.ca)

Card # 5 – **1878** – William Booth changed the name of The Christian Mission to The Salvation Army. Uniforms were created and brass instruments were used to share the love of Jesus. (Salvationist.ca)

Card # 6 – **1882** – Frederick Booth-Tucker started The Salvation Army in India. This was the first place that The Salvation Army went after it had started in England. (salvationarmy.org.uk)

Card # 7 – **1882** – This was a busy year for The Salvation Army. Not only did it move on to India but Jack Addie and Joe Ludgate brought The Army to London, Ontario, Canada. (Salvationist.ca) It also began in Sweden and Switzerland. (Wikipedia)

Card # 8 – **1883** – The Salvation Army was started in New Zealand, Pakistan and South Africa.

Card # 9 – **1886** – The Salvation Army was officially started in what was then, the Colony of Newfoundland. Mind you, by that time some people had already been going out in schooners/boats to share the good news with people who lived in the more difficult to reach communities.

Card # 10 – **1896** – Ensign Lutie DesBrisay, Captain Johnson and Lieutenant Forsythe arrived in Hamilton, Bermuda and started The Salvation Army. (Salvationist.ca)



- Tape
- Prepare a list of countries where The Army is currently serving (see the list below).  
 1865 – England, 1874 – Wales, 1879 – Jersey, Scotland, 1880 – Australia, Ulster, United States, 1881 – Alderney, France, 1882 – Canada, Guernsey, India, Sweden, Switzerland, 1883 – Isle of Man, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa (see Die heilsleer), United Kingdom, 1884 – Ireland, St Helena, 1886 – Germany, Colony of Newfoundland, 1887 – Denmark, Italy, Jamaica, Netherlands, 1888 – Norway, 1889 – Belgium, Finland, 1890 – Argentina, Uruguay, 1891 – Zimbabwe, Zululand, 1894 – Åland (*until 1950*), Hawaii, Indonesia, 1895 – Gibraltar (*until 1968*), Guyana, Iceland, Japan, 1896 – Bermuda, Malta (*until 1972*), 1898 – Alaska, Barbados, 1901 – Trinidad & Tobago, 1902 – Grenada, Saint Lucia, 1903 – Antigua and Barbuda, St Vincent & the Grenadines, 1904 – Panamá, 1907 – Costa Rica, 1908 – Korea, 1909 – Chile, 1910 – Paraguay, Perú, 1913 – Russia (*until 1923*), Namibia (*until 1914*), 1915 – Belize, Myanmar, 1916 – Republic of China (*until 1951*), Mozambique, St Kitts, 1917 – U.S. Virgin Islands, 1918 – Cuba, 1919 – Czechoslovakia (*until 1950*), 1920 – Bolivia, Nigeria, 1921 – Kenya, 1922 – Brazil, Ghana, Zambia, 1923 – Latvia (*until 1939*), 1924 – Faroe Islands, Hungary (*until 1949*), 1926 – Suriname, 1927 – Austria, Estonia (*until 1940*), Curaçao (*until 1980*), 1930 – Hong Kong, 1931 – Bahamas, Uganda, Namibia (recommenced) (*until 1939*), 1933 – French Guiana (*until 1952*), Tanzania, Yugoslavia (*until 1948*), 1934 – Algeria (*until 1970*), Congo (Kinshasa), Manchukuo (*until 1945*), 1935 – Singapore, 1936 – Egypt (*until 1949*), 1937 – Congo (Brazzaville), French Indo-China (*until 1942*), México, Philippines, 1938 – Malaysia, 1950 – Haiti, 1956 – Papua New Guinea, 1960 – Swaziland, 1962 – Puerto Rico, 1965 – Taiwan, 1967 – Malaŵi, 1969 – Lesotho, 1970 – Bangladesh, 1971 – Portugal, Spain, 1972 – Venezuela, 1973 – Fiji, 1976 – Guatemala, 1978 – Canary Islands, 1980 – French Guiana (recommenced), 1985 – Angola, Colombia, Ecuador, Marshall Islands, 1986 – Tonga, 1988 – Liberia, 1989 – El Salvador, Thailand (*until 1993*), 1990 – Czech Republic (recommenced), Hungary (recommenced), Latvia (recommenced), 1991 – Russia (recommenced), 1992 – Belarus (*until 1996*), Somalia (*until 1995*), 1993 – Georgia, Ukraine, 1994 – Guam, Federated States of Micronesia, Moldova, 1995 – Dominican Republic, Estonia (recommenced), 1996 – Rwanda, 1997 – Botswana, 1999 – St Maarten, 2000 – Macau, 2004 – Lithuania, Romania, 2005 – Falkland Islands, Poland, 2007 – Greece,[13] Burundi, Northern Mariana Islands, 2008 – Namibia (recommenced), Mali, Kuwait, Mongolia[14][15], 2009 – Nepal[16], 2010 – Sierra Leone, Nicaragua, United Arab Emirates, 2011 – Solomon Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, Togo (Wikipedia)

### Supplies for Options:

- 1) Individual cards with names of individual countries The Army is serving (from the list above) OR
- 2) A large map of the world or globe that can be marked with small stickers OR
- 3) Beach ball of the world which can be purchased at [orientaltrading.com](http://orientaltrading.com)



### Mission Assignment

**SAY:** Well are you ready? It's time for our first mission! Michael gave us a little idea of what we are to do but let's read our mission card to confirm the challenge. (Reading mission card from the satellite uplink), "Recruits, find out where The Salvation Army started, a little bit of its history and at least 20 countries where it is now active."

**SAY:** Let's get to it then. We'll start with a little bit of Salvation Army history.



**DO:** Give the cue cards you have put together to individuals or small groups to practice reading (Try to involve everyone if possible). Once they have read the cards, have each recruit/group read the date on their cards and then put themselves in a timeline according to the dates given. (There are two for 1882. It does not matter which one goes first). Once they're in order, have the kids read their cards aloud. As they finish reading their cards, have them put them up on the wall with tape to show a final timeline.

**SAY:** Some of you had the chance to complete the puzzle during the pre-activity. This puzzle was a Bible verse that William Booth was helping to bring to life when he started The Salvation Army. It's Luke 13:29: "People will come from the east and west and north and south and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God." The message of Jesus is for the whole world and The Salvation Army has been taking this message all over the world since it started. Let's memorize this verse as a reminder that we should take the love story of Jesus to the world.

**DO:** Have children learn the verse by acting it out. They can turn to the east, west, north and south and then sit down and pretend to eat. Or they may have come up with their own actions during the pre-mission activity.

**SAY:** As we saw earlier, William Booth helped to make sure that people heard about Jesus in different places around the world and now The Salvation Army is definitely in the east, west, north and south. Let's find out where The Salvation Army is working today.

**DO:** Choose ONE of the following:

1) Have students draw a card with the name of a country where The Salvation Army is serving. (if a small group, each child draws two or three cards). When they have the card they have the recruit come up with a word or name that starts with the same letter i.e. Zinna from Zambia or Apples in Angola. Once each person has a word the children sit in a circle. The first person says "I have Apples in Angola, the second says the country they have and then the first person's country etc. until the last person says all the countries. If there is time, the children can then locate these countries on a map.

2) Give children a list of countries that The Salvation Army serves in and have them mark a map (floor puzzle, wall map) of at least 20 places where we currently serve.

3) Have a master list of the countries that The Salvation Army is in around the world. Make a circle as a group, toss a beach ball of the world (available from Oriental Trading Company) to a recruit and have the recruit call out where his/her thumb landed. He/she or a runner can check the master list to see if that is a country where The Salvation Army is serving. If it is, have the group say the name of the country aloud. Continue until several countries have been listed. Remind the children that it is our mission to tell everyone around the world about Jesus.

**SAY:** Just like the Bible says people from the east, west, north and south know about Jesus and the cool thing is that The Salvation Army is continuing to help to tell this amazing news just like William Booth started to do.

**SAY:** Let's get back to control central to see what's happening there and to find out what other mission we have for today.





### Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "Partners In Mission (S1) Episode 1 (2/4)". Pause the video when the MISSION # 2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when MISSION #2 CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete Mission # 2.



### Mission #2



#### Supplies Needed

- Paper
- Pencils
- Bibles
- Option 1: The song "We Are Family" with the lyrics as well
- Option 2: Ball of wool



#### Mission Assignment

**SAY:** (Reading mission card from satellite uplink), "Recruits, you did such an amazing job finding out where The Salvation Army started and where it now serves. Your second mission is to work together to discover what it means to be part of this incredible family of God." Well recruits, as Michael, Christie and Sarai have said, we're part of the family of God. So let's hop to it and get started on Mission # 2 which will help us to understand what it means to be part of that huge, worldwide family.

**DO:** Have the recruits act Luke 13:29 out as a review from the beginning of today's lesson and then read Matthew 12:46-50 together.

**SAY:** Our Bible says that people from around the world will come to know Jesus and that our family is not only the people we live with but also those who have Jesus in their lives.

**DO:** In small groups have children brainstorm and write down what it means to be a family. You may want to clarify that no family is perfect but that this is a chance to dream if necessary. Here are some ideas of what the recruits may suggest or that you may suggest to them: working together, caring for each other, having someone to talk to, having someone to take care of you, having someone to love you, having someone to play with, having a friend, having someone who can help you grow and learn, having someone who will help you to be a better person which may even mean being disciplined. Share as a whole group and write down the ideas that the recruits have come up with. Remind the recruits that since we are a Christian family it is our job to be and do these things for each other. We need to work together, care for each other etc. (fill in the blanks using your list).

**SAY:** Now that we have a bit of an understanding of what it is to be family, let's do an activity to review.



**DO:** Choose ONE of the following:

1) Play the song “We Are Family” and give kids the lyrics. Together or individually change the lyrics to summarize what it is to be a church family. Or have the recruits come up with their own song/ rap to describe what it is to be a church family.

2) Have each recruit come up with two or three ideas that make us a church family. Divide the recruits into two teams. Form two relay lines, one at a time, recruits run to a designated spot and tell a Team Member what it is to be a church family.

3) Have each recruit come up with two or three ideas that make us a church family. Start with one recruit, have him/her hold a ball of wool and share one idea. Have him/her hold onto the wool then pass the ball to another person who will then share his/her idea and pass the ball of wool on. Continue until all recruits, leaders have had a turn. By the end there will be a connected web. Explain, that this web represents us as a church, all connected because we believe in Jesus.

**SAY:** All right recruits, you sure have an understanding of what it is to be part of the family of God. Let’s get back to Control Central to see how the team is doing.



### Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play “Partners In Mission (S1) Episode 1 (3/4)”. Pause the video when the RTS SHIELD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when RTS SHIELD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.



### Field Mission Project



### Supplies Needed

- Weekly calendar showing the dates of the following week for each recruit
- Pencils

### Mission Project

**SAY:** Well this can’t be good. We’ve lost our satellite uplink. (tries uplink again – no change) Nope they’re gone. I guess we’ll have to wait until next week to see if they get Simon home! In the meantime, we have an important task to do. We found out today how The Salvation Army started, where it is now and that everyone who believes in and follows Jesus is part of the family of God. So, what does that mean for us as individuals? Since we have such an amazing family, we want to let other people know about it and invite them to be part of this family. I want you to think right now of someone in your school or neighbourhood who doesn’t know about Jesus. Please pick someone who you see fairly regularly. Now, I am going to give you a calendar for the week. On the calendar I want you to write or draw something on each day that will help you to show that person that you love them. For example, on Monday you might commit to pray for them, on Tuesday you might decide to help them with a class project or tell them something that you like about them. Can you think of other things that you could



do? On one of the days I want you to tell them about what you have learned today about being family and that you are part of Jesus' family. Ask them if they would be interested in being part of Jesus' family. If they say yes, then tell them that Jesus loves them and invite them to church or Sunday school.

**SAY:** Wow, you have accomplished a lot this week. Let's do a quick review. Everyone answer the following questions out loud - Where did The Salvation Army start? (*London, England*), Who started it? (*William and Catherine Booth*) Where does it belong now? (*lots of options*), Who makes us a Christian family? (*Jesus*) and Who are you going to tell this week that you are part of Jesus' family? Those are some pretty tough missions that you completed today and an even tougher one that you are going to need to complete this week for your field mission project so that means we are going to need to really pray together for courage and strength.



### Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "Partners In Mission (S1) Episode 1 (4/4)". Pause the video when the PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.

PPT: Click to advance to next slide. Pause video when PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.



### Supplies Needed

- Bible
- A fairly light free weight that the kids can lift (about two lbs.)

### Directions

**DO:** Have the recruits form a circle. Read aloud (or have a recruit read aloud) Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength." Pass around a relatively small free weight. As each recruit takes it have him/her do a bicep curl and say, "With God's courage I will tell \_\_\_\_\_ about my amazing church family this week." After saying this, the other recruits will say, "With God's courage \_\_\_\_\_ will tell \_\_\_\_\_ about his/her amazing church family this week."

**DO:** Close in prayer and pray over the recruits as they head out into their week.

### Website Resources

[orientaltrading.com](http://orientaltrading.com)—A site for props, particularly the world beach balls

[salvationist.ca](http://salvationist.ca)—The Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda's information website

[salvationarmy.org](http://salvationarmy.org)—Gives list of where The Army is serving today with a world map attached

[wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org)

[salvationarmy.org.uk](http://salvationarmy.org.uk)—The Salvation Army International Heritage Centre site

