



CANADA & BERMUDA TERRITORY

PARTNERS IN MISSION

SELF-DENIAL CHILDREN'S TIME ACTIVITIES

**HIGHLIGHT TERRITORY: LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE &
GUINEA**

Children's time activities help keep children interested as they learn and grow spiritually. Here are ways you can engage with children in the corps.

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INTRODUCTION



Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

OVERVIEW

Partners in Mission is an annual campaign when we raise funds to support the work of the Salvation Army internationally. The Canada and Bermuda Territory aims to raise \$2.4 million. These funds ensure that the Army continues to be a beacon of hope in countries devastated by poverty, illness, and natural disasters - countries where much of the population lives on less than \$2 a day. Over the next few weeks, we invite you to take a journey with us as we take you to the places and invite you to meet the people who are impacted by the money that is raised each year.

ACTIVITY

Give everyone in your family \$100 in play money. From the list below, have everyone write down how they would spend their money. When everyone is finished, have each person share what they decided and why.

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| 1. Fruit Tree: \$30.00 | 5. 2 Hens & 1 Rooster: \$50.00 | 9. Goat: \$40.00 |
| 2. Food for 3 days: \$15.00 | 6. Agricultural Seeds & Tools: \$35.00 | 10. Chicken: \$25.00 |
| 3. Education for 1 child: \$40.00 | 7. Sports Equipment: \$10.00 | |
| 4. Access to Clean Water: \$40.00 | 8. Vocational Training: \$60.00 | |

APPLICATION

There are many people in the world who do not have enough money to get the things they need. They must make tough decisions every day as to where the money will be spent. They must decide what their family will have - and what they will go without. However, the Bible says repeatedly to care for the poor, the fatherless and the widow. If we have plenty, we are encouraged to give generously. We often don't have to choose whether we will go to school or if we will eat. We can do both. But for so many people those are tough choices that they need to make.

CHALLENGE

Think about the things we need versus the things we want. Are there some things that we can do without or give up during Partners in Mission so that we can give generously?

PRAYER

Thank you, God, for all you do for us and provide for us. We recognize that there are people in the world who do not have as much as we do, and who might not even have the very things they need to live. Help us to find ways to give what we can and to share your love as we do. Thank you for loving us, and for helping us. Amen.

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CORPS LIFE



Scripture: Mark 16:15-20

OVERVIEW

The Salvation Army first began in London, England, in 1865. Today the work of The Salvation Army continues to grow around the world. In 2023, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea became an official Salvation Army territory, thanks to the growth they've experienced. For many people around the world, including in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea, life is very difficult. In spite of this, communities continue to come together to support each other and share the love of God with each other. Some of the funds raised through Partners in Mission will go to communities like this so that they can continue their outreach programs and grow the impact in their communities.

ACTIVITY

Set up a row of dominoes on a table or on the floor. Have the children gather around to watch the dominoes, but don't let anybody touch them. Wait for a minute, instructing the children to simply watch the dominoes. After a while, ask them to explain what's happening - nothing. Then, ask for a volunteer to knock over the domino on the end, and have them watch as all the dominoes fall over. Talk about how one small movement was able to knock over every single domino.

APPLICATION

God's love has a domino effect! The gospel of Jesus is a lot like dominoes. If we don't show God's love to others, everything is still - just like with the dominoes. But one simple movement has an effect that continues to spread to all the other dominoes. When we show God's love or tell others about Jesus, they too can be encouraged to share with others, and so on!

CHALLENGE

Think of ways that you can show God's love to somebody this week. Maybe you can do something kind for somebody and remind them that God loves them. Maybe you can tell somebody about Jesus or invite a friend to church.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for loving us. Give us the courage to tell others about you. Help us to go into all the world and show others what your love looks like. Amen.



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FLEHLA DAYCARE



Scripture: Proverbs 22:6

OVERVIEW

Education is a vital part of every child's life. And for many children around the world daycares are a place where they receive the basic foundation in learning. Everything from the ABC's to colors and shapes are taught to help mold and enrich a child's mind. This basic learning allows dreams to begin and the opportunity for children to start reaching for the stars. Flehla daycare in Liberia opens its doors every day to more than 90 children, providing them an opportunity to learn and grow.

ACTIVITY

Provide each child with a large star cut out from construction paper. Ask the children to write on their star dreams that they have for the future - what they would like to do when they grow up, where they would like to live, etc. Afterwards, give each child an opportunity to explain what they put on their star and why.

APPLICATION

Our Bible verse reminds us of the importance of teaching children from a young age. Just as it is important to learn our ABC's and colors, it is also important that we learn about God and how God wants us to live. When we learn about God at a young age, we grow by doing what he wants us to do and following his path for our lives. And when we are older, we can pass the same love and desire to follow God to our own children.

CHALLENGE

Can you think of a classmate that does not attend church or know anything about God? Think of a way that you can share your love of God with them. Why not invite them to a children's event at your church so that they too can get to know about God.

PRAYER

Thank you, God, for all you do for us and provide for us. We recognize that there are people in the world who do not have as much as we do, and who might not even have the very things they need to live. Help us to find ways to give what we can and to share your love as we do. Thank you for loving us, and for helping us. Amen.



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JOHN GOWANS HIGH SCHOOL



Scripture: Philippians 4:131

OVERVIEW

The Salvation Army has been a crucial sponsor for the John Gowans School, enabling Liberian youth to pursue their education. The education system in Liberia faced significant challenges due to the 14 years of civil unrest, which damaged many of the school properties. Education is a pressing need in Liberia, and the Salvation Army is actively bridging this gap. Many youths in the country often feel disadvantaged due to limited financial resources, which can make them feel like they have nothing. However, the opportunity provided by The Salvation Army allows them to access quality education, helping them realize their potential.

ACTIVITY

Education Quest – Separate children into smaller groups and have every child pick out a “superhero name.” Let them discuss what a superhero looks like, and how we demonstrate superhero traits in our everyday life.

APPLICATION

Sometimes we face circumstances in life that appear to be very challenging or even impossible. But our scripture reminds us that whenever we need help we can always turn to God and God will give us the strength and power to face any difficulty. This doesn't necessarily mean that the difficulty will go away, but it is a promise from God that he will help us get through it.

CHALLENGE

Think of a challenge or difficulty that you have in your life right now. Maybe you are struggling to understand math in school and there is a test coming soon. Maybe there is someone in school that has not been nice to you and has said some very mean things. Maybe a family member or friend is really sick. Pray about the situation every day and ask God to give you the strength to overcome the challenge.

PRAYER

Dear God, we thank you that you are always there for us. We thank you that no matter what situation we may face in life, we never have to face it alone. We know that you are always with us and that you will always help us.



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POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



Scripture: Proverbs 16:3

OVERVIEW

The Polytechnic University is a fully accredited degree-granting institution in Liberia. It offers the opportunity for students to attend, who couldn't otherwise afford it. It is helping to nurture big dreams and transform lives. Beyond academics, it instills faith and values, helping students discover Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

ACTIVITY

Begin by discussing the concept of dreams we have for our future, and how the Polytechnic University helps people achieve their dreams. Emphasize the idea that dreams can be big or small, and education can make them come true. Explain to the children that they are “dream explorers,” and it’s their job to explore the room on a scavenger hunt. Have pictures of dream related (such as scientist, artist, teacher, nurse, engineer, etc.), and scatter them around the room. Encourage the children to go on a scavenger hunt and find all the related items.

APPLICATION

The Polytechnic University helps individuals achieve their dreams every day. How do you think schools help us with our dreams? What kind of support do you think students need to reach their goals? How do you think having faith and asking for help can make a difference in reaching our dreams?

CHALLENGE

What is your dream for the future? Make a dream board at home by cutting out pictures from newspapers and magazines of all the things you would like to do and accomplish in life (ie, graduate from school, get a job, have a family, etc.). Pray about your dream board and ask God to help guide you in life.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for our dreams and for helping us learn new things. Bless us on our journey, and may we always remember that with your guidance, our dreams can come true. Amen.



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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



Scripture: Genesis 41:17-36

OVERVIEW

Farming is one of the most important jobs in the world because people rely on farmers to provide food for us to eat. However, farming is a very difficult job, which can be made even more challenging when things like drought, storms, or pests ruin crops. In Liberia, The Salvation Army is providing training and supplies to farmers. This way, they will be able to learn how to farm better and how they can continue to serve their communities through the production of food.

ACTIVITY

Give out a candy to each child. Let them know that they can eat the candy now, but if they wait until the end to eat it, they can have another candy. Ask the children some basic questions about their week. See if anybody remembers a really good meal that they had this week. When you are finished, see if anybody ate the candy already. If they didn't, give them another piece. Ask, "Was it easy to be patient?" and see how the children respond. Then ask, "Was it worth it to wait and receive a second piece of candy?"

APPLICATION

Joseph and the Egyptians were blessed with many years of abundance and plenty of food and resources. Instead of using all their food and resources to have big celebrations or buying expensive things, they used what they needed and saved the rest. Thanks to their patience, they had enough to sustain Egypt through the following years of famine. They even had enough to help others!

CHALLENGE

Think about each meal you have this week, and how blessed you are to receive this meal. Thank God for the person who prepared it. Can you think of some ways that you can share what you have with others?

PRAYER

Dear God, Thank you for the many blessings you give us. Show us how to be generous and share our blessings with others. Amen



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WILLIAM BOOTH CLINIC



Scripture: Matthew 25:40

OVERVIEW

Established in 2001, the William Booth Clinic, located in the densely populated Redlight community of Painesville City, provides comprehensive healthcare services, treating various medical cases, offering vaccines and medications. It's a beacon of hope, attracting people from distant areas. The clinic's vision is to become a health center with its own laboratory, offering free lab testing for the community, thereby strengthening the local healthcare sector in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea.

ACTIVITY

Divide the children into small groups, assign each group a scenario where someone is feeling unwell or facing a problem of some kind. Ask the children to come up with practical ways to show kindness and support in each situation. Encourage them to think about actions that promote both physical and mental well being.

APPLICATION

Why do we thank God for our Health? Being healthy contributes to our well-being as God's children. How can we contribute to our friend's well-being? We aren't doctors or nurses, but we can help our friend's mentally by being kind and supportive.

CHALLENGE

Ask the children to reflect on what they've learned, and to share one specific action they can take to support a friend's well being. Emphasize that small acts of kindness can make a big difference in everyday life. Challenge the children to implement small acts of kindness in their daily lives.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for health and caring people like at the William Booth Clinic. Bless all kids, keep us healthy, and help us be kind. Bless doctors and nurses too. Amen.



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WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT



OVERVIEW

In many parts of the world, women are not valued the same as men, nor are they given the same opportunities. The Salvation Army's women's ministries programs empower women around the world by showing women that they are valued. In the Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea Territory, women are provided with a space where they can learn new skills, support and encourage one another in faith.

Scripture: Matthew 27:45-51

ACTIVITY

Have everyone stand together. Have some volunteers from the congregation hold a curtain so that the taller children can see over it, but the shorter ones can't. Hold up some objects on the other side of the tent and ask the children to identify them. See if any of the shorter children make comments or ask questions about it. Then, put the curtain down so that all the children can see, then show some other objects for the children to identify. Ask, "How did it feel when only some of you could see over the curtain, but some couldn't?"

APPLICATION

Is it fair that some people could see over the curtain, but others could not? Sometimes things in life are meant to intentionally exclude people. When the curtain in the temple tore, it opened up an area of the temple to people who previously weren't allowed to go back there, giving everyone the same opportunity. When we see things happening at school or play games that are intentionally meant to exclude some people, we should change things so that everyone can participate.

CHALLENGE

Do you see anybody who has been left out of an activity? Maybe somebody who wasn't chosen to play on a team or in a game? Think of ways that you can include them in your activity, and encourage others to do the same.

PRAYER

Dear God, Thank you for loving us. Give us courage to speak up when we see that something is unfair. Help us to show others that you love them. Amen.