THE SALVATION ARMY

What is this organization all about? In 1865, William and Catherine Booth founded The Salvation Army. That started a mission around the world to share Jesus’ love, reach out to people in need, and provide opportunities for communities to grow and succeed. In this emblem, you will learn about this organization, your corps, and the people that help make it all happen!

To earn The Salvation Army emblem, you must complete FIVE tasks.

TASK 1: BEGINNINGS

A founder is a person who establishes an organization. The Salvation Army was founded by William Booth. Catherine, his wife, worked with him, and is often called the mother of The Salvation Army. Together, they started a group called the Christian Mission, but soon after changed the name to fit the mission of their volunteers to The Salvation Army.

With your leader’s help, learn about these beginnings and the details surrounding the early days of The Salvation Army. As a troop, make a poster or multimedia presentation sharing these key points and any others you find interesting.

- Year founded
- Reasons for starting
- Place it began
- First General
- Year the Army started in U.S.
- Person who started the Army in U.S.
### TASK 2: PERSONALITIES

Learn about some people who have unique characteristics and served in The Salvation Army ranks.

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### TASK 3: MY CORPS

Every corps is unique! For this activity, choose two of the following projects, and complete them with the assistance of your leader.

1. Research the history of your corps. Present a speech or report sharing:
   - Year the corps was established
   - A list of all commanding officers

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ADVENTURE EXPLORERS THE SALVATION ARMY – 2
• Building addresses
• Major events and activities

2. Does your corps have any brass instruments or a corps band? If so, listen to the band play a song. Write about what song you listened to, and describe how it made you feel and what instruments you heard playing. If you do not have a band at your corps, ask your corps officer for a recording of the International Staff Band, and complete the assignment after listening to one of their songs.

3. Make a list of the programs that your corps offers to the community.

4. Sketch or paint a picture of the sanctuary or chapel at your corps. Is there a flag, pulpit, holiness table, and mercy seats? If so, include those in your picture.

**TASK 4: SALVATION ARMY TERMS AND PROGRAMS**

The Salvation Army uses terms that are unique to the organization. In order to understand more about this church, define the following terms and types of programs listed below with the help of your troop leader or local leaders.

General
Officer
Corps
Senior Soldier
Junior Soldier
YPSM
CSM
CCM
DHQ
THQ
Get to know more about the people at The Salvation Army. Interview either the corps officer or a senior soldier. Share what you learn about The Salvation Army with your troop.

**CORPS OFFICER INTERVIEW**

Ask the following questions:

- How and why did you become an officer?
- What did you do before you were an officer?
- What are your responsibilities as a corps officer?
- What is a typical day for you?
- What is your favorite part and least favorite part of your calling?

Ask the following questions of a member of the church:

- When did you join The Salvation Army?
- What does being a Salvationist mean to you?
- What do you like most about The Salvation Army?
TASK 6: SERVICE PROJECT

You have been learning about The Salvation Army in your hometown and around the world. When William Booth began the organization, he and Catherine wanted to offer, “Soup, Soap, and Salvation” to the people in the slums of London’s East End. They wanted to meet the people’s primary needs, and then teach them even more about Jesus’s love. Your troop or individual challenge is to find a way to serve “the least of these.” Begin by reading Matthew 25:31–46 in your Bibles.

DISCUSS:

• Who did Jesus say were the least of these?
• What can we do to help those who are in need?

Now, take action and complete one of the following service projects.

Brainstorm activities that can make a difference for people in your community who need help. Volunteer at least two hours of service for one of these activities or in one of the following programs:

• Community Care visitations
• Corps maintenance
• Christmas assistance
• Food pantry
• Soup kitchen

– OR –

Learn about The Salvation Army in other countries, missionaries, and overseas child sponsorship. You can either adopt a missionary and send a care package, or collect money to sponsor a child or home through overseas child sponsorship.
ON TARGET!

Can you think of a time when you helped someone in need? How can you help people in your community have their needs met?

TITUS 3:14 NIV

“Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.”
To complete the Reach for the Stars project, finish one of the choices below.

Attend Sunday school at your corps/church for four weeks in a row. Record the Bible lessons you learn about. Invite a friend to attend with you one week.

**WEEK 1**

**WEEK 2**

**WEEK 3**

**WEEK 4**

**FRIEND YOU INVITED:**

– OR –

Volunteer to participate in the corps/church holiness meeting/church service. There are many ways you can participate in worship. Discuss the options with your corps officer and complete the task.

**DETAILS OF PARTICIPATION:**

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**STAR COMPLETION**

Leader’s or Resource Person’s Signature

Date Completed
In this emblem, you have the exciting job of introducing your Explorers to The Salvation Army if you have new boys or digging deeper with boys who are knowledgeable about the Army’s history and concepts.

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**Year founded — 1865**

**Reasons for starting — Reaching people where they were: in the slums, bars, and streets**

**Place it began — London, England**

**First General — William Booth**

**Year Army started in U.S. — 1879**

**Person who started Army in U.S. — Eliza Shirley**

The Salvation Army was founded in 1865 by William Booth. His wife, Catherine, is often called the cofounder. Booth had ideas of reaching people where they were: in the slums, bars, and streets. He traveled around London, England and held meetings in many areas. William Booth preached to the drunks, prostitutes, and thieves. As these people were converted to Christianity, he would teach them about hope and service. He hoped to help them find an established church to join after conversion, but he found, time and time again, that the lower class did not feel welcome in the churches. Many in the church reacted negatively to the people who could not afford “proper” dress. So, William Booth made the decision to found a church for these people. It was call the East London Christian Mission. In 1878, the name was changed to The Salvation Army. **William Booth** was the first General to lead the church.

In 1879, Lieutenant Eliza Shirley held the first meeting of The Salvation Army in America. This sparked an interest in bringing the work to the United States. On March 10, 1880, Commissioner George Scott Railton arrived with seven women known as “The Seven Hallelujah Lassies” to further meet the need of the people in America to know Jesus!
ONLINE RESOURCES

http://salvationarmyusa.org/usn/history-of-the-salvation-army
http://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/history (includes interactive timeline)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Salvation_Army
http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/salvation-army-founded

VIDEOS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCuFqyBMYko
http://salvationarmyatlanta.org/about-us/history/
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SefULmzTU-Q
http://saconnects.org/the-salvation-army-150th/

BOOKS

The History of the Salvation Army: Volume One 1865-1878 by Robert Sandall
William and Catherine: The Life and Legacy of the Booths: Founders of the Salvation Army by Trevor Yaxley
William and Catherine Booth: Founders of the Salvation Army by Helen Hoosier
Turning Points: How the Salvation Army Found a Different Path by Allen Satterlee

TASK 2: PERSONALITIES

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ONLINE RESOURCES

William Booth: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9e0AFcsMyl
Evangeline Booth: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxloQ574Dsw
Joe the Turk: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-bQnjJ9Yx9g
George Scott Railton: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RAh_Jfjqk
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**TASK 3: MY CORPS**

1. For this task, review the history of your corps.

2. You can find Salvation Army brass band music recordings at Trade or on iTunes. There are also videos available online with bands playing:

   - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyuX6DRbbTxbnpbrRY-eLiJEEZRGJZY
   - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVWn1pTrR2k
   - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atVuV7JvPrd
   - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfjZj0nkO PU

3. When reviewing the programs your corps offers to the community, share with the boys what happens in those programs.

4. Show the boys the flag and parts of the chapel. Provide materials such as paper, canvas, pencils, and/or paints. Here’s a video about the flag: [http://www.salvationfactory.org/why-flag/](http://www.salvationfactory.org/why-flag/)
THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army uses terms unique to the organization. In order to understand more about this church, define the following terms and programs with the help of your troop leader or local leaders. Name the current people who hold the positions of General, divisional commander, divisional youth secretary, corps officer, and other local leaders within your corps.

**GENERAL** — Officer who is elected by the High Council to lead the worldwide Salvation Army

**OFFICER** — Salvation Army clergy, ordained, and appointed to a work. They wear red epaulettes showing their rank

**CORPS** — A local church in The Salvation Army

**SENIOR SOLDIER** — An adult member of The Salvation Army who has signed the Soldier’s Covenant and proclaimed that they know Christ as personal Savior

**JUNIOR SOLDIER** — A youth member of The Salvation Army who has signed the Junior Soldier Promise and proclaimed that they know Christ as personal Savior

**YPSM** — Young People’s Sergeant Major, a local officer who handles the responsibilities of working with the youth in the corps

**CSM** — Corps Sergeant Major, lead local officer who assists corps officers and takes command and takes responsibility of corps in corps officer’s absence

**CCM** — Community Care Ministries, programs that reach out to meet the needs of the community

**DHQ** — Divisional Headquarters, the administrative headquarters for a single division

**THQ** — Territorial Headquarters, the administrative headquarters for a single territory

**CARTRIDGE** — An envelope used to give tithe/offering

**MERCY SEAT** — An area or bench where people can kneel to pray

**CORPS CADETS** — A discipleship/leadership program for young Salvationists which provides training for his/her corps

**WOMEN’S MINISTRY** — Women’s group in The Salvation Army

**TROOPS** — Youth programs offered at many corps which can include Moonbeams, Sunbeams, Explorers, Rangers, and Girl Guards
# Task 5: Interview

## Corps Officer Interview

- **Ask the following questions:**

  1. **How and why did you become an officer?**
  2. **What did you do before you were an officer?**
  3. **What are your responsibilities as a corps officer?**
  4. **What is a typical day for you?**
  5. **What is your favorite part and least favorite part of your calling?**
### Senior Soldier Interview

Ask the following questions:

1. **When did you join the Salvation Army?**

2. **What does being a Salvationist mean to you?**

3. **What do you like most about the Salvation Army?**
William Booth understood that sometimes in order for people to truly know Jesus their basic needs had to be met first. The hungry had to be fed (soup), they had to have their personal needs met (soap), and then they could be more receptive to the call of our Savior (salvation).

Read Matthew 25:31–46: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ‘Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothes me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ‘Then the righteous will answer him ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ‘The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ‘Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ ‘They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ ‘He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ ‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

**DISCUSS:**

Who did Jesus say were the least of these?

Hungry, thirsty, stranger, needy, sick, prisoners

What can we do to help those that are in need? **Meet their needs**

Now, take action and complete one of the following service projects.

Brainstorm activities that can make a difference for people in your community who need help. Volunteer at least two hours of service for one of these activities or in one of the following programs:
• Community Care visitations
• Corps maintenance
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– OR –

If you choose to lead the boys in a World Service fundraiser or child sponsorship program, there are many resources available. Discuss with your corps officer the World Service goals for the year. Brainstorm ways your troop can help raise money.

The Salvation Army works extensively across the globe with missions programs.

There are many online resources and videos to help your troop learn more about completing this task.
TITUS 3:14 NIV

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SUPPLIES:

- A pair of gloves
- A pencil
- A bag of small candy bars

INTRODUCTION: William Booth said, “But what is the use of preaching the Gospel to men whose whole attention is concentrated upon a mad, desperate struggle to keep themselves alive?” So, what do you think it means to struggle to keep alive? (Allow time for response.) Why can’t those people understand about Jesus when they are in so much need? (Allow time for response.) That’s right. When we are thinking so much about what we don’t have, it is hard to focus on anything else.

SCRIPTURE: In the New Testament in Titus 3:14, we read, “Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.” The people there were reminded by this letter how important it is not to waste our time on arguing and accusing others. Instead, we need to focus on helping others and making sure they have what they need.

You might be saying, “Oh no way, I can’t do that! How can I help meet the needs of someone else.” Well, I’m going to show you that it is easier than you might think.

Let’s say that you are at school, and it is time for a test. You look over, and see your friend scrambling through his desk. Searching, searching, searching! He cannot find his pencil. (Hold up pencil.) You have an extra one, so you reach over and hand it to him.

What if you are outside on the playground on a cold day, and you know one of the kids in your class doesn’t always have what they need. You happen to have an extra pair of gloves in your pocket. What could you do to meet his needs that day?

Is anyone hungry tonight? (Allow responses.) I know how I could meet that need. I could pass
out this bag of candy bars to each of you.

You see, we sometimes feel like we are too young to help. But, it is the small stuff that counts. A pencil, a pair of extra gloves, a candy bar — that can make a difference for someone. Then, they may be more willing and able to hear the wonderful story of Jesus!

**ON TARGET!**

Can you think of a time when you helped someone when they were in need? How can you help people in your community have their needs met?

**PRAYER**

Dear Jesus, Thank you for knowing our needs. Thank you for showing us how to serve others. Help me today to open my eyes, and see how I can help someone else. In Your name, amen.