

CHILDREN'S TIME ACTIVITIES

Partners in Mission is an annual campaign when Salvationists from across Canada and Bermuda come together to raise funds to support the international work of The Salvation Army. This year, the goal for the Canada and Bermuda Territory is to raise \$2.4 million. These funds ensure that The Army continues to be a beacon of hope in all 134 countries where it works. This year, the Partners in Mission campaign is focusing on the Latin America North Territory, specifically Costa Rica and Panama.

Below, you will find **seven different activities** that will help bring awareness to children about Partners in Mission, the International Work of The Salvation Army and the Latin America North Territory.

These activities can be done during children's time in the Sunday service, as part of a Sunday School lesson or as a family activity at home.





Giving that Grows - What is Self-Denial/Partners in Mission?

Materials

- A small Plant, flowerpot, or seed pack
- A world map or Globe



Galatians 6:9-10:

"Let us not become weary in doing good.... Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people."

Welcome & Story

Good morning, everyone! Today we're talking about something very special called Partners in Mission/Self-Denial. Those sound like big words, don't they?

Let's make it simple: Partners in Mission/Self-Denial is how The Salvation Army all around the world works together to help people. It's like one big family! Some of us give money, some give time, some give love, and together, we help churches and programs in places like Panama and Costa Rica, where people are learning about God and helping their neighbors.

Self-Denial means giving up something small so someone else can have something big, something they really need. It's not about losing something; it's about sharing love.

Question & Reflection

Can you think of something small you could give up to help someone else? Maybe buying one less treat, or sharing your favorite toy, or helping at home instead of watching TV?

• Let 2-3 children share their answers if time allows.

When we give up something for others, we're showing God's love in a real way. We're saying, 'God, I want to help make the world a better place.' And every small gift helps; whether it's two dollars, five dollars, or more, it can all grow into something amazing to help others all over the world.

In Panama and Costa Rica, The Salvation Army is helping people learn, worship, and serve in their communities. When we give from our hearts, we're part of that too! It's like planting a seed; when we give, that seed grows into kindness, hope, and love that spreads all around the world.

• Leader could hold up a small seed or plant as a simple visual

Wrap-Up & Prayer

Partners in Mission reminds us that even small gifts can grow into big blessings. When we give from the heart, God uses our love to transform the world.

"Dear God, thank You for people all around the world who are part of Your family. Help us to give from our hearts, to share what we have, and to help Your love grow everywhere. Amen."