

# frequently asked questions

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## 1. What if we don't have enough people to run an Ultimate Church Visit?

If you're finding it difficult to get enough people to help you run your Ultimate Church Visit, you could link up with other corps in your area or get support from your Regional Children's Specialist or Divisional Youth Specialist. The minimum number of people you need to hold an Ultimate Church Visit is three or four, but remember that zone leaders don't all need to have previous experience of teaching or working with children. However, the leader must have their criminal record checked within the last three years and all adults must have Safe & Sound training, as well as time to prepare, some energy and enthusiasm!

## 2. Where do we get the resources?

Sets of resources can be loaned from the Resource Hub at THQ, or from your DHQ, providing they have their own set. The latest scripts are available on the website [www.salvationarmy.org.uk/schools/ucv](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/schools/ucv). Everything else you need to plan and run your visit(s) can be downloaded from the USB.

## 3. Will we need lots of extra resources?

Most of the extra resources you will need to run a successful Ultimate Church Visit are readily available, and many of them are optional. You can decide whether to keep your visit(s) simple, or really go to town! Check out the 'Resources tick list' to give you an idea of the kinds of resources you may need.

## 4. How long will it take to set up?

Anything from 10 minutes to a few hours! It all depends on the zones and resources you choose to include.

## 5. How much does it cost?

For Salvation Army users the cost to hire the zones is free but there is a charge to cover any post and packaging costs. A loan charge will apply to schools, depending on the number of zones borrowed, but best practice is for Ultimate Church Visit to be organised through a corps or centre. If you order pupil books and other pupil resources (bookmarks, leaflets etc) from the Resource Hub, this will work out at between 40p and £1.25 per pupil. The school may be happy to make a donation to cover some of these costs. See the 'Resources order form' for full details and prices of other resources. Contact your DHQ to check whether there is any charge for loaning their resources.

## 6. What if we don't have our own Salvation Army church building?

With the right planning, Ultimate Church Visit can work just as well in a school setting. The resources are designed to be compact and easy to transport and could be set up in approximately 15 minutes if necessary. It may be that you actually use the school for Sunday worship, so this could be a great opportunity to let pupils see how their school is used as a place of worship, and to understand that it is the people, rather than the building, which makes a church.

**7. What if I don't have any other rooms apart from the main worship hall?**

If space is limited in your church, and you only have one room to set up all the zones, your visit(s) can still be effective. The best zones to use in a smaller space are ones that don't involve too much noise or movement. The Symbol, Community, Uniform, History and Homelessness zones can all be presented without any music or DVD clips. Alternatively, present the noisier or quieter zones (eg Music, Worship and Bible zones) as whole class sessions. See 'Adapting Ultimate Church Visit'.

**8. What if we don't have any children's work at the corps?**

Ultimate Church Visit is a great way to begin the children's work at your corps! It may just be a small part of the process of building up links with children and families in your community, before you establish or develop your children's programme. See 'Making links with schools' for ideas to help you build those links, and ask your RCS for support and advice. Even if you are unable to set up a children's programme, Ultimate Church Visit is a brilliant way to engage with your community, and a great way to help children build a positive view of what church and The Salvation Army is.

**9. Can I adapt the resources?**

Yes! In fact there are a number of suggestions on the USB to help you make Ultimate Church Visit work for you in your particular situation (see 'Adapting Ultimate Church Visit'). If you do have your own ideas for adapting the resources we would be more than happy to discuss these with you and support you with any further resources you may need. We would simply encourage you to respect the careful thought, work and expertise that has been put into this resource and do talk to us about any changes you feel you need to make.

**10. Can I use Ultimate Church Visit with secondary school pupils?**

Many (although perhaps not all) of the Key Stage 2 resources and activities could definitely be used with a Year 7 class (11-12yrs), and possibly Year 8 (12-13yrs). Some of the language and phrasing may need to be changed, but you should be able to discuss some of the questions and topics in more depth with this age group. If a secondary school does request a visit to your corps, or ask you to speak to the class, discuss the resources and activities with the teacher to see if they are suitable for the level and ability of their particular class.

Resources are available for secondary school lessons, assemblies and talks from the website. [www.salvationarmy.org.uk/schools](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/schools)