

adapting Ultimate Church Visit

Ultimate Church Visit is designed to be flexible and easy to adapt to suit different situations. Here are a few ideas to help you think about how the resource could work for your corps or centre.

1. Take Ultimate Church Visit into a school

Ultimate Church Visit can quite easily be taken into a school if a class is unable to visit their local Salvation Army church. The resources can be transported by car and can be set up fairly quickly and simply if necessary. You may be more restricted in the amount of space you have, so choose the zones which will work best in the space which is available. If you are able to use a school hall and a nearby classroom this may give you more options and make the visit more effective.

2. Customize your visit

- In each of the zone scripts, you'll find suggestions for extra activities allowing you to extend the length of the zone (40+ minutes), and tips for making the zone shorter (20 minutes).
- You can decide how many zones you want to set up depending on the length of the session, but remember not all pupils need to visit every zone. For example, each group could visit just two or three out of the four zones set up, providing an opportunity at the end for pupils to share with their classmates what they learnt in the particular zones they visited.
- Include parts of some zones in other zones, eg add activities from the Music zone to the Worship zone, or add elements of the Homelessness zone into the Community zone. This could be a good option if you are short on leaders, allowing to cover more of the material.

3. Use it as a series of whole class lessons/workshops

- Some of the zone scripts can be adapted and used as whole class lessons or workshops, by including the suggested extra activities. This may be helpful if schools would prefer you to lead one or more 45-minute/one-hour lessons, or if you don't have enough leaders to set up separate zones. You may also like to use some of the zones as a follow-up to your Ultimate Church Visit, enabling you to visit the school and cover extra topics.
- If you do decide to use any zones as whole class sessions, and you need extra sets of activity cards, contact the Resource Hub. PowerPoint templates for some of the zones are included on the USB, to allow you to adapt some of the material for whole class sessions.

4. Use Ultimate Church Visit with your Sunday school or kids' club

Ultimate Church Visit is a great way to help children understand more about their own church, or the church they are linked to, as well as the wider work of The Salvation Army. It can be used (and adapted) in much the same way that it is used with school groups, either as a 2-3 hour session, a whole day, or a series of sessions spread over a few weeks. For children who are members of your church, you may want to adapt some of the wording of the scripts to reflect this, and perhaps encourage the children to respond in a more personal way in some of the zones.