

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.





Little Hands, Big Love

Materials

- Pre-cut paper hearts (one per child)
- Crayons or markers
- A small basket or box



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! I want everyone to take a look at your hands. How big are your hands? Are they big or small?

(Pause for children to answer and maybe show their hands).

You know, even though our hands may be little, they can do amazing things! Today, we heard about a very special place called the **Santa Cruz Children's Center**. It's a school where children can explore, play, and grow surrounded by God's love. At this school, they care for one another and share kindness every day, and that's how little hands can make a big difference. Just like them, we can use our hands and hearts to do kind things that help others and make the world a better place.

Question & Reflection

Can you think of one small thing you could do this week to show love or help someone?

• Invite 2–3 children to share simple ideas (examples: helping a friend, sharing a toy, saying something kind, drawing a picture for someone).

Simple Activity (2 minutes)

• Give each child a paper heart.

On this heart, draw or write one way your hands and your heart can show love this week. It could be something small, because even small acts of love can make a big difference!

• After a minute, invite children to place their hearts in the basket (symbolizing all their love going out into the world).

Wrap-Up & Prayer

See how little hands can do big things. God loves it when we give from our hearts, and every kind action can help change the world, just like the Santa Cruz Children's Center is helping children every day.

"Dear God, thank You for teaching us to love and help others. Please help our little hands and hearts make a big difference in the world. Amen."