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LEADER’S BACKGROUND INFORMATION:  
Sometimes it is hard to explain the work and ministry of The Salvation Army to adults. It can be much harder to explain it to children! But The Salvation Army is so much more than a church and so much more than a charity. This lesson focuses on the military metaphor and teaches that we are fighting with more powerful weapons. We are fighting with the message of hope—the message of Jesus Christ.
### ACTIVITY | WHAT KIDS DO | PREPARATION | MATERIALS
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**IMPACT** (15 min) | PAPER CRAFT CITY: Junior soldiers design a paper craft city of Salvation Army buildings. | Copy Worksheets #1-10 on cardstock. Cut out the buildings. Score the necessary lines. | • Worksheets #1-10  
• Cardstock  
• Scissors  
• Box cutter (optional)  
• Crayons/markers  
• Glue sticks  
• Pennies  
• Tape

**ILLUMINATE** (10-15 min) | Junior soldiers learn about different Salvation Army ministries, both in the United States and around the world. | Review lesson. Review memory verse. Copy Worksheet #11. Cut out the shields from Worksheet #11. | • Bibles  
• Yarn/string  
• Scissors  
• Worksheet #11  
• Tape  
• Green army men

**INVEST** (10-15 min) | Junior soldiers watch Mama Luna explain some of the ministries of The Salvation Army. Junior soldiers reflect on the lesson and the things God may be saying | Have PC/tablet ready to play the video. Read through the questions. | • Bibles  
• Small reward  
• Video and player  
• Small group questions  
• Small notebook

**INSPIRE** (10-15 min) | SALVATION ARMY BINGO: Junior soldiers try to connect three Salvation Army buildings in a row. | Copy Worksheets #12-16. Cut out names from Worksheet #16. Copy Take Home Worksheet. If needed, copy Worksheet #11 and cut out extra shields. | • Worksheets #12-16  
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**PAPER CRAFT CITY**

**GROUP SIZE:** 2+

**PREPARATION TIME:** 5-10 minutes

**TIME NEEDED FOR ACTIVITY:** 10-15 minutes

**MATERIALS:**
- Worksheets #1-10
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Box cutter (optional)
- Crayons/markers
- Glue sticks
- Tape
- Pennies

**PREPARATION:**
- Copy Worksheets #1-10 on cardstock—only one set.
- Cut out the buildings.
- Score the dotted line creases on the cut-outs. This can be done with scissors, but it is most effective when using a box cutter.

Say: Hi everyone and welcome. I’m really glad to see you today. Let’s gather around to hear the directions for our first activity.

**DIRECTIONS:**
1. Color the buildings on Worksheets #1-10.
2. Fold the cut-outs along the scored creases and glue the edges together to create paper buildings. Tape edges as well if needed.

3. Tape a penny to the side of each building to help it stand up.

4. Organize the buildings into a city.

Say: **Building our paper craft city filled with Salvation Army buildings is a fun way to remember that the ministry of The Salvation Army is widespread, both in our home communities and around the world.**
ILLUMINATE

MATERIALS:

- Bibles
- Yarn/string
- Scissors
- Worksheet #11
- Tape
- Green army men

PREPARATION:

- Copy Worksheet #11.
- Cut out small shields from Worksheet #11.

Give the junior soldiers green army men. Allow them to play with the paper craft city as you teach the lesson.

Say: Today, we are going to talk about what it means to be an army. Our church is called The Salvation Army, but is that like a regular army? How is it different? (We don’t use weapons, no violence, etc.)

Modern-day militaries can do things that everybody sees. They also do things that not everybody notices. They carry out large missions as well as small, secret operations. They guard, build, take apart, train, protect and take over at any given time depending on where they are working. They plan and obey commands. They also have to be ready to change the plan if it isn’t working and think of a new way to do what they need to do.

The Salvation Army does all these things and more, but we do them in different ways. We also have a more powerful message than any other army. While other armies may use fear and power to fix a troubled situation, The Salvation Army uses courage and love to bring peace, hope, and transformation (a complete change). Modern armies use weapons that can kill, destroy, and tear down. The Salvation Army uses weapons that give life.
Let’s look at what Scripture says about fighting against the forces of evil. Who would like to look up Ephesians 6:10-18?

Go around the room, letting your junior soldiers take turns, each one reading a verse.

Say: War is scary. If there are no threats, there is no need for an army. The Scriptures remind us that “our struggle is not against flesh and blood.” This tells us that God knows our lives here on earth can be like a battleground. We are battling sin and its effects. The Salvation Army is true to what God wants it to be when it helps people win against sin by accepting Jesus as their Savior.

The world can be a very dark and scary place. Sin runs deep and we can find it everywhere. Where are some places that you see sin? (Bullying at school, an area of my neighborhood that has a lot of drug activity, kids being treated differently because of the color of their skin)

While it may seem like sin is everywhere, the “Salvation” in The Salvation Army is higher, wider, and deeper. Just like sin can look like bullying, drugs, or racism, salvation has just as many forms that meet and overpower that darkness, helping people in need.

For those that may feel trapped, there is a rescue and then freedom. For those who are torn apart by hate, there is hope; for those who feel held back, there is power. For those separated from a relationship with Christ, there is forgiveness. Salvation is full, complete, and for everyone and anyone who believes. Paul says in chapter 5, verse 20 of his letter to the Romans, “where sin increased, grace increased all the more.”

In the early days of The Salvation Army, William and Catherine Booth felt that sin was at an all-time high. People were sinning and society was making sinful choices that did not help people make good choices. They also felt that the desire of average churches to offer forgiveness, hope, and the message of salvation was at an all-time low. Something had to change.

Catherine Booth talked about the crisis of the Church this way: “people have come to associate ideas of stiffness, formality, and uninteresting routine with our church and worship.” That means people think church is boring. It is not so different in our world today. Then Catherine talked about what the ministry of The Salvation Army would become known for when she said, “if we are to be co-workers with God for them (the masses) we must move out of our jog-trot paces, and become all things to them, in order to win them. If they will not come inside our consecrated buildings, we must get at them in unconsecrated ones, or out under the canopy of heaven.” In other words, if we are going to work with God to help people come to know Him, then we need to try some new things. If they won’t come into the buildings set aside for God, we need to go to where they are, even if that is just outside.

Tape one end of a piece of yarn/string, to a paper craft building and hold the other end in your hand. Tape one of the shields from Worksheet #11 to the helmet of one green army man and place him on the string so that he “parachutes” into the paper craft building by sliding down into the city along the string. Pass out the small Salvation Army shields that you cut out from Worksheet #11. Have the junior soldiers tape them to the helmets of the green army men. Tape a string to each building. Give your junior soldiers the

2 Ibid.
chance to “parachute” army men into the city. (Save the rest of the shields for the Inspire activity.)

Say: The ministry of The Salvation Army is widespread, both in our home communities and around the world. The Salvation Army brings the message of hope to millions of people. Did you know The Salvation Army is in over 130 countries? In every one of those countries, our Army fights with the weapons of love, peace, healing, and transformation. Because of Jesus, our Army brings life.

Here are some facts and figures about The Salvation Army around the world.³

1. Founded in 1865, The Salvation Army turned 150 years old in 2015.

2. There are almost 15,000 corps and outposts around the world.

3. There are more than 1 ¼ million senior soldiers in The Salvation Army.

4. There are more than 404,000 junior soldiers around the world.

5. The USA has about 21,600 junior soldiers compared to Kenya, which has 184,200! Roughly 45% of junior soldiers in the whole world are from Kenya!

Some of the services that The Salvation Army provides around the world in Jesus’s name are:

1. Over 200 children’s homes. Point to the children’s home.

2. 28 hospitals. Point to the hospital.

3. 182 clinics. Point to the tent.

4. The Salvation Army runs 2,700 schools, like the vocational training school in Kenya. Point to the school.

5. It also does emergency and disaster response wherever it is needed.

How does it make you feel to be a part of something that stretches out all over the world?

The mission of The Salvation Army can only continue if Salvationists are disciples of Jesus themselves. This means that we need to learn to follow Jesus well so we can continue to shine His light in the dark places around the world.

A Salvationist is a Christian soldier who serves in the corps in their home city and country but who also wants to understand and be a part of the Army around the world. A Salvationist loves God and serves other people with kindness and understanding. This is why the “S”s on the epaulets and collars stand for Saved to Serve. A Salvationist should also be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Spirit and depend on Him to guide every step along the way. A Salvationist loves Jesus and will follow Him wherever He leads.

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Say: This unit’s Scripture memory verse is 1 Peter 2:9. Let’s read it together.

This verse will be reviewed each week throughout this unit. Teaching truth to our junior soldiers is one of the most practical ways we can lead them into a relationship with God and His Word.

Say: In this episode, we look at some of The Salvation Army’s different ministries. Some of the things in this video may be happening at your own corps! Watch Mama Luma explain the mission of The Salvation Army and ways your corps meets the needs of people in the name of Jesus.

Play Video

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

Say: Now we are going to take some time to think about what we learned today. I’m going to ask a few questions. Try to answer each question honestly and respect one another by listening to each other with patience and without judgment.

- How did you first hear about The Salvation Army?
- When did you decide to start coming to the corps?
- What is it like to think about all the things The Salvation Army does outside of just being a church?
- What are some ways we can be involved in the work of The Salvation Army?
- What do you think “Saved to Serve” means?
- What kind of weapons does The Salvation Army use to fight against sin?

NOTE

This is a very special time with your junior soldiers. The objective is not to get through all the questions, but to allow the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts and minds of our youth. We are seeking to build relationships and help them develop holy curiosity about the Christian life. Use a notebook to write down important or memorable things a junior soldier might share. Sometimes it’s helpful to be reminded of certain feelings that come out during this time so that we can touch base with our youth later.
SALVATION ARMY BINGO

MATERIALS:

- Worksheets #12-16
- Small shields from Illuminate
- Bowl
- Take Home Worksheet

PREPARATION:

- Copy Take Home Worksheet.
- Copy Worksheets #12-16.
- If needed, copy Worksheet #11 again and cut out extra shields.
- Cut out the strips of the names of the buildings on Worksheet #16. Fold them in half and place them in a bowl.

DIRECTIONS:

1. The leader draws one paper strip from the bowl and reads off the type of Salvation Army building.

2. Junior soldiers place a shield on the corresponding building on their BINGO card.

3. The first junior soldier to get three in a row—vertically, horizontally, or diagonally—yells, “BINGO” and wins.

4. Play a couple rounds if you have time. Or, if you have mostly younger junior soldiers, continue playing until everyone has gotten a BINGO.

Say: As we look at all the buildings in this BINGO game, they remind us of the different ways that The Salvation Army is an important part of our community and of communities all around the world.

Pass out the Take Home Worksheet.
What is The Salvation Army?
BINGO

CORPS BUILDING

THE SALVATION ARMY INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

TRAINING COLLEGE

HOSPITAL

THE SALVATION ARMY TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS

SCHOOL

CLINIC

CHILDREN'S HOME

THE SALVATION ARMY DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS
WHAT IS THE SALVATION ARMY?

FAMILY BIBLE READING PLAN
This week in Junior Soldiers, we learned about the ministry of The Salvation Army and the weapons of hope, love, and transformation used to bring the message of Jesus to a hurting world.

Read through the following verses with your junior soldier this week.

**DAY ONE: Ephesians 6:10-12**
What does it mean to put on the armor of God? How can we use this armor?

**DAY TWO: Ephesians 6:13**
Why do you think standing is important? What does it mean to stand in this passage?

**DAY THREE: Ephesians 6:14-17**
Write down all the pieces of armor. Which do you think will be the hardest to wear? Which will be the easiest? It can be different for different people.

**DAY FOUR: Ephesians 4:18**
Prayer is an essential piece of wearing the armor of God. What does it mean to “pray in the Spirit”? Why is it important to stay alert?
WORD SEARCH

Search up, down, forward, backward, and diagonally to find the hidden words.

S U E A S P P H P E
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V L N O O E N H C E
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I Y M R A H C L F M
O V E B L O H I Z S
N W E A F O Z N F K
V I Q W A D G G O O

WORD BANK

SALVATION
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PRIESTHOOD
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SCHOOL
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LEADER’S BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
The Salvation Army is distinct in the way we worship and live out the mission of Jesus Christ. In this lesson, junior soldiers will explore the unique aspects of The Salvation Army church.
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**IMPACT**

**BODY PART TAG**

**GROUP SIZE:** 4+, works best with an even number of people

**PREPARATION TIME:** 5 minutes

**TIME NEEDED:** 10 minutes

**MATERIALS:**

- None

**PREPARATION:**

- Before class, create an open space for play.

Say: Hi everyone and welcome. I’m really glad to see you today. Let’s gather around to listen to the directions for our first activity.

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Everyone finds a partner and stands beside them. If you have an uneven number of junior soldiers, the leader partners with one junior soldier.

2. You will call out specific body part connections to the group such as “back to back.” When the junior soldiers hear this, they connect with their partners using the body parts you announced. If you call out “back to back,” the junior soldiers would stand with their backs touching. If you called out “toe to toe” the junior soldiers would connect by touching their toes to one another.

3. After three different body connections, call out “people to people.” When you call “people to people,” the junior soldiers scramble to find a new partner.

4. Three body part combinations are called out before calling, “people to people” again.

5. With each partner, the difficulty of the body part combinations increases. For example, “knee to elbow” or “shoulder to knee” or “toe to head.”
6. Play three or four rounds.

7. Debrief the game to connect it to the lesson.

After the game, say: In today’s lesson we are going to talk about how our corps or church is different from other churches. Just as our body has lots of different parts, our corps has lots of different parts as well.

Be sensitive to safe touch when playing this game. Certain areas (those that would normally be covered by a bathing suit) are off limits. Keep the game lighthearted but be aware of safe zones and make sure you outline those rules beforehand.
Say: Today, we are going to learn about God’s amazing creativity. Just as each one of us is created with different talents and abilities, God has also created different parts of the church.

Let’s turn to Matthew 13:47 in our Bibles. It says, “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.”

What do you think God means by “the kingdom of heaven”? What do you think He means by “all kinds of fish”? God is creative. He made all kinds of people—different sizes, shapes, skin colors, languages, and so on. These differences that show how creative God is also show up in the Church. There are churches that worship God in different and unique ways. The Salvation Army is a part of the kingdom of God, and some of the ways we do things make us unique.

Have the junior soldiers push their chairs away from the edge of the table.

Say: You see the beginnings of a net on our table. I’m going to give each of you a handful of yarn. Create a spiral with your yarn on the existing spokes. Begin by tying your string to one of the pieces already taped to the table, then use your piece of yarn to go over and under each of the spokes. Begin weaving over the spoke, loop it back under the same spoke and then continue to the next spoke; over, under, and around. Some of you will need to begin close to the center and work your way out. Some will need to begin on the outside of the net and work your way into the center. Go in a spiral direction weaving your way from the middle of the net out or from the outside edge of the net in. Over, under, and around.

As you weave your net, I’m going to talk about a few things that make The Salvation Army church a unique part of the kingdom of God:

The Salvation Army uses military terms and language. For the most part, The Salvation Army has the same roles that other Christian churches have, but they are called different names. For example:
Pastor = Corps Officer

Church = Corps

Church members = Junior Soldiers or Senior Soldiers

Youth Pastor = YPSM or Young People’s Sergeant Major

Sunday morning service = Holiness Meeting

Sunday evening service = Salvation Meeting

One of the differences that people notice immediately is that The Salvation Army does not baptize people with water, nor do they serve communion like other churches do. While the Army does not have these sacraments in particular, they continue to do practices with similar meanings, just not with the same outward forms. For example, wearing your uniform has the same symbolism as baptism. It is an outward expression of something that has happened on the inside and a public expression of one’s faith commitment to Jesus. In the Army, any time we eat together, we can pray the prayer Jesus taught us in remembrance of Him, like the Last Supper in Matthew 26:26-29. So while the forms might be different, much of the meanings behind what is done and why it is done remains true to the biblical principles.

The Salvation Army, like many other churches, is worldwide. The Salvation Army’s international leader is the General. The General is connected to all the other officers and soldiers in The Salvation Army world. The Salvation Army starts at the corps level. Every level has leaders. A group of corps make a division. A group of divisions make up a command or territory. A group of territories make up a zone. All of those put together make up The Salvation Army worldwide and that is run by International Headquarters. All the leadership levels work to support the corps, making sure the corps have what they need so they can do what they need to do. Most other churches are not as connected to each other as The Salvation Army is. They are more independent of each other.

The New Testament commands Christians to take care of people’s spiritual and physical needs. The Salvation Army does this. For example, The Salvation Army does what Acts 6:1-6 describes: They devote themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word AND serving tables or giving food and help to the poor. Other churches do this as well, but many do not take care of people’s physical and social needs as much as The Salvation Army does. The Salvation Army runs homeless shelters, soup kitchens, summer camps, adult rehabilitation programs for people who are addicted to drugs and alcohol, and a lot of other ministries to the poor. Other churches may or may not do these things, but The Salvation Army will always do these things.

The Salvation Army is an inclusive mission movement. That means it is open to everyone. Not every church thinks of itself in this way. Some churches see themselves as only for people who already believe in Jesus. Other churches may take care of their own members first, and only then reach out to non-believers. The Salvation Army will always try to be a gathering of believers that welcomes and accepts everyone, especially non-Jesus followers, so that they might believe in Christ.
As you finish your weaving, look at the net we’ve created. The Salvation Army is one part of the worldwide network of believers in Jesus that has a special role to play in God’s mission on earth.

In the end, The Salvation Army is not that different from other churches. We all worship the same Lord and want non-Christians to come into a relationship with Jesus. We approach this mission in different ways and need each other as members of one worldwide body of Christians.

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Allow a time for junior soldiers to recite this verse from memory. Review it again, providing a small reward for those who have memorized the verse. Teaching truth to our junior soldiers is one of the most practical ways we can lead them into a relationship with God and His Word.

Say: In this episode, Turk brings a new friend to the corps and explains some of the ways The Salvation Army is different from other churches. He runs into a few gags along the way.

Small Group Questions:

Say: Now we are going to take some time to think about what we learned today. I’m going to ask a few questions. Try to answer each question honestly and respect one another by listening to each other with patience and without judgment.

• What are some things about our church that you like?
• What are some things about our church that are hard to understand?
• What is something you learned about our church today that you didn’t know before?
• How did Turk explain things to his friend?
• Most things have elements that make them unique. Think about your school, how is it different from other schools?
• Think about your friends; each of you is different. What are some qualities they have that are different from you? Let’s take a moment to write some of these down.
• Look at your list. The differences in people and places are all because we have a very creative God, and His imprint is on our lives. Would someone like to pray that we could learn to come together through our differences?
STAINED GLASS

Materials:
- Small clear plastic Solo® cups
- Sharpies® (a variety of colors)
- Cookie sheet
- Foil
- Oven
- Hole puncher
- String
- Take Home Worksheet

Preparation:
- Copy Take Home Worksheet.
- Put out containers of Sharpies® on each table.
- Place a stack of plastic cups on each table.
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
- Cover cookie sheet with foil.

Directions:
Have the junior soldiers do the following:
1. Write their name or initials on the bottom of each cup they use.
2. Color the plastic cups, including the bottom, all different colors.
3. Put the cups on a foiled lined cookie sheet.

4. Wait while the leader puts the cups in the oven for 3-4 minutes.

5. Carefully pat the cups down to flatten them.

6. Use the hole puncher to make a hole in the desired location.

7. Tie a piece of string on their “stained glass.”

Say: **These “stained glass” pieces remind us of God’s awesome creativity. Each color represents a different part in the church just as there are different roles in the body of Christ. And your name is right there in the middle.**

**The Salvation Army is different from other churches, but part of the body of Christ. God uses His creativity to make each part of the Church unique. The Salvation Army stretches all around the globe. Just as Jesus cast the net, The Salvation Army’s ministry reaches far and wide.**

Pass out the Take Home Worksheet.
**DAY ONE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14**

Just like there are many parts to one body, there are also many parts that make up your family. What part do you play in your family?

**DAY TWO: 1 Corinthians 12:15-20**

What are some things that your hands do that your feet cannot do? What does your neck do that your legs cannot do? Each part has a very important job, and it takes each part working together for your body to function.

**DAY THREE: 1 Corinthians 12:21-26**

Has there ever been a time in your family when one person was happy so everyone celebrated with them? What was that like?

**DAY FOUR: 1 Corinthians 12:27**

The Bible is teaching us that we are all a part of the body of Christ. What does it mean to be a part of a body? What responsibility does that bring with it?
HELP KAT GET TO THE CORPS!

WORD SEARCH

M L Q K S C D
I H R S O O G
I G O H L R E
N X I Z D N N
C G N S I E E
L O U L E T R
U F J E R J A
S F Y R H V L
I I P B T M S
V C S M M K P
E E M I K F R
R R L T H U O
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Junior Officer Cornet
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LEADER’S BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
This lesson will focus on the call of Abraham and how he stepped out in faith. Through this biblical example, we can explore the different ways God calls to us. Salvation Army officers are called by God to full-time ministry within The Salvation Army. The path of officership can open many avenues for ministry. This lesson will examine the differences between a candidate, cadet, and officer. This lesson will also teach that God calls different people to different things. The important thing for the junior soldiers to remember is what God calls us to do, He helps us to do. He always keeps His promises.
**GUIDING PRINCIPLE:**
What God calls us to do, He helps us to do. He always keeps His promises.

**MEMORY VERSE:**
1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

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| **IMPACT** (15 min) | QUESTION BALL: Junior soldiers toss a ball around and answer questions about what it means to be an officer. | Write questions on beach ball. Create a clear space to play. | • Beach ball  
• Sharpie® |
| **ILLUMINATE** (10-15 min) | Junior soldiers explore the idea of calling, how officers fulfill their calling by serving people in need and how we are all part of the body of Christ. | Review lesson. Review memory verse. Practice drawing the images for the lesson. | • Bibles  
• Marker board or newsprint and markers  
• Worksheet #1  
• Pencils |
| **INVEST** (10-15 min) | Junior soldiers watch members of the SRT learn how to deal with new officers coming to the corps and how we are all part of the body of Christ. Junior soldiers reflect on the lesson and the things God may be saying. | Have PC/tablet ready to play the video. Read through the questions. | • Bibles  
• Small reward  
• Video and player  
• Small group questions  
• Small notebook |
| **INSPIRE** (10-15 min) | SAND ART: Junior soldiers will make a bottle of sand art as a reminder of God’s promise to Abraham. | Copy Take Home Worksheet. Make a sample. Put a paper plate at each seat. Carefully pour a small pile of each color of sand on each plate. Place stickers, pens, and plastic spoons on the tables. | • Small glass/clear plastic bottles with lids (one per junior soldier)  
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QUESTION BALL

GROUP SIZE: 2+

PREPARATION TIME: 5 minutes

TIME NEEDED FOR ACTIVITY: 10 minutes (approximately 1 minute per child)

MATERIALS:

- A beach ball or other soft ball that you can write on (one ball for every 10 junior soldiers)
- Sharpie®

PREPARATION:

- Buy an inexpensive beach ball or use one you already have. You may also use a different style of ball that is soft and that you don’t mind writing on.
- Use a Sharpie® to write the following statements on the ball. Write neatly in block lettering so the questions are easy to read:
  - How many years does an officer attend training?
  - Name one of the jobs a corps officer may do.
  - What is a candidate?
  - What do we call students at a Salvation Army training college?
  - What is the name of our corps officer?
  - Create a clear space to play.

Say: Hi everyone and welcome. I’m really glad to see you today. Let’s gather around to hear the directions for our first activity.
**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Start with the ball in your hands.

2. Gently throw the ball to someone in the circle. When that person catches it, they look under their thumb and answer the question that is under their thumb. It’s a good idea to toss the ball to an older junior soldier first, so they can be a model for the younger junior soldiers.

3. After they have answered the question, they gently toss the ball to someone else in the circle. That person catches it, looks under their thumb, and answers the question.

4. Younger junior soldiers might need help reading the questions. Have an older junior soldier help, if needed.

5. Continue until everyone has had a chance to answer a question.

6. Debrief the activity to connect it to the lesson.

Say: ***God calls us to do all kinds of things. For some people, that means becoming a Salvation Army officer. We often study and practice and train to do the things God wants us to do. People who are called to be Salvation Army officers also study and practice and train to do the things God wants them to do. Let’s take our seats and learn more about this.***
ILLUMINATE

MATERIALS:

• Bibles
• Marker board or newsprint and markers
• Worksheet #1
• Pencils or pens

PREPARATION:

• Copy Worksheet #1, one per junior soldier.
• Practice drawing the three shapes: ear, walking stick figure, #3.

Say: **Today, we are going to learn what it means to be an officer in The Salvation Army. Who is our corps officer?**

Wait for response. Sometimes junior soldiers are unclear about the term or role of the corps officer.

Say: **Name some other officers you may know.** (e.g., family member, DYS, retired officer in the corps, etc.)

**Being on officer is a big responsibility. We are going to read a story in the Bible about someone who was also called to do something big for God in the world.**

Have a junior soldier read Genesis 12:1-3.

Say: **What did you notice in this story? This story is often referred to as “The Call of Abraham.” How do we hear God calling?**

The story of Abraham’s calling is a good example of how God calls people for a clear purpose. God called Abraham to leave his home and his family and go to a land that God would show him.

Sometimes God’s “call” can be a dramatic and strong sense of hearing God’s voice to do something. Draw an ear on the board. Sometimes callings aren’t clear until we step out in faith, and then God shows us. Following God’s calling always requires us to trust God. When God calls us, He promises to provide for us.
In Hebrews 11:8, it says “By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.” Draw on the board a stick figure of a man walking. Often, a calling works in the same way for us today. God tells us to do something for Him, and we obey Him.

Can you think of something God has called you to? What is it? (Allow response.)

In Genesis, when God called Abraham to leave, God made him three promises: To make him a great nation, to bless him, and to make him famous. Draw a #3 on the board. When God calls us and we obey His calling, He promises to be with us all the way through it. What God calls us to do, He helps us to do. He always keeps His promises.

What does calling mean, and how does God call someone?

In 1 Corinthians 1:9, Paul says, “God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

This verse means that God calls each of us to become His children and to belong in His family. He calls each of us to be saved and have eternal life. Can you hear His voice calling you? What are some ways God calls to us? (Allow response.)

The Bible also talks about God calling each person in an individual way—like for a special assignment or a chance to tell people about God. Sometimes the calling is immediate and dramatic, and sometimes the calling starts small and builds little by little. Who are some people that have been called by God to do something for Him in the world?

Allow the kids to think about a few examples: doctors and nurses, teachers, missionaries, parents, etc. List these on the board. Put some less traditional ones like writers, actors, artists, and mechanics.

Pause here and let the idea of calling sink in for your junior soldiers.

Say: God calls us to do all kinds of things as Christians. We can serve Him in all kinds of ways and in all kinds of places. When He calls us to do something or go somewhere, He helps us to do it. The best thing we can do is obey Him and do what He has asked us to do, whatever that is. Being a Salvation Army officer is one thing God might call you to do. You will sometimes hear someone say, “I am called to be an officer.”

In the early days, before our name was The Salvation Army, we were known as the Christian Mission. In those days, there weren’t any officers. People learned about Jesus through people preaching on the street corners and serving the poor.

During this time, many picked their own Army rank and commissioned themselves! Things changed when we became The Salvation Army in 1878, but our first officers were simply excited to be a part of what God was doing around the world.

What do you imagine you would have done during this time?

Today, we are going to learn three terms used in The Salvation Army when someone wants to become an officer.
Pass out Worksheet #1 and pencils or pens. As you teach the differences between candidate, cadet, and officer, allow your junior soldiers time to match the correct responsibilities under the correct heading.

CANDIDATE: A candidate is a person who has decided to work in full-time ministry with The Salvation Army, a person who feels called by God to be a Salvation Army officer. Usually, this person works at a Salvation Army corps. Candidates have heard God calling them to become Salvation Army officers and are learning about Jesus and what it means to be a pastor.

CADET: A cadet is a student at a Salvation Army training college. This person is in training to become a Salvation Army officer. There are different colleges like these in cities all over the world. The school takes two years, and senior officers and mentors do most of the teaching. While in training, cadets participate in ministry, learn about The Salvation Army, and spend time learning what it means to teach people about Jesus.

OFFICER: At the end of two years, the cadets are ordained as (officially made) ministers of the Gospel and commissioned (given responsibility for a group of people and sent out) as Salvation Army officers and sent to local corps. Did you know The Salvation Army is in over 130 countries?

Being an officer means committing your life and your service to God. Officers sign a covenant with God where they agree that He has called them to do full-time ministry in The Salvation Army. A covenant is like a contract or commitment.

What does an officer do? An officer has many responsibilities. Many Salvation Army officers are the corps officer of the local Salvation Army corps in their community. Being a corps officer means that the officer studies God’s Word, spends time in prayer, and leads others to Jesus. A corps officer will make home visits to people in the community and preach on Sunday mornings. Some corps officers may drive the Army van to pick up people for church. A corps officer is someone you can trust.

But that’s not all! An officer also tries to find creative ways to help the city know the corps and help the corps know the city. Sometimes this means doing charity work in town and inviting more and more people to come to worship at the corps. The officer can also help build bridges of friendship and trust between different groups in their city – like between people from different countries, or between wealthy people and people in need. Bridges like these help the officer work on the different problems in the community.

Sometimes an officer simply needs to help people see a problem in their city. Are the homeless being taken care of? Are immigrants being welcomed and treated kindly? Officers play a very important part in making sure a city is taking care of the last, the lost, and the least.

Officers in The Salvation Army have many responsibilities. Learning to listen to God is one of the ways your officer decided to become a full-time minister with The Salvation Army. Learning to hear God calling to us is one of the most important things we can do in our life of faith. If we can quiet our hearts and minds and learn the ways God may be speaking to us, there is no limit to what we might be able to do. God called Abraham all those years ago. He calls us today. God is not silent; He is living and active. He wants us to follow Him.
If we go back to the story of Abraham, we find that he is not only in the book of Genesis. He is mentioned again in the New Testament in the book of Hebrews. Let’s read what it says about him in Hebrews 11:8-12. Read the passage.

God calls all of us to salvation in Jesus. It is important that we learn to listen and hear the voice of God in our lives. The voice of God comes in many ways. God speaks the loudest through His Word, the Bible. When we read and memorize Bible verses, we begin to hear His voice more clearly. Our officers are people who have heard God’s call and stepped out in faith, just like Abraham. They can help us learn what it means to listen and follow God in whatever He calls us to do. Just like He did with Abraham, what God calls us to do, He helps us to do. He always keeps His promises.

If you have a small group of junior soldiers, say: Now we’re going to watch the Invest video to teach us more.

If you have a large group of junior soldiers, say: Now we’re going to divide into two groups. Half of you will watch the Invest video to teach us more, and the other half will work on the Inspire project. Then, we’ll switch.

If applicable, divide your junior soldiers into two groups. Settle one group in front of the TV or tablet to watch the Invest video and the others can begin working on the Inspire project. If you have only one leader, try following these instructions: while the Invest video is playing, go over the instructions of the Inspire project with the project group. When the Invest video ends, go through the small group questions with the video group. After both groups have completed their activity, switch.
MEMORY VERSE:

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9

Say: This unit’s Scripture memory verse is 1 Peter 2:9. Let’s read it together. Who can say it from memory?

Allow a time for junior soldiers to recite this verse from memory. Review it again, providing a small reward for those who have memorized the verse. This verse will be reviewed each week throughout this unit. Teaching truth to our junior soldiers is one of the most practical ways we can lead them into a relationship with God and His Word.

Say: In this episode, we will watch Bram discover new officers arriving at the corps. He and the other members of the SRT (Salvation Response Team) talk about what it means to be a Salvation Army officer and how we are all called to be a part of the body of Christ.

Play Video

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

Say: Now we are going to take some time to think about what we learned today. I’m going to ask a few questions. Try to answer each question honestly and respect one another by listening to each other with patience and without judgment.

- Imagine when you go home today your parent or guardian says, “I have big news. We’re moving somewhere. It’s really far away, like, in another country. But that’s all I can tell you about it. And we’re leaving tomorrow.” How would you react?

- What if it wasn’t your parent or guardian saying that. What if it was God speaking to you, and you knew for sure that it was God? How would you react then?

- Have you ever had a sense that God was speaking to you?

- What are some of the ways God can speak to us?

NOTE

Use a notebook to write down important or notable things a junior soldier might share. Sometimes it’s helpful to be reminded of certain feelings that come out during this time so we can touch base with our youth later.
· Has your corps officer ever shared with you the way God called him or her?

· How might your life change if, every day, you really believed that you were called by God?
SAND ART

MATERIALS:

- Small glass/clear plastic bottles with lids (one per junior soldier)
- Circle stickers
- Pens
- Paper plates
- Colored sand (at least two colors)
- Plastic spoons
- Funnels (one per junior soldier, these can be made of paper)
- Take Home Worksheet

PREPARATION:

- Copy Take Home Worksheet.
- Make a sample so you know how much sand is needed for each layer.
- Place a paper plate at each seat. Carefully pour a small pile of each color of sand on each plate.
- Place stickers, pens, and plastic spoons on the tables.

DIRECTIONS:

Give each junior soldier a glass/clear plastic bottle with a lid and a funnel. Have the junior soldiers do the following:

1. Write their name or initials on a circle sticker. Put sticker on bottom of their bottle.

2. Spoon a little of the first color of sand into their funnel.
3. Pour it into the bottle to create the first layer.

4. Spoon a little of the second color of sand into their funnel.

5. Pour it into the bottle to create the second layer.

6. If using more than two colors, add a layer of each color. Then repeat until bottles are full.

7. Cap the bottle as a reminder that God always keeps His promises.

Say: The layers of color in this bottle of sand art stand for the generations of Abraham’s family. This bottle of sand art reminds us that God kept His promise to Abraham over generations and made his descendants as countless as the sand on the seashore (Hebrews 11:12). What God called Abraham to do, God helped Abraham to do. It’s the same for us. What God calls us to do, He helps us to do. He always keeps His promises.

Pass out the Take Home Worksheet.
MATCH THE TRAITS TO CANDIDATE, CADET, OR OFFICER

CANDIDATE

A Helps out at a corps
B Preaches Sunday mornings
C Signed a covenant with God

CADET

D Feels called by God to serve in full time ministry
E Student at Salvation Army training college
F Learning what it means to be a pastor

OFFICER

G In training
H Commissioned
I Learning how to teach people about Jesus
FAMILY BIBLE READING PLAN

This week in Junior Soldiers, we explored what it means to be called and learned about the responsibilities of a Salvation Army officer. We also learned that Abraham was called from his home to go to a place that God had prepared for him. This week we will be reading through that portion of Scripture and studying the idea of calling.

Read through the following verses with your junior soldier this week.

**DAY ONE: Genesis 12:1-3**
Out of all the people on the earth, God chose Abraham, and gave him a calling. God said that everyone on the earth would be blessed through Abraham. Have you ever heard the voice of God calling you? What are some of the ways we can make space to hear God’s voice?

**DAY TWO: Genesis 15:1-6**
God made a covenant or promise to Abraham, telling him his children and children’s children and so on would be as many as the stars. Have you ever made a promise? Was that promise hard to keep? How can we learn God’s promise for us?

**DAY THREE: 1 Peter 5:10**
Being called by God sometimes means we will suffer, but God Himself will restore us and make us strong. Why do we shy away from things that are hard? What’s it like to know that God calls us to something great?

**DAY FOUR: Ephesians 4:1-6**
What does it mean to live a life worthy of the calling? How can we lead worthy lives? How can we keep the bond of peace? In this letter, Paul reminds us of the kind of lives God has prepared for us. Being a junior soldier means being different and showing what it’s like to live a life for God.
In Genesis 12, we read about Abraham being called to go to a new place he had never been before. In the video, we watched members of the Salvation Response Team watch new corps officers arrive. Sometimes God calls us to a new place. Find the path to help Bram get from the SRT treehouse to the corps.
GUIDING PRINCIPLE:  
God called the Israelites in the Old Testament to be His chosen people and follow Him; Jesus is now calling us to follow Him too.

MEMORY VERSE:  
“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”  
1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

LEADER’S BACKGROUND INFORMATION:  
The priesthood of all believers is a very heavy theological topic, with the basis in the Old Testament. Peter the apostle is writing to a group of Christians who were scattered all over the known world in the early years of the Church (probably only 30 years or so after Jesus ascended to heaven). They were a minority and persecuted for their faith in Christ and needed to know whose they were and how they were to act. Peter’s epistle functions to build them up in their faith and to encourage them in their identity as Christians. He does this by showing them that they belong to God and they are God’s own special people in the world.

Peter uses the metaphor of priesthood to accomplish this. In 1 Peter chapter 2, he calls these Christians a “holy priesthood” and a “royal priesthood,” whose main job is to offer “spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:5). In this lesson, we will draw on the definition of “priesthood” from the Old Testament to show how Peter is calling Christians to a brave and worthy task.
**ACTIVITY** | **WHAT KIDS DO** | **PREPARATION** | **MATERIALS**
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**IMPACT** | **EVERYBODY’S IT:** Junior soldiers try to tag someone else before they get tagged themselves. | Create an open space to play with marked boundaries. | · Boundary markers, if needed
**(15 min)**
**ILLUMINATE** | Junior soldiers learn what it means to be part of the priesthood of all believers. | Review lesson. Review memory verse. Copy Worksheet #1. Prepare scrambled words. | · Bibles · Construction paper · Marker · Worksheet #1 · Pens or pencils
**(10-15 min)**
**INVEST** | Junior soldiers watch Kat and Turk stock the Mobile Command Unit and talk about what it means to be a priest. Junior soldiers reflect on the lesson and the things God may be saying. | Have PC/tablet ready to play the video. Read through the questions. | · Bibles · Small reward · Video · Small group questions · Small notebook
**(10-15 min)**
**INSPIRE** | SMALL ACTS WALL: Junior soldiers make a paper wall and think of acts of love they could do during the week. | Copy Take Home Worksheet. Cut different colors of construction paper into 3” x 3” squares. Make brick templates. Spread brown paper on the table or floor. Put the supplies on the table. | · Brown packing paper · Cardboard or cardstock · Scissors · Pencils · Black markers · Construction paper, various colors · Masking tape · Worship music and a way to play it · Take Home Worksheet
**(10-15 min)**

One idea to keep the junior soldiers engaged is to set up stations. If you have a large group, play the Impact game and teach the Illuminate lesson with the junior soldiers all together, then divide into two groups. The first group will watch the Invest video and go through the small group questions, and the second group can work on the Inspire project, then switch.
EVERYBODY’S IT

GROUP SIZE: 4+

PREPARATION TIME: 5 minutes

TIME NEEDED FOR ACTIVITY: 10 minutes

MATERIALS:

- Boundary markers, if needed.

PREPARATION:

- Before class, create an open space for play with marked boundaries.

Say: Hi everyone and welcome. I’m really glad to see you today. Let’s gather around to hear the directions for our first activity.

DIRECTIONS:

1. This is often called, “The World’s Fastest Tag Game” because everyone is IT. As in any tag game, if someone is IT, they chase someone else; so, in this case, everyone’s chasing someone else.

2. The junior soldiers spread out inside the boundaries. When the leader says, “GO,” each junior soldier tries to tag someone else.

3. When junior soldiers get tagged, they sit down and put their hands on their heads. They are out until the next round.

4. Continue until only one junior soldier is left. Shout “GO” again to start a new round.

5. If the last few junior soldiers are more cautious than confident, they may try to avoid each another. To get things moving again, announce that anyone who takes a backward step is out.

6. Play a few rounds since the game is usually over in about 30 seconds. If time allows and junior soldiers are still interested, switch to Slo Mo Tag.
7. SLO MO TAG: Follow the same rules as for Everybody’s IT, except junior soldiers can only move one step at a time, called out by the leader. When tagged, they sit down and put their hands on their heads until the next round.

8. Debrief the game to connect it to the activity.

After the game, say: In this game, everybody was IT. In today’s lesson we are going to talk about the priesthood of believers. All of us are believers, so everybody is IT when it comes to telling others about God. This means that as believers in God, we can work for God as His “priests” at school, at play, at home, or in the corps. It also means that we all have a part to play in the work of our local corps. We can pray, lead people to Jesus, serve others. It also means no one is more important than anyone else. We all have gifts to offer and, as a priest of God, any follower of Jesus can do His work wherever they are. Let’s go and learn more about this.
Lesson 4: What is the Priesthood of All Believers? Am I a Priest? TJS Module 1 / Unit 2

MATERIALS:

- Bibles
- Construction paper
- Marker
- Worksheet #1
- Pens or pencils

PREPARATION:

- Copy Worksheet #1, one per junior soldier.
- Write each letter of the following words on a separate piece of construction paper: ACCESS, SACRIFICE, DONE, PRIEST. For example, “ACCESS” would be on six pieces of paper, one for each letter.

Say: Have you ever seen a priest? Do you know what a priest is? In the Bible, Peter, the apostle of Jesus, calls everyone who follows Jesus a priest. Let’s take a deeper look.

Have your junior soldiers look up 1 Peter 2:4-5 and 9.

Say: What do you think it means when Peter says we are a chosen people? What does it mean to be chosen? (To be set apart, to be picked for a special task) In the Old Testament, God had a chosen people. Who were the chosen people from the Old Testament? (The Israelites) In the Old Testament, God chose the Israelites. He provided a way for them to be led out of slavery in Egypt and He continually showed His people favor. In Old Testament times, priests were the only ones who had direct access to God. They were the only ones who could come near to God and talk with Him. That meant, if people needed prayer, they would go to the priests, tell the priests what they wanted to pray, and then the priests would pray, telling God what the people had asked. But when Jesus came, everything changed.

For each of these below, your junior soldiers will have to unscramble the key term. Lay each piece of construction paper out of order, so that they have to figure out what the word is and put the pieces of paper in the correct order.
Say: Let’s unscramble these words that are things that changed because of Jesus.

ACCESS: SEACSC, meaning “access,” would be the first scramble. We all need God, but not everyone knows where to find Him or how to communicate with Him. In the Old Testament, only the high priest had direct access to God. With the priesthood of Jesus, however, those who have committed their lives to Jesus and have His Spirit living inside them can approach God and speak with Him directly through prayer. We no longer need a priest to talk to God for us; we no longer need a special religious person to stand between us and God. Jesus made a way for us to come to God directly. We can read about it in Ephesians 3:12 and Hebrews 10:19. This means that not only can we approach God directly, but we can be priests for others. That means we can pray to God for our friends, our parents, our enemies, and our world.

SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES: FACESRICI, meaning “sacrifice,” would be the second scramble. The priests in the Old Testament offered bulls, goats, and lambs as sacrifices to God to cover people’s sins. They did this over and over again because people kept sinning. But God sent Jesus to be a sacrifice for all sin. This means that when Jesus died on the cross, He ONCE AND FOR ALL became the sacrifice for everybody—everybody who came before and everybody who would come after.

As those who trust Jesus for our salvation, we offer spiritual sacrifices. What are spiritual sacrifices? Let’s look at Worksheet #1 and see if we can figure out what the Bible says about spiritual sacrifices.

Give each junior soldier a copy of Worksheet #1 and a pencil or pen. Have them look up the verses if they have trouble making the matches.

CHRIST’S MISSION IS DONE BY ALL FOR ALL WHEREVER YOU ARE: NEDO, meaning “done,” would be the third scramble. The priesthood of all believers means that we can be ready and able to be on God’s mission wherever we are! Does anyone remember when we made the little green army men parachute into a Salvation Army city? Just like those little green army men, we are on a special mission from God. This priesthood makes us God’s special agents at school, at home, and everywhere we go. We all have a part to play not only here at the corps, but out in the world. And we are all helping God’s mission happen together, using our unique talents and gifts.

PRIEST: STREPI, meaning “priest,” would be the fourth scramble. The question, “Am I a priest?” can only be answered between you and God. The Bible teaches us that those who are saved and forgiven by Jesus, who follow Him, and who have been brought from the darkness into the light are now considered priests. They are part of a royal and holy priesthood, who follow their Great High Priest, Jesus, and who will one day reign with Him. Being a priest under Christ’s priesthood is a great privilege that we should not take for granted. Part of being a Christian is learning how to live this every day.

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Say: This unit’s Scripture memory verse is 1 Peter 2:9. Let’s read it together. Who can say it from memory?

Allow a time for junior soldiers to recite this verse from memory. Review it again, providing a small reward for those who have memorized the verse. Teaching truth to our junior soldiers is one of the most practical ways we can lead them into a relationship with God and His Word.

Say: In this episode, watch Kat and Turk stock the Mobile Command Unit as they discover what it really means to be a part of the priesthood of all believers.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

Say: Now we are going to take some time to think about what we learned today. I’m going to ask a few questions. Try to answer each question honestly and respect one another by listening to each other with patience and without judgment.

- What do you think people felt like when Peter called them priests?
- Use your imagination. Why is it hard to be a priest?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus made a sacrifice once and for all, so that all your sins have already been taken away?
- What does it mean to be brought from darkness to light?
- What do you think it was like before we were able to pray to God directly?
- Have you ever gone to God on someone else’s behalf, like a friend or family member? What was that like?
- How can we be God’s special agents?
SMALL ACTS WALL

MATERIALS:

- Cardstock or cardboard
- Scissors
- A roll of brown packing paper
- Pencils
- Black markers
- Construction paper, various colors
- Pens
- Masking tape
- Worship music and a way to play it
- Take Home Worksheet

PREPARATION:

- Copy Take Home Worksheet.
- Make brick templates by cutting pieces of cardstock in half or pieces of cardboard into 4” x 6” rectangles.
- Cut different colors of construction paper into 3” x 3” squares.
- Spread the brown packing paper on a long table or on the floor.
- Put the supplies on the table.

DIRECTIONS:

Have the junior soldiers do the following:
1. Work together to create a “Small Acts Wall” on the packing paper. Use a pencil to trace the brick template on the packing paper to create a brick wall design.

2. Go over the pencil lines with black marker.


4. Take a construction paper square and a pen. Think of small acts of love they can do during the week. Write them on the paper. They can be prayers for others, things around the corps, even things they can do for family, friends, or neighbors.

5. Take a second construction paper square. Trace their hand on it and write their name at the bottom.

6. Tape their list and their hand to the Small Acts Wall.

7. With permission, hang up the wall where other people in the corps can see it.

Say: Being part of a priesthood means that we can show our love for Jesus in how we love and serve others. Mother Teresa was known for serving the poor and sick in India. She said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” We wrote down some small things we might be able to do during the week to show we love Jesus. Next time you pass this Small Acts Wall, write in your hand some of the things you have been able to do. It will encourage all of us and remind us that we are part of the priesthood of all believers.

Pass out the Take Home Worksheet.

**NOTE**

If it won’t be distracting, play some praise and worship music quietly in the background while the junior soldiers write down their ideas.
SPiritual Sacrifices

Match up the verse with the spiritual sacrifice on the right.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your __________ as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1 (NIV)

But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and __________ coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. Philippians 2:17 (NIV)

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of __________ the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. Hebrews 13:15 (NIV)

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of __________, through the shedding of his blood - to be received by faith. Romans 3:25 (NIV)
FAMILY BIBLE READING PLAN
This week in Junior Soldiers, we explored the priesthood of all believers. We learned what it means to be chosen to represent God to the whole world, wherever we are.

Read through the following verses with your junior soldier this week.

DAY ONE: 1 Peter 2:9 & Isaiah 43:20-21
The verse from 1 Peter lays out how we are a priesthood. Peter chose words the Israelites (God’s chosen people from the Old Testament) would understand, because the Old Testament said the very same things about priests. These verses from Isaiah say we are chosen by God. What does it mean to be chosen?

DAY TWO: 1 Peter 2:9 & Exodus 19:6
This verse from 1 Peter tells us that we are a royal priesthood. In Exodus, Moses says we are a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Do you think it will be easier to live up to this calling knowing that we are not doing it alone? Why or why not?

DAY THREE: 1 Peter 2:9 & Exodus 19:5
1 Peter 2:9 says that we are a people belonging to God. Exodus 19:5 calls us a treasured people. How does being treasured prepare us for being God’s special agent to the world?

DAY FOUR: 1 Peter 2:10 & Hosea 2:23
The verse from Peter tells us that we are now the people of God and the verse from Hosea states, “You are my people!” What does it mean to be someone’s “person”?
FIND THE FOLLOWING TERMS IN THE WORDLE:

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- Peter
- Covenant
- Possession
- Acceptable
- Isaiah
- Agent
- Kingdom
- Mercy
- Psalm
- Holy
- World
- Submission
- Special
- Spiritual
- Darkness
- Special
- Salvation

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