

The Evangelists



THE MISSION AIM

To help recruits know that heroes of the faith share the good news of Jesus Christ with others.



KEY VERSE

Mark 13:11b: "Do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit."



Pre-Mission Activity



Supplies Needed

· Large open space

Directions

SAY: There seems to be a lot of talk these days about Super Heroes. Super Heroes are everywhere. You may have watched a movie with a Super Hero in it or read a comic book or maybe even have Super Hero figures. We are going to identify four Super Heroes and give each one a special action.

DO: You can use the ones below or have the Recruits come up with four super heroes that they might want to use:

Superman = fly around the room with arms stretched up above your head

Incredible Hulk = show your muscles above your head and then down in front of your stomach. Growl as the Hulk does

Thor = pretend you have a hammer in your hand and bang it on the floor

Spiderman = shoot web out of your wrist and pretend to swing from one side of the room to the other

SAY: I am going to call out the name of a Super Hero. When I do you need to do the action of that hero. Continue to listen as I will call out the other Super Heroes as well. Each time I call one out, you need to change your action to match the new Super Hero.

DO: Call out the various super hero names giving the Recruits a chance to do the actions for each one. Mix the names up and challenge the recruits by quickly changing the Super Hero that they are imitating.

SAY: Well Recruits, you know your super heroes well. Today we are going to learn about real life Faith Heroes. Faith Heroes can be found in the Bible, in history and even today. I can't wait to hear what the Recon Team has in store for us today. I would like to go on a mission. What about you, Recruits? Are you ready to serve?

SAY: Let's check in with the Recon Team now.



Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 3 – Faith Heroes Episode 1: The Evangelists"

Play "Faith Heroes (S3) 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 FH-Episode_1-The_Evangelists.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

- Three Hoola Hoops or painters tape or rope (you need something to create three areas for the recruits to run to)
- Three Word Cards One word per card, and placed in each of the areas you have created
 Called
 GO and Preach
 Holy Spirit
- · Poster entitled: "What is an Evangelist?"



Mission Assignment

SAY: Let's have a drumroll as we read our first mission together (read mission card from satellite download). "Your first mission is to discover what it means to be an evangelist and to decide if Philip fits into this category. What is the definition of the word "evangelism"?"

SAY: Well Recruits, we have been given our Mission Assignment. The Commander said that "evangelists have a passion to share the Good News of Jesus Christ." It seems that Evangelists are called by God to go and preach to people. They tell others about Jesus Christ. This can't be an easy task and therefore, they do this only through the power of the Holy Spirit. Who thinks they can find the Key Verse in Mark 13? Let's look it up together and see what it says.

DO: Provide the recruits with time to search for Mark 13:11b.

SAY: Let's read it together, "Do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit." In other words; evangelists are called, they go and preach and the Holy Spirit helps them.



DO: Show the recruits the three designated areas. Point out that the words; Called, GO and Preach, and Holy Spirit have been placed inside each one of the areas. Explain that you are going to tell the story of Philip and the Ethiopian (found in Acts 8:26-40).

SAY: I am going to tell you the story of Philip and the Ethiopian. This story is found in the New Testament in the book of Acts. As I tell the story, I want you to listen carefully. Our Mission asks us to discover if Philip is an evangelist. In other words, does God <u>call</u> him to <u>go and preach</u>? Does Philip go and preach? And, does he do this with the power that the <u>Holy Spirit</u> gives him?

SAY: If you hear that Philip was "called", then move to the area that has the word "called" in it. However, to get there you must put your hand up to your ear, as if holding a telephone and talk on the phone as you walk there backwards.

SAY: If you hear that Philip went and "preached the Gospel", then move to the area that has the words "Go and preach" in it. However, to get there you must cup your hands around your mouth as if you are calling out a special message to people far away from you and yell "hear ye, hear ye" as you skip to the area.

SAY: If you hear that the Holy Spirit gave Philip the power to preach the Gospel, then move to the area that has the word "Holy Spirit" in it. However, to get there you must show your muscles and move to the area as if you are a body builder showing others how very strong you are.

SAY: Okay, let's practice these actions once. If you hear that Philip is called (allow time for the recruits to try the action). If you hear that Philip does go and preach the Gospel (allow time for the recruits to try the action). If you hear that the Holy Spirit provides for Philip (allow time for the recruits to try the action). Okay, so find a spot in the room to stand or sit. Are you ready to listen to the story? Here we go.

SAY: (Read the following story):

An Angel of the Lord called to Philip and told him to "go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza". Acts 8:26 (recruits should be moving to the "Called" area and doing the action)

Philip went on his way and while travelling he saw an Ethiopian official. The Ethiopian was sitting in his chariot reading the book of the prophet Isaiah. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." Acts 8:29 (recruits should still be in the "Called" area but can do the action once again)

Philip went to where the Ethiopian official was and heard what he was reading. He asked the man if he understood what it was that he was reading. The Ethiopian answered, "How can I, unless someone explains it to me?" Acts 8:31

The Official asked Philip if he could tell him about the reading from Isaiah. Philip began to explain the passage to the Ethiopian, preaching the Good News of Jesus. (Recruits should be moving to the "Go and Preach" area and doing the action)

Philip and the Ethiopian continued down the road. They came to some water. Here the Ethiopian said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" Acts 8:37



Philip and the Ethiopian went down into the water and Philip baptized the Official.

As soon as this was done, the Holy Spirit came and took Philip away. The Ethiopian official went on his way rejoicing and Philip appeared in a new location, continuing to preach the gospel. (Recruits should be moving to the area that says "Holy Spirit" and doing the action)

SAY: Excellent moves, Recruits. So as we listened to the story of Philip, what do you think? Do you think Philip can be called an Evangelist? (Allow the recruits to answer)

SAY: What do we know then that Evangelists do? (They are called, they go and preach and they are given the power to do so from the Holy Spirit)

SAY: Let's add these points to our "What is an Evangelist?" poster. I think that those three points make up the definition of an evangelist. Who can put these into a sentence to send back to the Recon Team?

DO: Provide a moment to work through this as a group.

SAY: Excellent, Recruits. I believe we have completed our mission. Let's send this information back to the Recon Team. This definition of an evangelist might just set Sabrina's mind at ease. Once she understands what an evangelist is, she won't need to worry anymore. I am sure she won't disappoint the faith heroes.



Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "Faith Heroes (S3) 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

- Bean bags or rings
- Hoola Hoops/buckets or area designated to throw items into
- Skipping rope or tape
- 17 Circles with John Wesley information written on them (see attachment pages 9-12)
- Tape



Mission Assignment

SAY: Stand with me and let's read our next mission together. (Reading mission card from satellite uplink) "John Wesley lived in the 1700's and preached the good news to many people. Find out where he preached and how he travelled. Did the Holy Spirit help him?"

SAY: Well recruits, this seems like a pretty big mission. We need to look back into history at a man that travelled on the back of a horse to places where he preached the Good News. Are you ready to serve?

SAY: To learn about John Wesley we are going to split into two groups and play a little game. As you see, I have set up two hoola hoops/buckets (whatever you are using to catch the bean bags). Each member of your team will attempt to throw a bean bag into the hoola hoop. You are competing against the other team. The first recruit to get the bean bag into the hoop will then gallop (demonstrate this) to one of the circles in the room. Take it off of the wall and return, galloping on your horse, of course, back to the recruits. You will then share the information on the circle with all of the recruits. Then the next two recruits will have their turn.

DO: Begin the activity. After a recruit has read the information on the circle, restate this information to be sure that all recruits have heard it clearly. Once all of the circles have been read, gather together to review what you have learned in line with the mission assignment.

SAY: Let's look back at our mission assignment and see if we are now able to complete this mission. First, where did John Wesley preach and how did he travel? (London, Bristol, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, travelled on horseback) The recruits may also answer with the specific places that John Wesley spoke from, i.e., coal piles, stone walls, etc.

DO: Allow time for the recruits to answer this.

SAY: Can we see the Holy Spirit helping him during his life? (Yes, he is removed from the pulpit and forbidden from the hospitals and prisons and yet the Holy Spirit leads him to where the people are in the fields and the streets.)

DO: Again allow the recruits' time to answer this and to come up with how the Holy Spirit led him.

SAY: How did John Wesley make his message relevant for the people? In other words, why was it important that they heard it and how did he make them understand? (John Wesley went to the people and met them where they were. He told them about God's love and reached out to them with that love. He spent time with the people and didn't just speak at them but to them.)

DO: Give opportunity for the recruits to talk about this. Guide them in their thoughts and help them to see how John Wesley spent his life serving God and reaching out to those that might not otherwise hear the Good News of God's love.

SAY: I don't know about you recruits, but learning about John Wesley and his travels makes me feel rather tired. I can't imagine going all that way on the back of a horse. The Holy Spirit was leading him that is for sure. We should add his name to our poster. Who would like to do that?

SAY: Well, we better report back to the Recon Team. Before we do, I wonder if John Wesley took that verse from Mark as his special verse, "Do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit."





Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "Faith Heroes (S3) Episode 1 (3/4)". 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

- Index cards
- · Labels for the four corners of the room
- called
- goes
- preaches
- Holy Spirit's power

Mission Project

SAY: Let's countdown to our final mission for today, 3-2-1 (read mission card from satellite uplink). "Your final mission is to identify some modern day evangelists. Who in your corps or division could be called an evangelist? What can we learn about Billy Graham, a modern day evangelist? How can we be evangelists?"

SAY: I want us to think of people in our church, in The Salvation Army or in our family that we could call evangelists. People who have been called by God to go and preach the Good News, and who the Holy Spirit gives strength.

SAY: To do this we are going to play a little game called Four Corners. I have placed a sign in each of the corners of the room. I want you to write down the name of someone you know and stand under one of these signs. The person must either be someone called by God, someone that has gone where God has asked them to go, someone that preaches the Good News, or someone you have seen who has power from the Holy Spirit. Okay, so think of someone, write down their name and stand in one of the corners.

<u>Note</u>: You could provide examples to the recruits of who you might choose, i.e.: the name of a cadet or youth workers under "called", the officer's name and stand under "preaches", the name of a missionary your corps supports and stand under "goes", and the name of someone who has struggled with temptation but who continues to tell about God and stand under "Holy Spirit's power".

DO: Once the recruits all have written down a name and are standing under a corner of the room, you can allow some of them to share with others in their corner or the whole group.



SAY: God calls people just like you and I to be evangelists. The people that the recruits have written down could probably go in any of the four corners. That is because they are evangelists.

SAY: Now that we have seen how some of the people we know are evangelists, let's look at a man that has spent much of his life being an evangelist. His name is Billy Graham. How many have heard of him?

SAY: Billy Graham is 96 years old. (He was born in November of 1918, so you may need to change his age). Billy Graham is an evangelist. He heard God's call and he travelled all over the United States and the World preaching a simple message about sin and salvation. One of the important things about Billy Graham's life is that when preaching he made sure that he preached/spoke to all the people. At the time that Billy Graham began to preach, some were trying to separate people of different races. But Billy Graham ensured that ALL people were preached to and that ALL people were used to reach out to others. He used people from all races to participate in his outreach events. He has been on TV and on the radio telling about God's love for the people. He has become a very famous man and yet, nothing he did was for fame. He was simply being faithful to God's call for his life. We can learn so much about Billy Graham and from him. To fulfill our third mission, we need to research Billy Graham. I would like each of you to find out two pieces of information about Billy Graham, his life or his evangelism. Bring them back next week so that we can all share them and learn from each other.

SAY: Now, how do you think we could be evangelists today?

DO: Allow the recruits some time to think about this and to answer.

SAY: An evangelist is called by God and listens to what God is calling him or her to do. An evangelist goes to where God wants him to go. Maybe it is next door to our neighbour or maybe it is to a family member or maybe it is to a friend at school. An Evangelist preaches or shares the Good News of God's love to others. An evangelist is able to do this through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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leader be sure to remind recruits this week to look for information on Billy Graham before your next meeting.

SAY: Remember our verse Mark 13:11b, "Do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit."



Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "Faith Heroes (S3) 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

- Thought Bubble on a half sheet of paper for each recruit (see attachment on page 13)
- Pencils or pens

Directions

SAY: When God calls us, He gives us the power to move and to do His will. We have to be willing to go where he asks us to go and to say those words that the Holy Spirit will provide.

SAY: I have Wa thought bubble for each of you with the verse from Mark. This is a comforting verse as it reminds us that God will provide us with the words that we need when we are working for him. Do you believe the message of God's love and are you willing to share it with others as God asks you to? I want us to quietly close our eyes and to think about the opportunity to share God's love with others. As we pray, we are going to sing the simple chorus, "God is so good, He's so good to me." He is good to each of us and will provide us with the strength to fulfill his calling. As we sing, God may be asking you to talk to someone. If someone's name comes to mind, write it on the back of your thought bubble. We will continue to sing and to pray that God will give each of us an opportunity to share His Good News with others.

DO: Allow opportunity for the recruits to contemplate this and to write down any names that God places upon their hearts. Pray with the recruits asking that they might hear the voice of God and be willing to go out and share His Good News. When prayer time is complete, speak to those recruits who wrote down a name. Offer to pray with them or for them during the week.

SAY: Well recruits, go out and have a wonderful week. Listen to God's calling in your life and remember to return next time with two pieces of information about the amazing evangelist, Billy Graham. Blessings.

FAITH HERO TRADING CARDS

Supplies Needed

• Copies of Evangelist cards for each recruit: Philip, John Wesley, Billy Graham, Joe the Turk, Eliza Shirley, Elijah Cadman, Kawl Khuma and Emma Dawson. Print front and back on card stock, if possible, and cut apart (see attachment pages 14 and 15)

Directions

SAY: I have a set of cards for each of you with the heroes of the faith that we have heard and learned about today. You will also discover that there are four extra faith hero evangelists that have been included. These heroes are Eliza Shirley, Elijah Cadman, Kawl Khuma and Emma Dawson. Be sure to take these cards home and see how much information you can remember about each hero.



John Wesley Information

(Mission Assignment #2)

Preparation work:

- 1. Photocopy and enlarge the following circles by 200%, cut out and tape these in different areas of the room
- 2. Place the hoola hoops or buckets at one end of the room and set up a line using the skipping rope or tape where you want the recruits to throw from (you want this to be a challenge)
- 3. Split the recruits into two groups. Each group lines up behind the starting line with one member of their group in front.

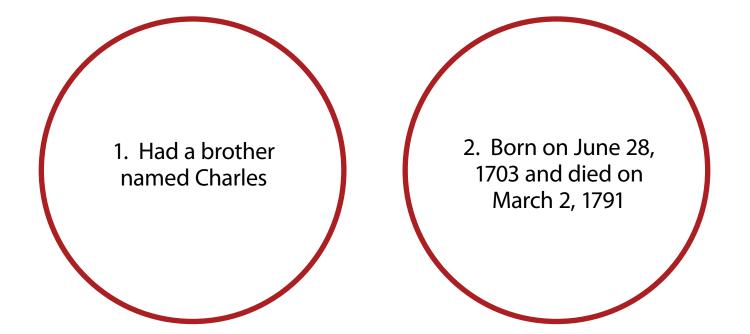
Directions:

The teams are competing against each other. The first person on each team will attempt to throw a bean bag or ring into the bucket. The first recruit that succeeds will gallop, like on a horse, to find one of the circles and bring it back to read to all of the recruits.

Then the second member of each team will get up and attempt their hand at throwing into the bucket and again, the first one to succeed will gallop, to a circle in the room and share the information with all the recruits. Continue until all of the circles have been read.

For smaller RTS squads, you could group some of this information together on one circle.

NOTE: For smaller Recon teams, you can make it a competition to see who can throw the bean bag into the hoop and gather the circles the quickest. To do this, allow two people to go at a time. The person who gets the bean bag into the hoop is the one to gallop to the circle and read it to the remaining recruits.



3. As an adult he 4. Travelled and devoted his life to preached constantly evangelism 6. Knew that the 5. Visited with unsaved would not industrial workers be found in churches and labourers 7. Travelled to 8. Was removed the poor areas of from preaching from London, Bristol, a pulpit Wales, Ireland and Scotland

9. Went into hospitals and prisons 10. Went to where to preach but was the people were later denied access to these places 12. Preached on the 11. Preached in fields street 13. Stood on coal 14. Preached from piles, tables, and the steps of the stone walls to preach the Good News market

15. Taught about God's love

16. His preaching continued for 54 years

17. If you calculated all of the kilometres he travelled, it would be equal to going around the globe
12 times

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NAME: Joseph Garabed BORN: Around 1860,

in Tallas, Turkey

CAREER: Shoemaker,

Salvation Army Officer

FAMOUS FOR:

His creative and exuberant forms of evangelism, which encouraged many people to learn about Jesus.

DIED: 11 October, 1937

NAME: John Wesley BORN: 28 June, 1703

in Epworth, England

CAREER: Evangelist

FAMOUS FOR:

Reaching out to people to tell them about Jesus. He went outside church buildings to find people, and travelled long distances on horseback to spread God's word.

DIED: 2 March, 1791

NAME: Billy Graham

BORN: 7 November, 1918

in Charlotte, NC, USA

CAREER: Evangelist

FAMOUS FOR:

Holding "crusades" where he spoke to thousands of people about God. He made use of technology (radio, TV etc.) to help him reach more people.

DIED: 21 February, 2018

NAME: Emma Churchill Dawson

BORN: In 1862,

in Portugal Cove, Newfoundland

CAREER: TSA officer

FAMOUS FOR:

Holding the first Salvation Army meeting in Newfoundland while on her honeymoon in 1885. It was a great success; and today Newfoundland has the highest percentage of Salvation Army members in Canada.

DIED: 16 May, 1957

NAME: Philip the Evangelist

LIVED: During the first century A.D.

in the Roman Empire

CAREER: Deacon, evangelist

FAMOUS FOR:

Being chosen as one of seven men to minister to the early church. He spoke about Jesus to an Ethiopian man, baptised him, then vanished because God took him to another city to preach.

NAME: Eliza Shirley

BORN: 9 October, 1862, in Foleshill,

Warwickshire, England

CAREER: TSA officer, evangelist

FAMOUS FOR:

A 17 yr old Salvation Army officer, she moved to the USA with her parents. Eliza and her mother attracted a crowd to hear the "Hallelujah Females". She started the work of The Salvation Army in North America.

DIED: 18 September, 1932

NAME: Elijah Cadman

BORN: 10 December, 1843

in Coventry, England

CAREER: Chimney sweep, TSA officer

FAMOUS FOR:

Visiting slums by day and preaching by night at street corners. Seeing people so interested in the war, Cadman used military terms to promote his work. He was the first to call Booth the "General", and pushed for a Salvation Army uniform.

DIED: 12 December, 1927

NAME: Kawl Khuma

BORN: In 1890, in Mizoram, India

CAREER: Pharmacy Assistant, TSA officer

FAMOUS FOR:

Wanting to form a Christian group with a uniform. People said his idea sounded like The Salvation Army, so he became an officer. He worked hard preaching and translating, even when the Army had to stop helping him for several years. In 1966 he was awarded the Order of the Founder medal.

DIED: 16 April, 1971