



sleep in. *Divide the group into two smaller groups. Give out a selection of items (boxes, newspapers etc) to each group to help them make their shelter. At the end of three minutes ask each group some or all of the following questions:*

- Is your living space comfortable?
- How will you keep warm? What have you used to keep the rain out?
- How will you clean yourself each day?
- Where will you get your next meal?
- What will you do if you get sick?
- Who do you have to talk to?
- How do you feel living on the streets?

*These questions should promote some discussion about how it may feel to be homeless and some of the difficulties homeless people face.*

### **How does The Salvation Army help homeless people? (5 minutes)**

I wonder what else a homeless person would need to make their shelter more comfortable. In this box I have some objects to help us understand the different ways The Salvation Army tries to help people living on the streets. *Take items out of the box one at a time and ask pupils what they think each one shows or represents. Add the following explanations:*

- Cup – in some cities there are soup runs which go out late at night giving out hot drinks and food.
- Plate – breakfast or lunch is served to homeless people in many community centres and hostels.
- Sleeping bag, toiletries, torch – there are lots of drop-in centres which give out things which are useful to people who live on the streets.
- Shower gel, clean clothes/socks etc – some drop-in centres have showers where people can get clean, and they give out fresh clothes and shoes.
- Ear – homeless people need someone to listen to them, be friends with them and to show they care. This is just as important as all the practical things like food and clothes.
- Picture of a home – the most important way The Salvation Army helps homeless people is by helping them to get off the streets and eventually into a proper home. There are more than 50 Salvation Army hostels in the UK and Ireland where homeless people can stay.

### **Summing up (2 minutes)**

I am now going to count down until the end of the session and I need you to help me. Hold up each number card as you count down.

- Tell me 3 different ways The Salvation Army helps homeless people who live on the street
- Tell me 2 different ways people might treat a homeless person
- Tell me 1 feeling a homeless person might have

### **extra activities**

#### **Pupil book (5+ minutes)**

*There are activities relating to this zone on pages 5 and 6 of the pupil book.*

