



Our Army At Home



THE MISSION AIM

We believe God blessed the efforts of early Salvationists when they took God's message with them to their new homelands.



KEY VERSE

2 Timothy 1:5: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."



Pre-Mission Activity



Supplies Needed

- Blindfolds (one for every two recruits)
- Various pieces of furniture that might be used as a barrier/deterrent

Directions

DO: Have recruits partner up. One partner is to be blindfolded, the other is not. Have them work to lead the blindfold partner from one side of the room to the other without touching! They may only give directions using their voice. When done, switch jobs and try it again!

DO: Have a discussion about how it can be difficult to put your faith in something or someone, when you aren't entirely sure what is happening or where you are going. This is just like how many early Salvationists may have felt when travelling to new lands.



Mission Uplink 1



Have ready YouTube playlist: "Season 3 – We Are An Army Episode 5: Our Army At Home"

Play "We Are An Army (S3) 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 WAAA-Episode_5-Our_Army_At_Home.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

- Copies of the stories... "In Ontario" and "In Newfoundland" (see attachment pages 7 and 8)
- Various church items to be used as props (recruits will have to decide what they can use in and around the room to be a part of their plays). Suggested items to have for prop use: books, Bibles, toy instruments, chairs, tables, Salvation Army hats/uniforms, paper and writing tools



Mission Assignment

SAY: It's time! Time for our first mission. Let's have a drumroll and then read it together (read mission card from satellite uplink). "Your mission is to get to know a bit more about the beginnings of The Salvation Army in Canada. Bring back the Who, What, When, and Where to the team!"

SAY: We've been spending a lot of time lately talking about the start of the Army in England, and the types of services, missions and projects that were being completed in the early stages of its growth. But, we haven't really looked at how it all began here in Canada. To get a better sense of what it was like for the first Canadian Salvationists, I'd like you to work in teams to create a dramatic presentation.

DO: Divide your recruits into two groups and give each group a story. (One group Ontario and the other group Newfoundland)

SAY: As a team, use the story that I provided to gather information about the beginning of The Salvation Army in Canada and turn it into a short play. This should only be a one to three minute presentation. We will then meet back to present our plays to the other team. Any questions?

DO: Give the recruits time to clarify understanding of the task.

DO: Allow groups 10 minutes to read over the story, plan a play and practice it. You may need to read to groups that do not have an older/strong reader in it. Mingle around to assist groups.

SAY: All right recruits, let's get back together and share our plays.

DO: Allow each group to present their play to the rest of the squad.

SAY: How many people started one of the first Salvation Army corps in all of Ontario? (*Only a couple*) How many people began The Salvation Army in Newfoundland? (*Emma and her husband*)

SAY: God was able to use those few people to make a HUGE difference for his cause. How do think soldiers like Emma, Joe and Jack felt when they began this work in Canada? (*excited, scared, nervous*)



SAY: While these new experiences and opportunities may have made them feel scared, uncertain and maybe even nervous, they were willing to go and do what they felt God was calling them to do, no matter what the cost.

SAY: Emma was simply on her honeymoon when she saw an opportunity for growing the faith. She was willing to stay away from home for five months, because she knew that God was calling her to action.

SAY: Jack and Joe faced a lot of disputes with the government when they first began, but that didn't stop them from sharing the message they knew God wanted them to!

DO: Read 2 Timothy 1:5: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

SAY: These early Canadian Salvationists had a sincere faith, and it is because of them that we are here today! Let's head back with this info, and check in on the team and their carwash!



Mission Uplink 2



YouTube: Play "We Are An Army (S3) 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

- Copies of the story... "In Bermuda" (see attachment page 9)
- A copy of "The Salvation Army in Bermuda" for each recruit (see attachment page 10)
- Pencils



Mission Assignment

SAY: With big voices let's read our next mission together (read mission card from satellite uplink). "Your research project is not quite complete, take a look at how the Army began its work in Bermuda."

SAY: I'm glad the team realized that they could ask for help when the job got too big! That is just what William Booth did when the Army began its work in Bermuda. Once the work of the Army began to expand even more, Booth made use of his soldiers in Canada to start a "war" on the people of Bermuda.



DO: Get out a copy of the text of Lutie DesBrisay.

SAY: I am going to read a little story to you about how the Army began in Bermuda. Listen carefully, because when I am done, you are going to have a task to complete using the facts you hear.

DO: Read aloud "In Bermuda".

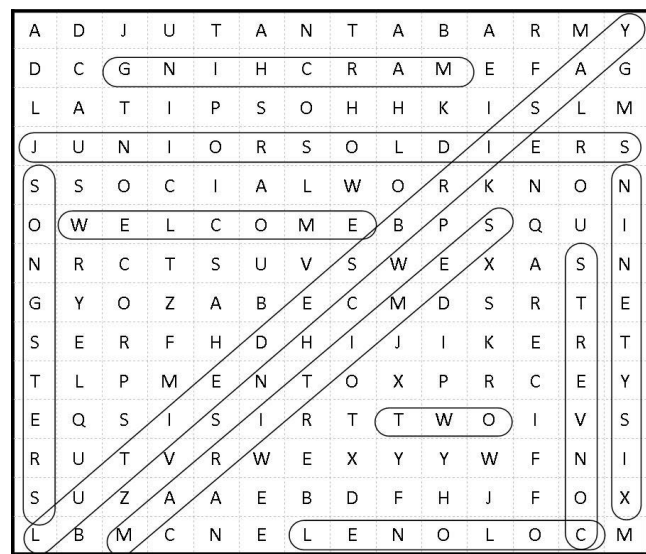
SAY: Now let's see what you can remember. I have a word search here that has some facts hiding inside. While you work on this, feel free to ask a friend for help!

DO: Give recruits time to find the answers. Take up puzzle with the entire group.

Answers:

1. Lutie DesBrisay
2. Maritimes
3. marching
4. ninety-six
5. two
6. converts
7. junior soldiers
8. songsters
9. welcome
10. Colonel

Word Search Answers:



SAY: What was so amazing about Lutie going Bermuda to spread the gospel? (She came from a wealthy family, left everything behind for God's work....)

SAY: The beginnings of The Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda is an excellent example of how a few faith-filled people can make a BIG difference for God's plan. While it would have been easier and less scary for people like Lutie, Joe, Emma and Jack to just leave God's work to others, they trusted that God would use them for something astounding- and he certainly did.

SAY: It's time for us to send the details of Bermuda back to the team.





Prayer Huddle



YouTube: Play "We Are An Army (S3) 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

- None required

Directions

DO: Lead your recruits on a prayer walk around your church building and/or neighbourhood. Have students pray over The Salvation Army in your community. You may wish to leave it open, or assign different recruits to pray for different things. This may be done aloud as a group, or silently as you walk (more reflective).

Suggested things to pray over:

- the families that live around your church- that you may be a positive influence in the neighbourhood.
- the people who use family services (food, clothes...)
- the local officers, who represent The Salvation Army in your community
- the outreach programs that run in your building (i.e., kids clubs, preschool, seniors groups, etc..)
- people in your neighbourhood who may not know God yet
- people in your neighbourhood who need help with food, shelter, etc., but have yet to seek help

DO: Finish time with...

God, you have heard our prayers today. May we be a positive light throughout _____
(name of city or town). Amen.



Mission Uplink 3



YouTube: Play "We Are An Army (S3) 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

- Copies of “My Salvation Army History” assignment page (bottom portion will suit those recruits who are new to the Army) (see attachment page 11)
- Poster paper
- Colouring tools
- Glue
- Assorted decorating supplies

Mission Project

SAY: Recruits we have our final mission for today. Let’s countdown from three and read it together. Ready? 3-2-1 (read mission card from satellite uplink). “Your mission is to discover YOUR OWN Salvation Army history. Create a display to put up in your church. Go and get creating!”

SAY: I’m really excited to work on this project with you. It’s always interesting to get to know more about your own personal history. How many of you know how long your family has been a part of The Salvation Army?

SAY: While some of us may have a very recent history of being a member of The Salvation Army, others may have family connections for several generations. Either way, your history with The Salvation Army is significant. You have made an impact on the work of the Army, just like those we have been learning about today. It may not be as visible an impact, but it’s no less important!

DO: Pass out copies of “My Salvation Army History” assignment page. Read it over with the squad. If time, allow recruits to work on designing posters with information about their family history. If not, you may wish to send this home as a project.



Squad leader send a reminder to your recruits to bring their posters with them to share at your next meeting.

NOTES





IN ONTARIO

Once there were two young men named Joe Ludgate and Jack Addie. In 1882, they came to London, Ontario and began holding meetings at Westminster Skating Rink and Market Square.

Because of these two men, London Citadel became one of the first Salvation Army churches in all of Canada.

When they couldn't keep the Skating Rink warm enough, they decided to buy an old abandoned Presbyterian Church.

This building was destroyed in a fire, so they began using City Hall for meetings.

Ludgate and Addie did not always get along with the city. One day, Captain Addie was arrested because he was beating a drum in public.

He went to trial and was sentenced to a five dollar fine OR ten days in jail. Since he didn't have enough money to pay, he took the jail sentence. Fortunately, the judge decided to not make him serve the sentence.

The work of Ludgate and Addie spread throughout Ontario and the rest of the country as more Salvation Army corps were built.

And the work of the Army in Canada grew and grew...



IN NEWFOUNDLAND

A long time ago, there lived a young woman named Emma Churchill. She was visiting Toronto, when she first heard two converts from England share the message of William Booth.

In 1883, she joined The Salvation Army, and became the 11th officer to be commissioned in Canadian territory.

She founded The Salvation Army in Guelph, Ontario.

In 1885, she married Captain Charles Dawson, and went on a honeymoon to Newfoundland. While there, they held a meeting in Portugal Cove. The meetings were such a hit that they were asked by the YMCA of St. John's to begin holding meetings for them. Their honeymoon lasted for 5 months, because of all the work they were doing in Newfoundland.

Finally, Emma contacted Canadian Headquarters in 1886 to ask for officers to be assigned to St. John's to continue the Army's work. Four female officers were sent to take over their ministry.

Emma returned to Ontario, and began prison ministries through Toronto's Prison Gate Home and Guelph Reformatory. Because of the work of one woman, many others came to know God, and The Salvation Army in Canada flourished!

And the work of the Army in Canada continued to grow and grow...



IN BERMUDA

Long long ago, a sixteen year old girl turned her back on her wealthy family and joined The Salvation Army. Lutie DesBrisay began her ministry in the Maritimes. She was often in trouble with the local town officials who didn't approve of the Army and wouldn't allow marching in the streets. But Lutie earned the support of the people, and won the right to march. At 21 she was promoted to Ensign and appointed to Bridgewater, NS. Not long after visiting her corps, General Booth appointed her to start the work in Bermuda.

In 1986 three Salvation Army officers traveled from Canada to the tiny island of Bermuda to begin the work of the Army there. The officers were Captain Johnson, Lieutenant Foryth with 25 year old Adjutant Lutie DesBrisay as their leader. They began their ministry with typical Army singing and preaching in the streets. Within a short time they found a hall they could rent that would hold 500 people. Before they knew it, they were often seeing all the seats and space in the hall filled.

Adjutant DesBrisay also wanted to appeal to the educated folks who would not attend a simple Gospel Service so she announced that her subject as the "World-Wide Work of The Salvation Army". People who were interested in knowing more about the Army would attend their meetings. DesBrisay would give her lecture and then lead a prayer time inviting the people to give their lives to Jesus.

At the end of 18 months there were 500 converts, 60 senior soldiers, 20 junior soldiers, a brass band and songster brigade and all round flourishing work on the island. Adjutant DesBrisay and her officers were successful in Bermuda because they did not discriminate against women or race. All were welcome.

After leaving Bermuda, Lutie DesBrisay was the corps officer at a number of corps in Ontario and Winnipeg, trained cadets, supervised the Army's women's social work program and worked to organize and update The Salvation Army Grace Hospitals. She became the first woman officer in Canada and Bermuda to be promoted to the rank of Colonel.

And the work of the Army in Bermuda grew and grew...

The Salvation Army in Bermuda



Bonus Words to be found:

- Adjutant
- Army
- Corps
- Hospital
- Officer
- Sixteen
- Social Work

Recruit, fill in the blanks and then look for the answers in the Word Search above.

1. She began the Army's work in Bermuda. _____
2. Where Lutie was first stationed as an officer. _____
3. She got in trouble for doing this in the streets. _____
4. She traveled to Bermuda in 18___. _____
5. The number of officers who went with her to Bermuda. _____
6. After 18 months of work, Lutie had 500 of these. _____
7. She also had 20 of these. _____
8. This music group was developed in Bermuda. _____
9. This is how they made people feel at the Army. _____
10. She was the first woman in Canada and Bermuda to receive this rank. _____

MY SALVATION ARMY HISTORY

Your field mission project is to design a poster that represents your family history with The Salvation Army. Everyone's history is unique, but some things you may wish to research and record are:

Your name _____

The first person in your family to become a soldier _____

When they became a soldier _____

Where they became a soldier _____

Names of other soldiers in your family _____

The different corps your family have attended _____

Activities your family have been involved in at your corps _____

When you became a junior member _____

Pictures of different groups you are involved in at your corps _____

These are just suggestions! Whatever you choose to include, make it unique... make it interesting... make it YOU!

God Bless!

MY SALVATION ARMY HISTORY

Your field mission project is to design a poster that represents your history with The Salvation Army. Everyone's history is unique, but some things you may wish to research and record are:

Your name _____

When you started attending The Salvation Army church _____

Names of other members in your family who come to church with you _____

The name of the corps you attend _____

Activities you and/or your family have been involved in at your corps _____

Pictures of different groups you are involved in at your corps _____

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