



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.



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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.

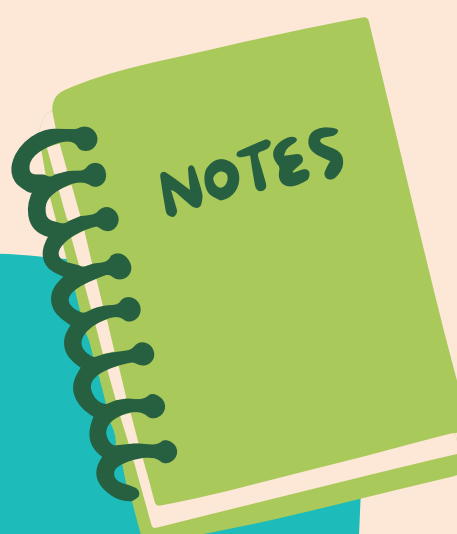
In Panama and Costa Rica, The Salvation Army is helping people learn, worship, and serve in their communities. When we give from our hearts, we're part of that too! It's like planting a seed; when we give, that seed grows into kindness, hope, and love that spreads all around the world.

- 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.”



Little Hands, Big Love

Materials

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



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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?

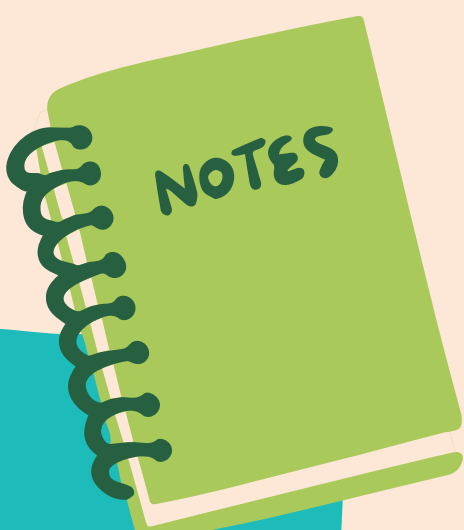
- Invite 2-3 children to share simple ideas (examples: helping a friend, sharing a toy, saying something kind, drawing a picture for someone).

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."

Hearts on a Mission

Materials

- A soft ball, beanbag, or stuffed toy (optional)
- Paper and crayons (optional)



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Welcome & Story

Good morning, everyone! Today we heard about a special place called the **College for Officer Training, or CFOT**. This is a school where people called cadets are preparing to be officers in the Salvation Army. In their hearts, they already have a strong desire to serve God and make a difference in the world.

Just like the cadets, we can use our hearts to show love and kindness every day. When we give from our hearts, we can help make the world a better place!

Question & Reflection

Can you think of one way your heart could help someone else?

- Invite 2–3 children to share ideas.
- Optional interactive version: pass a softball or beanbag while saying one way to help someone. Each child who catches it shares an idea.

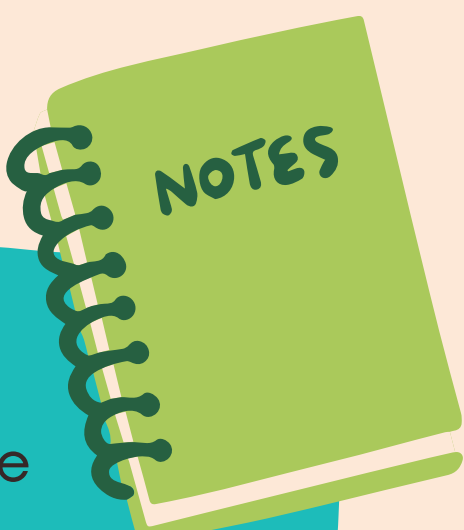
Let's pretend our hearts are little missions we can send out to help others. Put your hands on your heart... now point them out to the world, like you're sending kindness everywhere! Can you feel your hearts going out to help?

- Optional: children can draw a quick symbol of one way to help someone (heart, star, sun, etc.) on a scrap of paper.

Wrap-Up & Prayer

Even small acts of love and kindness can make a big difference, just like the cadets at CFOT who are following their hearts to serve God with their whole lives. When we give from our hearts, we can go on missions of love every day!

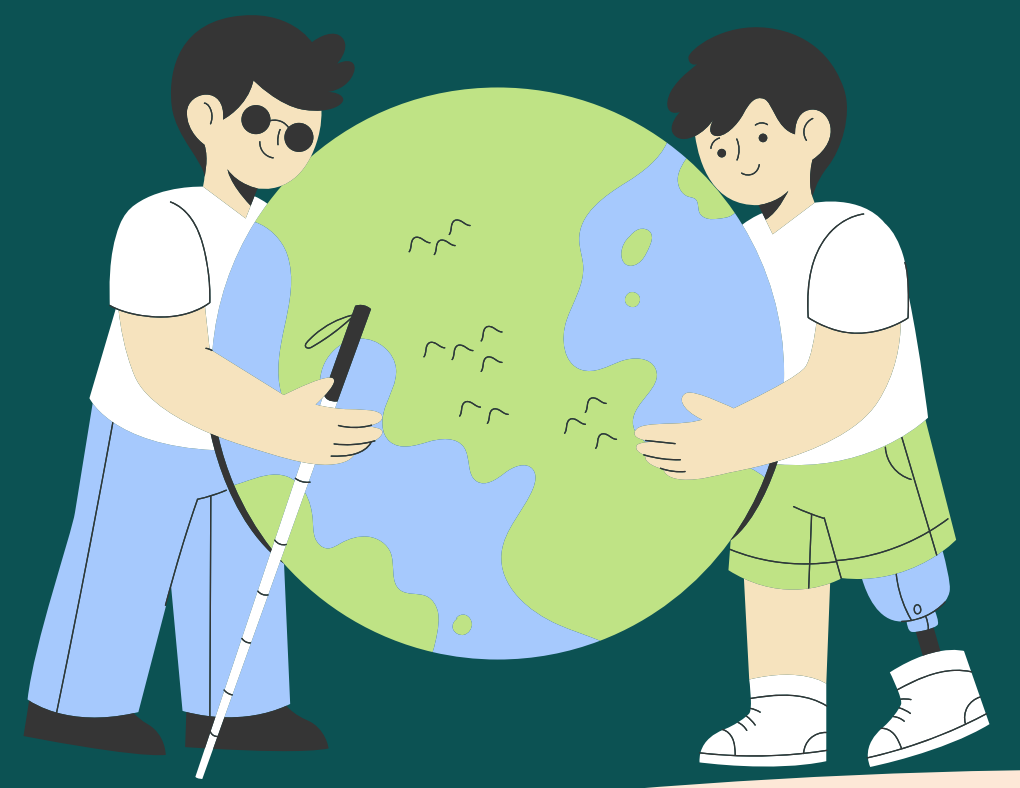
“Dear God, thank You for showing us how to follow our hearts and help others. Please help us share Your love and kindness with everyone we meet. Amen.”



Shining Your Light

Materials

- Small battery-operated tealight or flashlight (optional)



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Welcome & Story

Good morning, everyone! Today we heard about a special program called the **School for the Blind**. It's a ministry that helps people in different ways, giving them opportunities to learn, grow, and be part of a community.

When we give from our hearts through Partners in Mission, we help ministries like this one do amazing work and bring light into the world. Even small acts of kindness and love can shine brightly and make a big difference!

Question & Reflection

Can you think of one way you can shine your light this week and help someone else?

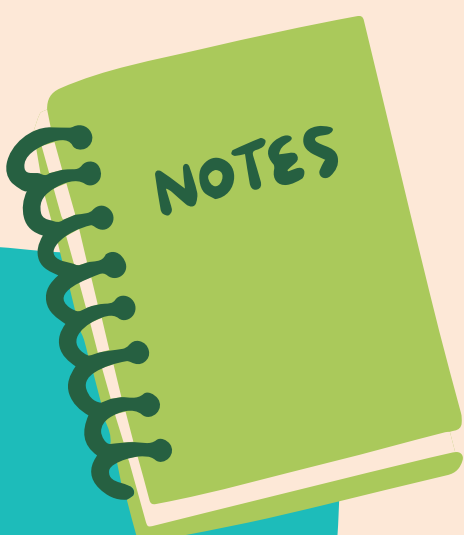
- Invite 2–3 children to share ideas (examples: helping a friend, saying something kind, drawing a picture for someone).
- Optional: show a small flashlight or tealight as a visual reminder of how even one little light can brighten a space.

Just like this light brightens the room, your love and kindness brighten the world!

Wrap-Up & Prayer

See how even small acts of love and kindness can make a big difference? When we give from our hearts, we help ministries bring light to people's lives and make the world a better place!

“Dear God, thank You for showing us how to shine our light through love and kindness. Help us give from our hearts and bring Your light to everyone we meet. Amen.”



A Table Full of Love

Materials

- A small plate or lunch bag (as a prop)
- Optional: picture of a meal or a sandwich



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Welcome & Story

Good morning, everyone! I brought something with me today...a plate! (hold up the plate or lunch bag). What kinds of things do we usually put on our plates? (let the children answer: food, sandwiches, fruit, etc.)

Did you know that in some places around the world, there are children who don't always have enough to eat at home? There's a very special program in a place called **Colón**, where a Salvation Army church opens its doors every day for children to come and have lunch.

They share food together, sing, and learn about God's love. It's a place where everyone is welcomed, cared for, and reminded that they are loved by God, just like God loves each one of us.

Question & Reflection

When we give from our hearts through Partners in Mission, we help ministries like this one, the lunch program, show love to others. Sometimes love looks like a warm meal. Sometimes it's a smile, a kind word, or just spending time with someone who needs a friend. Every time we share what we have, even a little bit, we help to make the world a kinder place. What are some ways we can share or show kindness to others this week

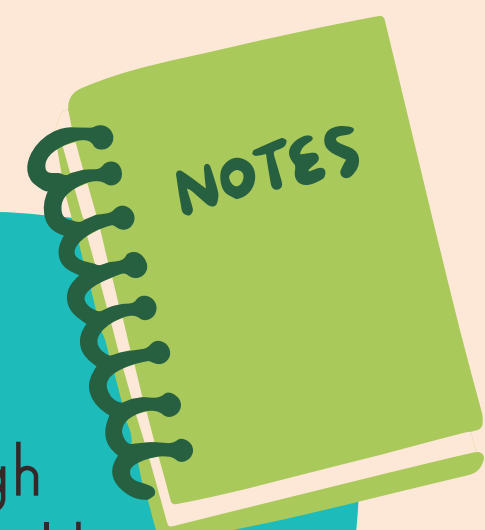
- Let children answer: sharing snacks, helping at home, saying something nice.

Every act of kindness fills someone's plate with love! When we give from the heart, we help others feel full of God's love too.

Wrap-Up & Prayer

The Colón Feeding Program reminds us that God's love is something we can share every day, through kindness, care, and giving from the heart. When we do, we help others feel loved and accepted, just like the children who come to the church for lunch.

“Dear God, thank You for loving us and giving us all we need. Help us to share from our hearts and fill others' lives with Your love. Amen.”



Hearts that Remember

Materials

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



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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.

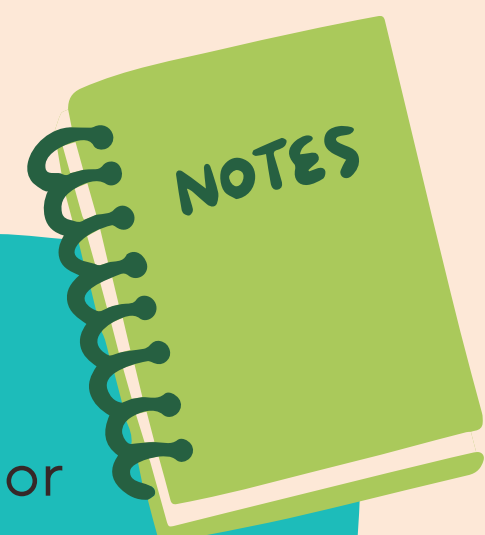
I want you to think quietly for a moment about someone older who means a lot to you, maybe a grandparent, a neighbor, or someone from church. Think about one thing you could do this week to show them you care. It doesn't have to be big; sometimes just being kind is the best gift of all.

(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.”



A Church Full of Love

Materials

- Small basket or box (optional)
- Small objects or symbols to represent giving/sharing (like coins, toy food, or small paper “gifts”)



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Welcome & Story

Good morning, everyone! Today we heard about two very special churches far away, the **Liberia Corps in Costa Rica** and the **Rio Abajo Corps in Panama**.

These are places where people come together to worship God, learn about His love, and help each other in their communities. The people who go to these churches are part of God’s big family, just like we are here! Every week, these churches share in fellowship, songs, and lessons about God’s love with their community, showing that when we come together, we can do wonderful things to help others.

Question & Reflection

- Use a basket and small objects to demonstrate giving/sharing.

I have this basket here, and inside are some gifts. I want to show you something: when we share these gifts, even small ones, with others, it’s like we’re spreading God’s love, just like these churches do in their communities.

- The leader hands out objects (treats) from the basket.

See how giving from the heart can make others happy? It doesn’t have to be a big gift; just sharing what we can, or helping someone, makes a difference!

The Liberia and Rio Abajo churches remind us that God’s love spreads through people helping each other. Every song, every meal, every kind word is like a little light shining in the world. And just like them, we can shine our light by helping others and giving from our hearts.

Wrap-Up & Prayer

Even small acts of love, when shared with others, can make a big difference. The people at these churches are showing us how God’s love works in their communities, and we can do the same, wherever we are!

“Dear God, thank You for our church family and all the churches around the world. Help us to share Your love, care for each other, and give from our hearts every day. Amen.”

