



In Darkest England



THE MISSION AIM

We believe that God called The Salvation Army to have a heart for others--to serve suffering humanity.



KEY VERSE

Micah 6:8b: "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."



Pre-Mission Activity



Supplies Needed

- Ball (like a beach ball)

Directions

DO: Teach the class the saying "Heart to God. Hand to Man."

SAY: Today we are going to play a little game that will remind us that God wants us to reach out to those around us. We are going to take turns passing the ball to each other. Whenever the ball is passed, that person is going to say the next word in the phrase "Heart to God, hand to man." As we get better at it, we will try to speed up the passing.

DO: Have recruits toss the ball, saying the phrase "Heart to God, Hand to man." See how fast your group can get it passing around. Repeat the phrase over and over.

(i.e., Heart (pass) to (pass) God (pass))



Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 3 – We Are An Army Episode 4: In Darkest England"

Play "We Are An Army (S3) Episode 4 (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_4-In_Darkest_England.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

- Option 1: Computer, internet access
- Option 2: Copies of London Slums pictures (as many as you wish to pass around) (see attachment pages 7 to 16)



Mission Assignment

SAY: Okay recruits we have our first mission for today. Let's read it in a loud voice together (read mission card from satellite uplink). "Your mission is to discover WHY the Army gained its reputation for helping others. Why did William and Catherine Booth care so much about Social Services?"

SAY: Lucy seems to be surprised that The Salvation Army is more than just her church where she worships each week. This is a bit funny, because I'm sure a lot of people who aren't a part of The Salvation Army are confused to find out it IS a church. How many of you have told friends you go to The Salvation Army church, only to hear them say "you go to church at a clothing store!?"

SAY: A lot of people may only know the name The Salvation Army due to the social services that we are involved in throughout towns and cities, instead of the church building itself. This is because a large part of our church ministry involves social services. This is not a coincidence! It has a lot to do with the way the original Army was constructed and the beliefs of our co-founders: William and Catherine Booth.

SAY: To fully understand why they put so much emphasis on Social Services, we need to know what life was like for people in East London. This time in history is known as the Industrial Revolution. During the Industrial Revolution, lots of new technology was created and big cities were built around factories and businesses. This meant that life for many people changed. Cities became cramped and dirty, as more people moved from working in the country to come to work in factories in the city. Workers were paid very little and families often struggled just to provide for their basic needs.

DO: Show a Youtube clip about life during the Industrial Revolution, entitled "William Booth Story". www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmwH2R8tH1o (This is a 33 minute video- the first 11 minutes give a small glimpse into what Booth saw in the East End – stop at time 10:41).

OR

Pass out copies of images from London during the Industrial Revolution. Have recruits talk with a partner about what they think life was like at that time. Then discuss as a whole group.

SAY: What was life like for people in East London? (*dirty, uncertain, hard, etc.*) What were the living conditions like? (*cramped, filthy, unsanitary, etc.*) What was work life like? (*dangerous, long, dirty, etc.*) How do you feel when you're extremely tired, hungry, cold, dirty...? (*grumpy, unhappy, irritable, unable to concentrate, etc.*)



SAY: The poor of East London were hungry, overworked, tired, sick and just struggling to make it through each day. When individuals are worried about how to simply survive, they aren't always willing to stop and have conversations about beliefs. The Booths understood this. They saw people hurting and in need. They realized that before they could talk about God to these people, they needed to help them to feel safe and secure. As William Booth said, "What is the use of preaching the Gospel to men whose whole attention is concentrated upon a mad, desperate struggle to keep themselves alive?"

SAY: Now that we know about what life was like for many at the time the Army began let's take these ideas back to the team!



Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "We Are An Army (S3) Episode 4 (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

- Copies of Early Salvation Army Services template (one set for each team) - cut up and put into envelopes (see attachment page 17)
- Copy of Problem - Solution - What is It? Headings - cut apart (see attachment page 18)
- Copy of Early Salvation Army Service – Teacher Copy for your reference (see attachment page 19)



Mission Assignment

SAY: It's time for our next mission. Let's countdown from three and read it together. 3-2-1 (read mission card from satellite uplink). "So we know why early Salvationists had such a heart for those in need, but we now need to understand HOW they used their hands to get to work. Familiarize yourself with some early Salvation Army services."

SAY: As the team just said, the early Salvation Army put a huge focus on providing for the needs of those less fortunate. As the saying goes, "Heart to God, Hand to Man."

SAY: Do you know of any services that the early Salvationists provided for the people in their communities? (*shelters, food programs, schooling, etc.*) There are so many different social services that the early Salvationists provided throughout the world, that we could spend all day talking about them. While we don't have time to share them all, I'd like to teach you about a few of the really interesting ones.



SAY: We are going to play a game in teams. I'm going to give each team an envelope with pieces inside. Your job is going to be to sort the pieces using the three headings: Problem, Solution and What Is It? These pieces describe a problem in society, The Salvation Army's solution to it and a description of the solution. The first team to get all the pieces sorted is the winner!

DO: Provide each group an envelope with the pieces. On "go", recruits sort the pieces inside.

After recruits finish, go through each service to clarify what it was. (Early Salvation Army Services – Teacher Copy) Some of these services began in England, and some here in Canada.

SAY: The services provided by the early Salvationists were quite revolutionary in society at the time. Their focus on working hard to provide for those less fortunate led to many changes in society. It caused companies to change work conditions and governments to focus more on the needs of the poor. It also led to the changing of certain laws which helped to protect the more vulnerable in society.

SAY: Let's take the information you sorted back to the squad, so they can learn about some of the specific services early Salvationists were a part of.



Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "We Are An Army (S3) Episode 4 (3/4)". Pause the video when the PRAYER HUDDLE CARD appears on screen and remains as you and your recruits complete the prayer huddle.

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Supplies Needed

- Be sure to have enough copies of the "Serving Scriptures" verses for each recruit to have one verse (see attachment page 20)

Directions

SAY: For today's huddle time, we are going to dive into the scriptures that describe helping others. The team mentioned many verses that let us know what God thinks of serving others.

DO: Have each recruit draw a scripture verse from the strips you cut up prior to the lesson.

SAY: For our prayer today, we are going to go around the room and each read the scripture verse we have. When we're done, I will finish our time of prayer.

DO: Go through the room and have each recruit read their verse(s) aloud. Finish by praying:

God, your Word tells us that you desire us to serve those around us. By serving others, we serve you. Give us the courage, talents and resources needed to give our hands to man, so that we may live out what is in our hearts and in your word. Amen.





Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "We Are An Army (S3) Episode 4 (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

- Option 1: Representative from a local family services or Salvation Army outreach program. Invite them to come ready to share about their work in helping those in need.
- Option 2: Arrange a date to visit your local Family Services office, chart paper and markers.
EXTRA: paper for writing notes, colouring tools

Mission Project

SAY: What a great opportunity we've had to learn about how early Salvationists helped those around them who were in need. It's time for our last mission for today. Let's read it together (read mission card from satellite uplink). "Your mission is to become more familiar with how The Salvation Army in YOUR area meets the needs of others. Get to know your local programs!"

SAY: This is such a great field mission, because it gives us the chance to see the practical ways the Army is helping in our community. While The Salvation Army still runs many BIG programs like the missing person's service, emergency disaster relief, shelters and rehabilitation facilities. It also does a lot in our very own neighbourhood to help those around us.

Option 1

SAY: Today we have a visitor to help with this mission. _____ (name) works with our local Family Services and is here to share a bit about the work happening in our area.

DO: Give the guest a chance to share about some of the work your local corps or family and community services are doing. Provide a chance for recruits to ask questions.

SAY: Thank you for taking time to come and share with our recruits today! I know they are all inspired to do what they can to meet the needs of others.

Option 2

SAY: We are going to take a trip to our local Family Services on _____ (date). However, before we go we need to plan some things you would like to ask/see/know when we get there.



DO: Use chart paper to brainstorm ideas to take to the visit. One way to organize your ideas may be:

What we think we know	What we want to know	What we want to see
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SAY: These are all great ideas! I look forward to seeing what our local services are up to together!

NOTES



Squad leader, if extra time, use it to have recruits write or draw thank you notes to give Family Services when you go to visit.



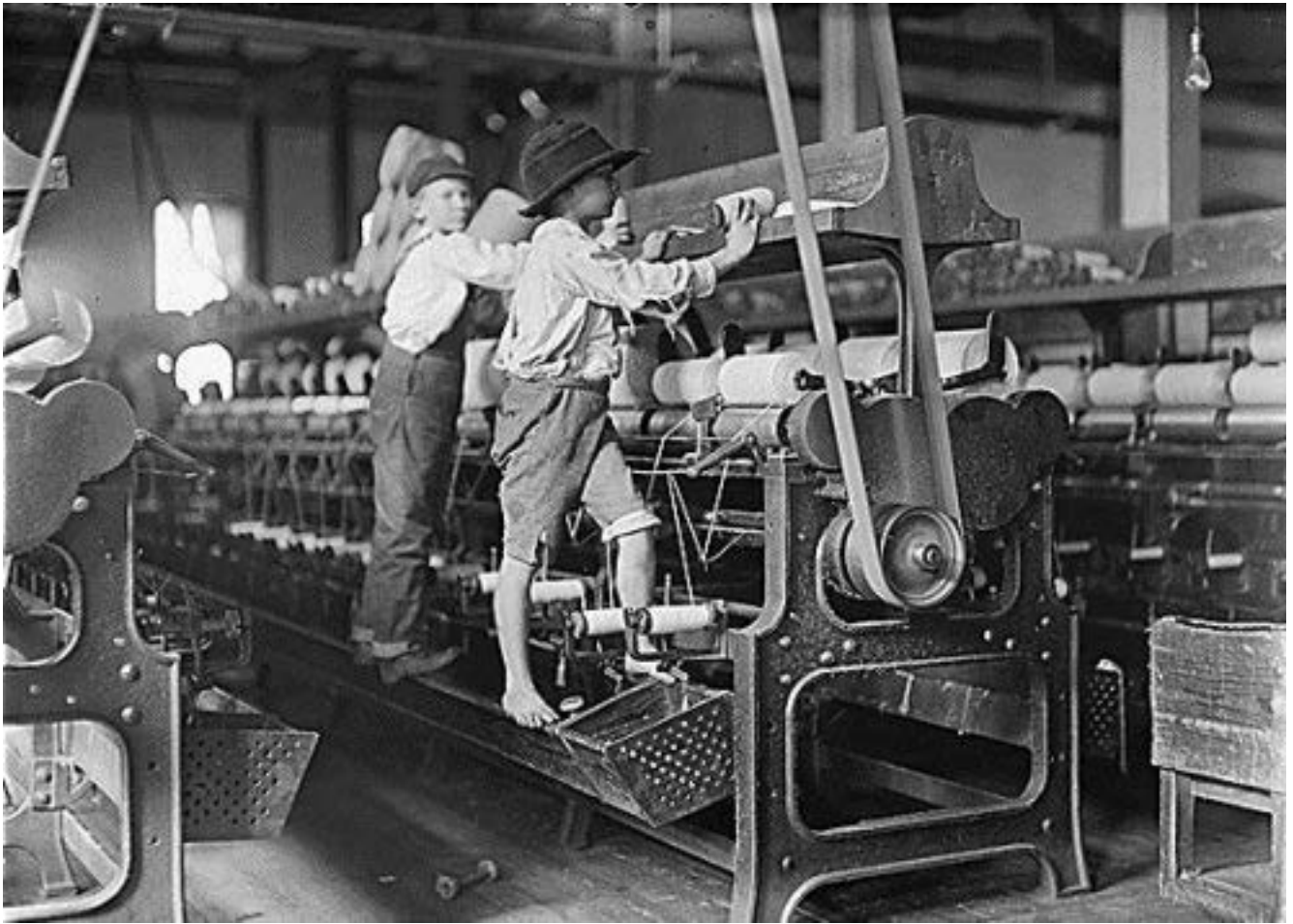
London Slum Photos

You may wish to cut photos apart and mount onto construction paper before classtime.

















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Early Salvation Army Service - Template

<p>Some families had become broken, and lost. Family members were missing.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Family Tracing Service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1885 • Restored family relationships. • Brought back contact with lost family members. • Thousands traced each year.
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PROBLEM

SOLUTION

WHAT IS IT?

Early Salvation Army Service - Teacher Copy

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Serving Scriptures

Micah 6:8:

No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good,
and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God.

Hebrews 13:16:

And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.

Galatians 6:2:

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

Isaiah 1:17:

Learn to do good.
Seek justice.
Help the oppressed.
Defend the cause of orphans.
Fight for the rights of widows.

1 Peter 4:10:

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

Matthew 5:16:

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Proverbs 19:17:

If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD—
and he will repay you!

Acts 20:35:

And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'