



As A Family We Help Each Other



THE MISSION AIM

To be aware of the people around us, to know what they need and to help.



KEY VERSE

Matthew 25:35-36: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you visited me."



Pre-Mission Activity



Supplies Needed

Option 2: Divide the recruits into groups with only four to five people; for each group you will need one large marble (2.5 cm in diameter) OR another 2.5 cm item that weighs about ½ kg

- 25 straws
- One small roll of masking tape

Directions

DO: Choose one of the following options:

1) **SAY:** Last week we talked about encouraging those who are in ministry with us. We had the chance to _____. (fill in the blank of the activities that your group/individuals chose) Show me a number, using the numbers 1 – 10 (one not so great, 10 excellent) as to how well you think you were able to encourage others this week.

2) **SAY:** This week we will be looking at how we need to help each other. Helping is not always an easy task and we really do need everyone in order to do the work. Your challenge right now is to help each other build the tallest tower that you can that will support this super size marble using only the materials provided. (25 straws, one small roll of masking tape, large marble) You will need to work together as a team to help each other out so that you can accomplish the goal. You only have 10 minutes so work well together. (Note: try to divide the recruits up so that there are only four per group)



Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 1 – Partners In Mission Episode 5: As A Family We Help Each Other"

Play "Partners In Mission (S1) Episode 5 (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_5-Help_Each_Other.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

- Matthew 24:35 -36 written out on poster paper for the group to see it - Matthew 25:35-36 – "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you visited me."
- Relay props – two food items, two glasses of water, two masks, two sets of clothing (large enough for recruits to put on over their clothes, two canes OR crutches (if possible)
- The following references written on four separate sheets of paper and taped to the wall - Acts 11:27-30, Hebrews 10:24-25; Galatians 6:2, Ephesians – 4:11-16
- Four separate sheets of paper with ONE of the following questions on the top of each page; if you have a large group, you may want to make a few copies of each question so that the recruits are not all crowded around three sheets of paper:
 - How do we know when people need help?
 - How do we know what we can do
 - How can we help together?
 - What do you do to help or what have you seen others do?



Mission Assignment

SAY: Poor Emily, it sounds like she has such potential to help but doesn't even know it. She could do all sorts of things, including helping others to take care of their gardens. Even helping her mom has been so amazing and so much a gift from God. Recruits, as a church family, we have so many things that we can do to help each other and we are expected to help each other.

SAY: Well, enough from me, let's have a drum roll for our mission... (Reading mission card from satellite uplink), "Recruits, we need you to find out what the Bible says about helping others."

SAY: Let's start out by looking at our key verse for the day. Let's read it together. (Have the recruits read it from a chart posted.) **Who do you think the 'I' is in this verse? (Jesus). What do**



you think He means when He says that when you feed, give water to, visit, etc. that you are doing it 'for Him'? (When we help others, we are really helping and serving Jesus.) That's very powerful. I think this is a verse that we'd better memorize. Let's read it again together and then we'll work on memorizing it.

DO: Divide the recruits into at least two relay teams (ideally six per team); for each segment of the relay have the recruits do the following (if you have teams larger than six, repeat one activity and if they are smaller have some people go twice), have person one go on each team, then have the teams wait until you tell person two to "go", etc.:

Person 1 – Run to the other end and eat some fruit (or other food item), run back; After they have returned have the recruits repeat, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Person 2 – Run to the end and drink a glass of water, run back; After they have returned have the recruits repeat, "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."

Person 3 – Run to the end and put on a mask, run back with the mask on; After they have returned have the recruits repeat, "I was a stranger and you invited me in."

Person 4 – Run to the end and put on the shirt and pants that are there, run back; After they have returned have the recruits repeat, "I needed clothes and you clothed me."

Person 5 – Run to the end with crutches/cane/on one foot (you choose), run back; After they have returned have the recruits repeat, "I was sick and you looked after me."

Person 6 – Run to the end with hands held behind your back, run back; After they have returned have the recruits repeat, "I was in prison and you came to visit me."

SAY: Now let's repeat Matthew 24:35 and 36 again. Try not to look at the words posted on the wall like we did the very first time that we said this verse together. Wow...so whatever we do to help, we are helping Jesus. I want us to take a look at some other verses of Scripture and then we are going to work together to figure out what it means to help others. There are four references listed up on the wall. (Acts 11:27-30, Hebrews 10:24-25; Galatians 6:2, Ephesians – 4:11-16) I want you to help each other look up one of the references and then we can help each other read them.

DO: Divide the group into four as quickly as you can i.e. numbering 1 – 4 or sorting by section of the room that the recruits are sitting in; give each group a reference. Once groups have found the reference, have someone in the group read the Scripture aloud.

SAY: Thanks recruits. Now we are going to work on answering some questions together. Around the room I have posted some questions, I want you to go with a partner and write down your answers to the questions. Try to answer each question if you can.

DO: Have your leaders move around and add answers as well. Suggested answers have been given in the brackets. Then bring the group back together and read over, discuss some of the answers that have been given.



SAY: How do we know when people need help? (they ask, they are clearly showing signs of hunger, thirst, tiredness, when they are in a situation that we would find hard, the newspapers, internet)

How do we know what we can do? (ask an adult, ask them, see if you have the gifts or skills to do what they might need help with, do what you would want someone to do if you were hungry, alone, thirsty)

How can we help together? (research agencies or your own church and what they do to help people and then come up with a plan together to help, do a fundraiser to raise money, share your gifts with each other)

What do you do to help or what have you seen others do? (volunteer at the hospital, assist at a food bank, give money to people on the street, help someone carry their groceries, help a fellow student with homework, serve dinner on Christmas day, play an instrument at a seniors home)

SAY: Recruits, as a family both here and around the world we are called to help each other and those who are in need. That is a very challenging calling. We really need the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit to do that every day. You have done a lot of work to discover our need to help. Let's get back to the Recon Team and continue our journey for the day.



Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "Partners In Mission (S1) Episode 5 (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

Contact your local Salvation Army corps or community services and find out what they do to help in the community or around the world (food bank, men's hostel, senior's home, missionary). Before this week's lesson invite a guest to come to your RTS gathering. Some questions you may wish to put together for your guests ahead of time are:

1. Where do you work/volunteer?
2. What do you do to help people in our community or around the world?
3. Who helps you to run this ministry?
4. What is the purpose of your ministry? (physical and spiritual)
5. Do you know of other helping ministries that The Salvation Army is involved in?
6. How can young people volunteer to help in The Salvation Army helping missions?





Mission Assignment

SAY: You heard Christie, we have a mission to do so let's find out what mission # 2 is." (Reading mission card from satellite uplink), "Recruits, check out ways that The Salvation Army helps others." To do that today we've invited a special guest to help us out. This is _____ from _____. Let's listen as he/she shares how he/she works in The Salvation Army to help others in very practical ways. Sometimes there are opportunities to talk about Jesus with those who are helped too.

DO: Introduce your guest and interview them about their ministry using the following questions:

1. Where do you work/volunteer?
2. What do you do to help people in our community or around the world?
3. Who helps you to run this ministry?
4. What is the purpose of your ministry? (physical and spiritual)
5. Do you know of other helping ministries that The Salvation Army is involved in?
6. How can young people volunteer to help in The Salvation Army helping missions?

SAY: Now that we've had a chance to hear _____ let's turn our attention to praying for those who need help.



Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "Partners In Mission (S1) Episode 5 (3/4)". 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

- Paper
- Pencils/pens

Directions

SAY: We have learned a lot about helping today. There are so many needs in our communities and around the world. Right now, we are going to take the time to pray for some of those needs. Since our hands are tools we often use for helping, we are going to use them for praying.



DO: Give each recruit a piece of paper and have him/her trace his/her hands. (On each finger he/she will write a prayer). Here are some ideas as to what each finger could represent:

Pinky – something for themselves,

Ring finger – a prayer for someone they are in relationship with,

Middle finger – something that is a big problem in their community or in the world,

Pointer finger – something that really makes them mad in the world,

Thumb – praise for a need that has been taken care of (i.e. someone makes a friend, gets food)



Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play “Partners In Mission (S1) Episode 5 (4/4)”. Pause the video when the FIELD MISSION CARD 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 FIELD MISSION CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the Field Mission Project.



Field Mission Project



Supplies Needed

- Paper
- Pencils/pens

Directions

Think of some ideas ahead of time of what your particular recruits could do to help out locally or globally as a group i.e. Christmas toy drive, food bank, sandwich run, fundraiser to raise funds for a partnering project overseas, meet and greet for new members of the church, care package for missionaries overseas.

Mission Project

SAY: Let’s have a drumroll please as we read our last mission for today, (reading mission card from satellite uplink), “Recruits, join the “Helping Challenge” today! Determine who you will help and the steps you will take to be a helper.” The ‘helping challenge’, what a great idea! I love how the Recon Team was helping overseas and then in turn getting help from their partners there. What a great idea. We’ve learned about what _____ (your special guest) is doing and how we can get involved, we’ve seen the Recon Team in action, we’ve heard about Emily and her garden and now it’s our turn to get involved. First, I want you to think of someone in your home, school or neighbourhood who has a need. (sibling needs help with school work, mom needs help with housework, someone at school has no friends, new neighbour doesn’t know the neighbourhood, senior citizen needs help reading, neighbour needs help gardening or shovelling).



want you to now think of a way that you can consistently help that person this week and in the weeks to come. Write down your plan on this sheet of paper and we'll follow up next week.

SAY: Now that you have set out a plan for yourselves, it's time for us as a church community to come up with some ideas of how we can help out our community and the world. Let's take some time to brainstorm some ideas."

DO: Brainstorm some ideas and choose one; have the team come up with a plan for implementation together.

SAY: Well recruits you have had another successful day of working and learning. I am amazed at how much you help each other to grow and learn. Let's repeat our key verses for today, Matthew 24:35-36. Remember, whatever we do as a church and as individuals we do for Jesus. Let's have a prayer and go out into the week armed and prepared to help others, to help Jesus.

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