



Beginning Of An Army



THE MISSION AIM

We believe God raised up The Salvation Army for His purposes.



KEY VERSE

Acts 28:31: "He (Paul) proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance."



Pre-Mission Activity



Supplies Needed

- Copies of various popular logos or symbols that the recruits would be able to identify (i.e. fast food chains, hockey teams, World Wildlife Organization, clothing brands, etc.)

Directions

DO: As recruits enter, show them examples of logos and symbols. Have recruits try to name as many of the symbols as possible. Take up answers.

SAY: Symbols that companies use to represent themselves are really important. When customers see them, it creates an image in their minds about the company and what they represent.

SAY: Today we are going to be looking closely at the start of The Salvation Army and why they chose the activities, symbols and messages they did to represent themselves.



Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 3 – We Are An Army Episode 1: Beginning Of An Army"

Play "We Are An Army (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 WAAA-Episode_1-Beginning_of_an_Army.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

- A copy of "Salvation Army: The Beginnings" for each recruit (see attachment page 9)
- Pencils and colouring tools



Mission Assignment

SAY: Hmm... Barrington seems a little confused about what the Salvation Army is really about! When your friends hear that you go to The Salvation Army, do they ever get confused? What sorts of things do they ask or say? (i.e. "You're in the military?" Think we fight...) Sometimes people may get confused about why our church is The Salvation Army, but when it first began, there were some very important reasons why we took on the name and symbols we did. That is the main focus of our time today. Let's have a drumroll for our first mission for today (read mission card from satellite uplink). **"Your mission today is to dig into the history of The Salvation Army: Why did they begin? What did they do and how were they received? God bless!"**

SAY: Let's begin by thinking back to why William Booth began The Salvation Army. I'd like you to do some visualizing with me today! Visualizing means that you are going to use clues and information from what you hear and read to create an image.

DO: Pass each recruit a copy of "Salvation Army: The Beginning", along with pencils and drawing tools.

SAY: I am going to read you a short history of The Salvation Army. As I am reading, I'd like you to draw a comic-style story about what you hear. I have put a few clue words on the page about important things you may want to include.

DO: Read the following script.

NOTE: Bolded underlined words are ones that may need explanation for your younger recruits.

The Salvation Army began in 1865 in the East End of London, England. When an out of work preacher named William Booth who was concerned about all the terrible things happening there began to preach in the open air. People were poor, hungry, and homeless. Men used what little money their families had to drink and **gamble** at local **pub** houses. Too much of these activities led men to make poor choices - they would drink alcohol, fight and forget about caring for their families.

(BREAK FOR DRAWING AND THINKING – Box 1) (Drawing suggestion: William Booth speaking to poor, sad people)

To make things worse, many of these people didn't know about God. This was because most churches at the time charged money to be able to sit in the **pews** on a Sunday. The poor people of the East End didn't have enough money to pay for a seat, and they didn't have nice clean clothes to wear so they were often **rejected** and not permitted to enter the churches.



(BREAK FOR DRAWING AND THINKING – Box 2) (Drawing suggestions: Church with doors closed, church pew and coins, or a big red X over a pew)

William Booth decided that something must be done! He didn't intend to start a church. His idea was to get people saved and then send to the existing churches. His plan didn't work. First of all the new converts didn't want to go, secondly they weren't accepted in the churches and thirdly he needed them to help get others saved. So William Booth continued to preach in the open air in the East End of London and to use tents to hold meetings. They called themselves The Christian Mission, and that was the beginning of The Salvation Army.

(BREAK FOR DRAWING AND THINKING – Box 3) (Drawing suggestions: Tent with an "All Welcome" Sign, tent with Booth preaching, a big crowd in a tent)

At first, they were often rejected by the people of the East End. Many people thought they were strange! They would have stones thrown at them and be called names. A small family of musicians, the FRY family saw the people throwing stones and shouting at William Booth and his followers as they spoke in the open-air, and decided to help calm the crowds with their brass band music accompanying the singing. This is how brass banding became a part of the church. The music caught the people's attention and became a regular part of the Salvation Army.

(BREAK FOR DRAWING AND THINKING – Box 4) (Drawing suggestions: A brass instrument, people being hit by stones, a small band and a crowd listening to music)

As time went on, they realized that many of these people needed help with everyday needs, before they would be able to really listen to the word of God. So, they began providing food, shelter, and care for the poor. This led to many people changing their minds, believing in God and even become members of The Christian Mission - helping others like they had been helped.

(BREAK FOR DRAWING AND THINKING – Box 5) (Drawing suggestions: bowl of soup with bread, soap and water, or a bed)

In 1878, The Christian Mission changed their name to The Salvation Army, because they considered themselves in a war against the devil and all the **chaos** he had caused on the streets of London and around the world.

They began to wear uniforms that let those on the streets know who they were and what they stood for.

They were different from many churches at the time, because they went to the people that others ignored, became a part of their lives and showed them that God has a plan for them too.

(BREAK FOR DRAWING AND THINKING – Box 6) (Drawing suggestions: an old Salvation Army uniform, a group of poor people with a heart around them)

SAY: As you finish your work, I'd like you to take a gallery walk and look at the other creations recruits have designed. Take time to see if you can follow the story of The Salvation Army through their pictures.

DO: Give time to allow recruits to walk around to see other creations, or have them share one at a time.



SAY: Now that you have had time to hear and think about the beginning of The Salvation Army, why was it created? *(Because someone saw a need to help the poor and teach them)* Why was it so different from other churches at the time? *(They were willing to go to the people, they would work in places/with people who others wouldn't want to be around, they related with the people...)*

SAY: Amazing work, recruits! What great representations of the start of The Salvation Army. Let's take these back to the team and see if they will help Barrington and others understand why the Army first began.



Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "We Are An Army (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

- "Onward Christian Soldiers!" Signs - attach signs on different walls around the room (see attachment pages 10, 11, and 12)
- Copies of Army Terms and Symbols (see attachment pages 13 and 14)
- A copy of The Salvation Army vs. THE Army (see attachment page 15)



Squad Leader, keep your "Onward Christian Soldiers!" signs to use at your next meeting during the Pre-Mission time.



Mission Assignment

SAY: Okay recruits it's time for our next mission. Let's read it together with our best British accent (read mission card from satellite uplink). "What do all the strange symbols and lingo of The Salvation Army mean? Learn more and report back!"

SAY: Well, it seems like Simon may be a little suspicious of his new squad members. I wonder if the people of London felt the same way when The Salvation Army first arrived. In its early stages, many people might have wondered just what they were all about. That is why the Army created symbols and routines that helped people to better understand what their message was.

SAY: Since they had decided that they were an Army waging war against sin, they took on many phrases and terms that were used in the military, or sounded like army slogans.

DO: Provide copies of "Army Terms and Symbols" and go through them with recruits. You may wish to have recruits take turns reading them aloud.



SAY: We're going to play a quick game called Onward Christian Soldiers! This game will help us to learn about some of the original Salvation Army terms and symbols. When I shout some phrases, you will run to the picture that symbolizes it. For others, I am going to teach you some actions to go with the phrases. When I call them out, you must do the action as quick as you can. If you're the last one to do the action or get to the picture, you will be out. The last person standing is the winner.

DO: Show the recruits the actions below. Have them copy you and practice a couple times. Then begin the game.

Call Out	Action
Fire a Volley	Shout "Hallelujah!"
Knee Drill	Recruits kneel down like they're praying
Captain's Coming!	Salvation Army Salute (Right hand points to the sky with the index finger)
Soap, Soup, Salvation	Recruits pretend to be ladling out bowls of soup.
Open Air	Pretend to be marching with the band
Citadel	Run to the sign with the picture of the church on it
Blood and Fire	Run to the sign with the flag on it
Shield	Run to the sign with the red shield on it



Another option is to not have anyone be out. Instead, they go to jail for one round, just like early Salvationists may have been sent to jail, and return to the game once someone else replaces them in jail.

PLAY FOR AS LONG AS YOU SEE FIT!

SAY: Excellent work, recruits! Our symbols are not the only thing that makes us similar to an army. What other things make The Salvation Army like a real army? *(We fight, we wear uniforms so others know what we are part of a group, we go where we're needed...)*

DO: Have "The Salvation Army vs. THE Army" available to look at similarities between The Salvation Army and the Army.

SAY: In many ways we are like an army. The big difference (and this is where recruits like Barrington are getting it confused) is we are fighting a spiritual war, not a physical war. This means our fight isn't against others here on earth. Instead, our fight is against sin and the devil.

SAY: Let's take our new knowledge of early Army back to the Recon Team!





Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "We Are An Army (S3) Episode 1 (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

- None

Directions

SAY: We are going to do a prayer together today. As I pray, I am going to use the old Army saying "Fire a Volley!", when it's something I want us to give praise to God for. When I do, I want you to shout "Hallelujah!"

DO: Read the following prayer out to your recruits. As you say "Fire a Volley" the recruits answer with a "Hallelujah!"

Awesome God,

We thank you for sending The Christian Mission to the streets of London's East End.

Fire a Volley! (Hallelujah!)

We thank you for giving William Booth and his followers the passion to help those who needed you - the poor, the homeless and broken families.

Fire a Volley! (Hallelujah!)

Still today, we want to be a part of YOUR army! Help us to remember why The Salvation Army came to be and why we are still such an important part in your war against sin.

Fire a Volley! (Hallelujah!)

Help us to use our talents and gifts to go out into the world and make a difference for you.

Fire a Volley! (Hallelujah!)

Help us not to be afraid to stand out - to be noticed - to do what needs to be done to reach everyone we possibly can for you!

Fire a Volley! (Hallelujah!)

In your amazing name, Amen!





Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play “We Are An Army (S3) Episode 1 (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
- Assorted colouring tools

Mission Project

SAY: Let’s countdown to our final mission for today. 3, 2, 1 (read mission card from satellite uplink). “Your mission is to see how you, TODAY, can be bold and make a difference for God just as the early Salvationists did. How will the world see you and what you stand for?”

SAY: I love how Kate mentioned that “while some things have changed, our purpose hasn’t!”

SAY: What are some things that the first Salvationists did that might not make sense to many people today? (*i.e., wearing the old style uniform, shouting things like “fire a volley”, using old songs/ tunes that were popular back then*)

SAY: It is true that some of the original traditions of The Salvation Army might not make much sense to the people around us today. But even if the ways in which The Salvation Army does things may change, the purpose (or reason) for doing what we do hasn’t!

SAY: Alex mentioned that Acts 28:31 says that “He (Paul) proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!” That’s just what William Booth and his followers did in the 1800s and that’s just what we want to do today!

DO: Point back to the sayings and symbols of the original Salvation Army.

SAY: These symbols, sayings, and uniforms were used to reach the people that the early Salvationists worked with. It helped them to spread the message to those who needed to hear about God. If you could create a BOLD way to share the message of The Salvation Army today, what would it be? (*A new symbol, uniform, saying...*)



SAY: Your mission this week is to design something that could represent The Salvation Army in modern present days. Design something that your friends at school, or neighbours down the street could see and connect to, BUT that still explains who we are as a church of believers. Get creative and get bold!

DO: If you still have time, allow recruits to start brainstorming and designing. If not, have them work at home.

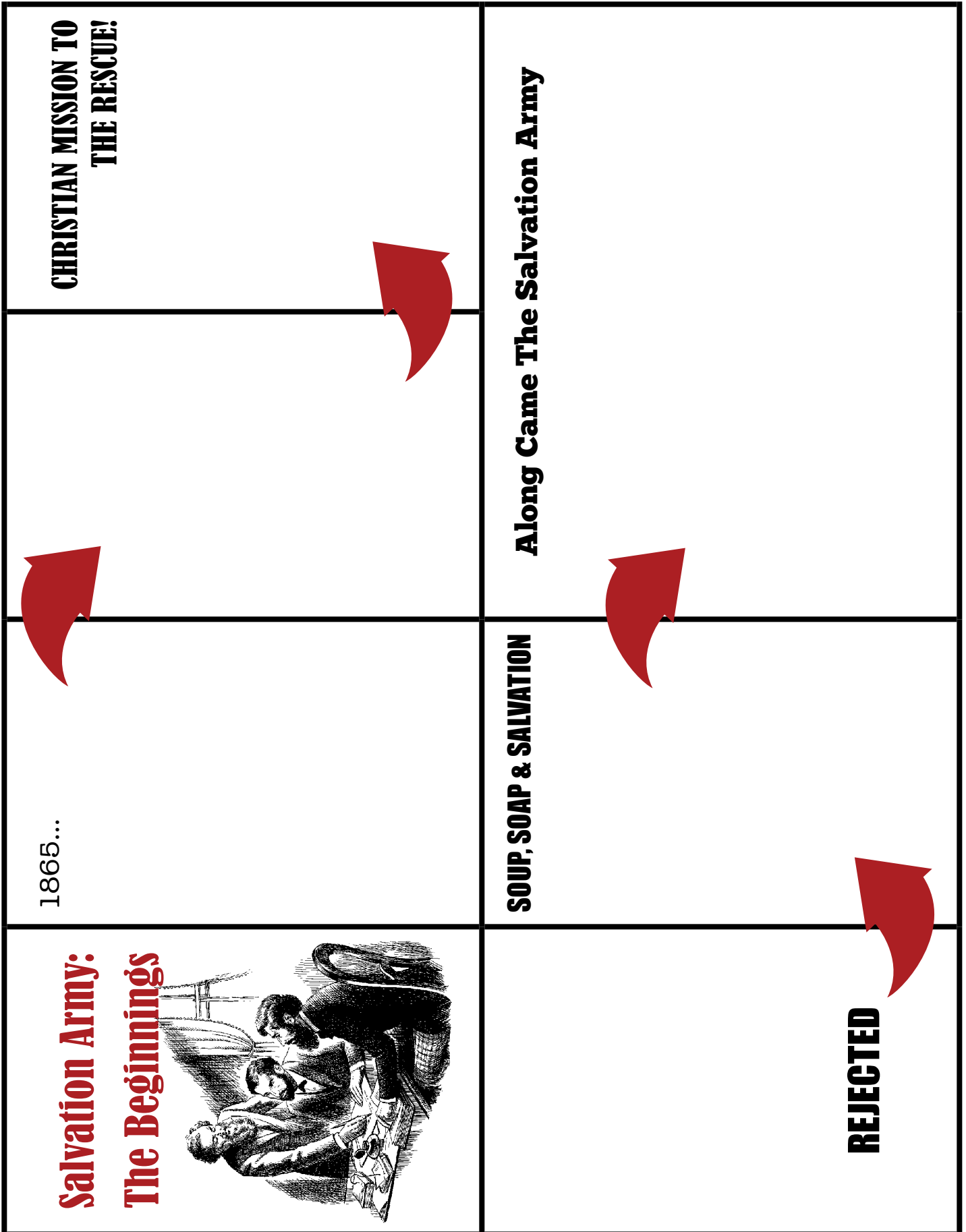
NOTES

Video clips you can share with your recruits:

- <https://vimeo.com/showcase/3215722/video/117005393> - Animated Salvation Army Flag and it's meaning
- <https://vimeo.com/117005389> - Animated Salvation Army Crest and it's meaning

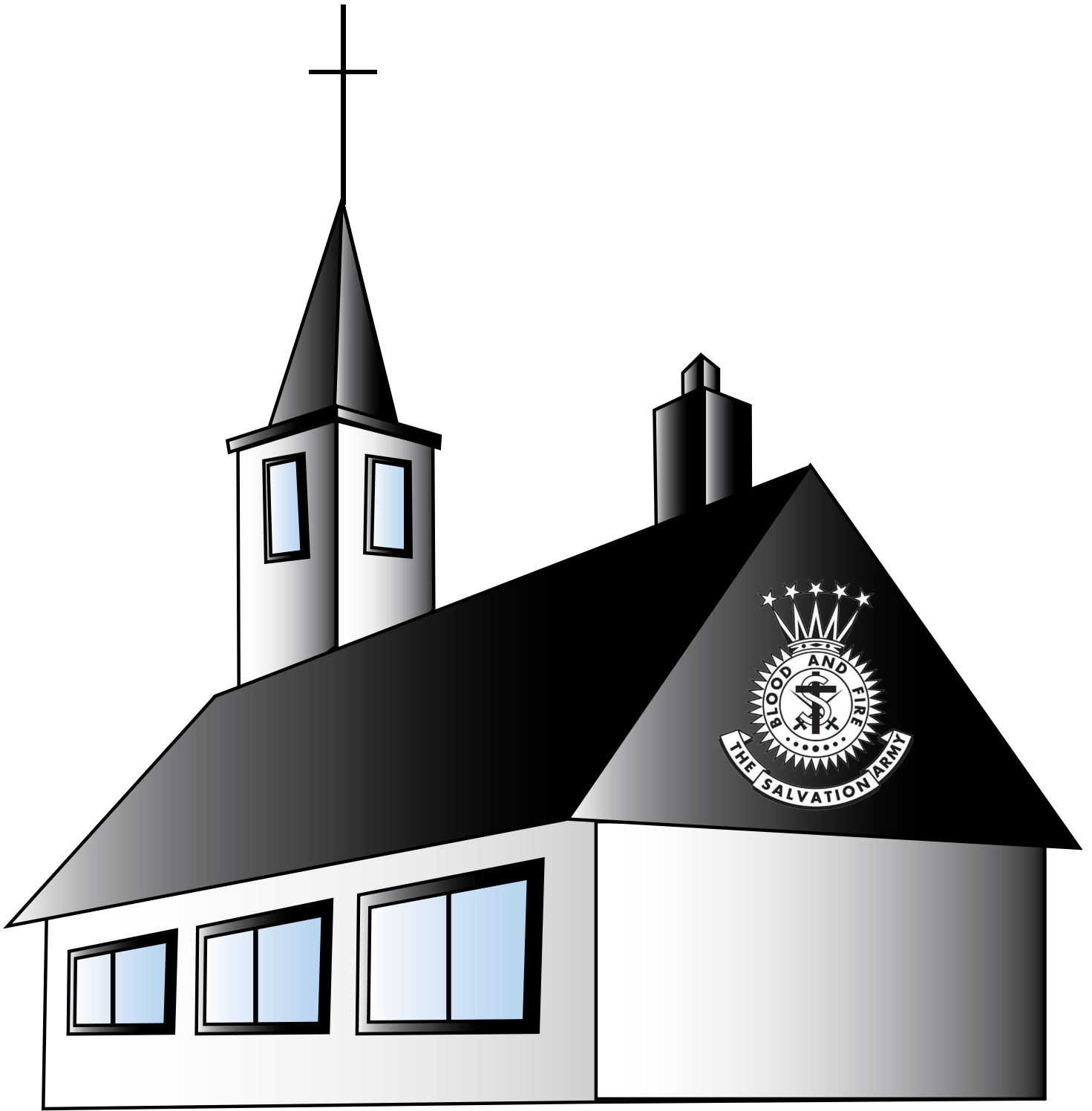


Salvation Army: The Beginnings



“Onward Christian Soldiers!” Signs







Army Terms and Symbols



UNIFORMS

The original Salvation Army uniform was designed after British military uniforms, so it reminded the general public of the military. It allowed members to show that they were intending to fight for their beliefs, but it also made them recognizable for those who needed help.



SHIELD

A symbol that was primarily worn by members of The Salvation Army who were providing aid to military soldiers during REAL wars. It was first used when providing help during the Boer War. It was designed to look like a military logo.



CREST

Designed in 1878, it looks very similar to the type of symbols one in the military might use to distinguish themselves.

Meanings:

- The sun represents the light and fire of the Holy Spirit
- The cross of Jesus stands at the centre to represent that faith is at the centre of The Salvation Army
- The 'S' stands for Salvation from sin
- The swords represent the fight against sin
- The seven dots (like shots) stand for the truths of the gospel
- The crown shows God's reward for His faithful people
- "Blood and Fire" is the motto of The Salvation Army. This describes the blood of Jesus and the fire of the Holy Spirit.



FLAG

Just like countries marching into battle waved their flags, The Salvation Army also had a flag.

- The red represents the blood of Christ.
- The blue stands for God's holiness.
- The yellow stands for the fire of the Holy Spirit. It was originally a sun, but was changed to a star.

The Salvation Army vs. THE Army

The Salvation Army	Military Army
---------------------------	----------------------

Fire A Volley

When an officer would yell, "fire a volley" the congregation replied with a big "Hallelujah". Many voices having maximum effect.	When soldiers would line up and all fire their weapons at the same time, in order to have maximum effect against enemies.
--	---

Captain / Major / Lieutenant / Commander / etc.

Titles given to pastors or leaders within The Salvation Army.	Titles given to leaders within the military.
---	--

Corps

The name given to a group of Salvationists that met together.	The name given to a military formation of many soldiers.
---	--

Citadel

A church building; where people protected themselves from the enemy through fellowship, and learning of the scripture.	A fortress used by the military to protect themselves against the enemy.
--	--

Slogans

Sayings like "Soup, Soap, and Salvation" were quick slogans that told the public just what The Salvation Army was about. They sounded very similar to wartime sayings used by the military.	During wars, sayings like "United We Win" and "Together For Victory" were quick slogans used to get immediate attention from people who heard it.
---	---