

# 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.





#### Hearts that Remember

#### **Materials**

• A photo frame, pair of glasses, cane or something that reminds you of a senior (optional prop)



### 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! I brought something special with me today, a photo frame. (Hold it up.) When you see a picture, what do you think of? Maybe it reminds you of your family, your grandparents, or happy times together.

Today we're learning about two special programs that care for older adults, the **Nicoya Older Adults Program** and the **Hogar-Jackson Seniors Program**. These are wonderful places where older people can spend time together, share meals, sing, and know that they are loved and remembered by God.

### Question & Reflection

Sometimes, older people may feel lonely or need a little extra care. The people who help in these programs show love by listening, helping, and reminding them that they're never forgotten. When we give from our hearts through Partners in Mission, we help programs like these bring peace, comfort, and love to others around the world. And you know what? We can do the same thing right here, even as children! A smile, a hug, or simply saying 'hello' can make someone's whole day brighter.

Can you think of something kind you could do for someone older this week? Maybe visit your grandparents, help carry groceries, or even draw them a picture at home.

• Let a few children share their ideas briefly.

I want you to think quietly for a moment about someone older who means a lot to you, maybe a grandparent, a neighbor, or someone from church. Think about one thing you could do this week to show them you care. It doesn't have to be big; sometimes just being kind is the best gift of all.

(Pause for a few seconds of quiet reflection.)

#### Wrap-Up & Prayer

The Nicoya Seniors Day Program and Hogar Jackson Seniors Home remind us that everyone, young or old is special to God. When we give from our hearts, we help bring love, peace, and joy to people everywhere.

"Dear God, thank You for the older people in our lives who teach us so much. Help us to give from our hearts, to be kind, and to share Your peace and love with everyone we meet. Amen."