

Community zone - key stage 1

Welcome pupils to the zone and remind them of your name.

Aims:

In this zone we're going to:

- find out how *and why* members of The Salvation Army help others who are in need
- think about ways you could help people in your community

CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

A. The SA in the community board game (15-25 minutes)

To find out about how The Salvation Army helps people in the community we're going to play a game. *Follow instructions for the game. Use some or all of the questions below to help pupils think about and discuss what they learnt during the game.*

- What kind of people did you help in the game?
- How do you think those people felt?
- Was it possible to help everyone in the community? How did that make you feel?
- Do you think you would like to work or volunteer for The Salvation Army like the characters in the game?

B. DVD clip: Every day (3 minutes)

We're going to watch a short DVD showing different ways The Salvation Army helps people in the community, every single day. Afterwards I'll ask you some questions so I want you to try to remember as much as you can. *Show pupils the community DVD clip (1 min 11).* Ask pupils the following questions:

- What was happening at The Salvation Army at 7.00am?
- What happened late at night?
- Can you name two different kinds of people who were being helped?

C. Community work in this church (5+ minutes)

Design your own presentation (eg PowerPoint/objects/video/sketch) about the work of The Salvation Army in your own community.

D. Story bag activity (8 minutes)

Use a story bag, containing a selection of objects, and the story bag script (download from USB) to explore different ways The Salvation Army cares for and supports people in communities. This could be adapted to reflect your own community work.



Why does The Salvation Army help people in need? (3 minutes)

Show the Matthew 25 'I was hungry' card and read it aloud, or invite pupils to read a line each. How is The Salvation Army following this teaching from the Bible? Christians believe that Jesus showed love to everyone, especially people others forgot about or didn't like. Jesus wanted his followers to help and love anyone in need too.

What can I do? (5 minutes)

I wonder what we can do to help other people. Find the Community Zone page in the pupil booklet and discuss together how the children can help others at home, at school and in their town (eg by raising money, donating clothes and toys, keeping the streets tidy). Point out that it is not safe for children to help people in the same way as adults, such as helping strangers, but there are still lots of safe things they can do. Now support pupils as they complete the page in the booklet individually. Encourage them to remember to do the things they have written down!

