

Souvenir Journey

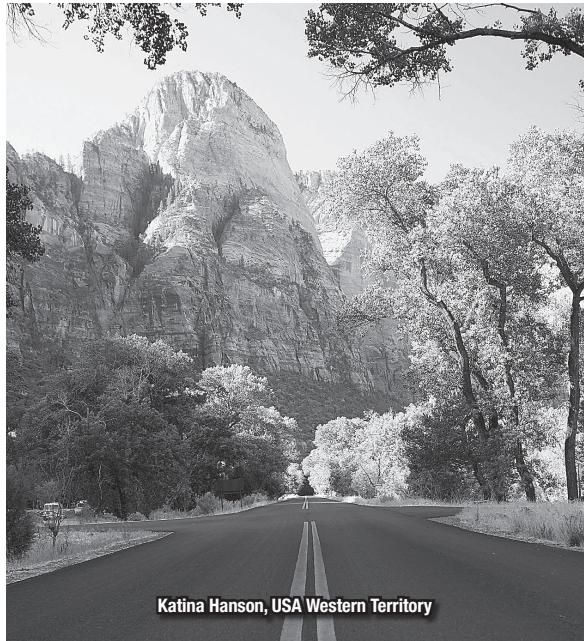
Ask each woman to bring an item that represents a place they have been. Number each one and have the women guess who brought it. Then invite them to share something about the location and why they went there.

Table Decorations

Place small maps in the middle of each table. Add toy vehicles, photographs from trips, postcards and small souvenir items from trips taken.

Refreshments

Picnic style.



Joy on the Journey



Church Knowledge Scavenger Hunt

Divide the women into groups and have them complete the following:

- Count how many pews/chairs are in the chapel.
- Sing *Jesus Loves Me* to the corps officers for their signature.
- Count how many plants are in the building.
- Add up the years that each woman in your group has attended your church.
- Count how many serving spoons are in the corps kitchen.
- Count how many fire extinguishers are in the building.
- Identify the manufacturer of the church copier and it's model number.
- Bring back an old Sunday bulletin. (Look in the chapel, a hymn book or foyer.)

Joy Choruses/Songs

- *J-O-Y, J-O-Y. This Must Surely Mean Jesus First, Yourself Last and Others In Between* (Sing to the tune of Jingle Bells)
- *If You're Happy and You Know It*
- *Christ is All*, SASB 489
- *Joy in The Salvation Army*, SASB 807

Song Book Scavenger Hunt

(suggestions) (All from the SASB)

- What does chorus SASB 215 say life is? *Life Is A Song When You Walk With Jesus*
- In song 807, what gives the Army joy in verse 2? *Blood and fire*
- Who wrote song 892? *Eliza Edmunds Hewitt*
- What is the song number for *Joy to the World?* 84



- What does chorus #220 say about Jesus? *Make Jesus King*
- Find the song *Joyful, Joyful* and copy down the second verse. (extra points if you can do it from memory)
- In the chorus 206, “Jesus’ love is like a ...” (finish the sentence) *Rainbow when earthly skies are gray*
- What is the title of 462? *By the Pathway of Duty*



don’t have to worry about God letting you down. Can you believe that some people refuse this offer? Strange but true, some of us want to remain in the horrors of our despair. We want to cling to the negative experiences we have and not get joy back into our lives. Why would anyone choose to journey through life in the ruts and ditches of despair rather than journey through life in joy?

Trade-in and Trade-up

“Is this a good deal?” People ask this constantly at a vehicle auction area or car showroom where many types of cars are sold. Customers can look, touch, carefully examine the cars and pray that they get the one that will be an upgrade of their current driving situation.

Psalms 34:5,6 (Modern Language) relates how people, even thousands of years ago, were looking for a good deal as well. It states, “They looked to Him and were radiant ... This poor man called and the Lord heard, and saved him out of all his troubles.” This means we must be willing to “trade up” our distress for God’s help. This verse of Scripture is a simple statement that proclaims the love and unparalleled assistance that we can get from our Creator. The instructions are easy: Look to God for help.

The outcome is even simpler: He will help and you will have joy. You

Perhaps it is fear of the unknown. Some people get comfortable in their distress and pain. They would rather remain in the ditch of despair where they feel comfortable than chance getting run over on life’s highway. Their philosophy of life is, “It is better to deal with the devil you know than face the unknown.” Do you know anyone like that? They miss out on the great joys of life’s journey. Some people just think that looking to God for help is too easy. If something looks too good to be true, it probably is too good to be true. They just cannot believe it is possible to trade-up our old lives and problems for joy.

Is it possible to leave the ruts of pain and ditches of despair to live a higher quality life? Yes, according to God’s Word it is possible. Look to God for help. He will give you the help you need. You do not have to worry about God letting you down. You can trust Him. So how about it? Will you trade in your old journey for a new one? Let go of the wreckage of your past and get on the King’s Highway. “Trade-up” your problems to God with joy. You won’t find a better deal.

