

MOONBEAMS®

THE SALVATION ARMY



OVERVIEW

Moonbeams are introduced to the work and history of The Salvation Army and learn that The Salvation Army is a church where we love God and love people.

OBJECTIVES

To earn this emblem, Moonbeams need to complete at least one activity from each section and the Bible lesson.

WORD BANK

- Believe
- General
- Flag

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS SUPPORTED BY THE ACTIVITIES

- Service to Others
- Play and Creative Activities
- Religious Community

- Engagement in Learning Opportunities
- Equality and Social Justice
- Responsibility

GROUP ACTIVITIES

FOUNDATIONS

Teach the following lesson about William and Catherine Booth and how The Salvation Army began.

Say the following as written or in your own words: **William and Catherine Booth lived a very long time ago in a town called London, England.**

William worked at a pawnshop. A pawnshop is a place where people go to sell things when they need money. Sometimes people needed money so badly that they sold their clothes or blankets. William became friends with many people he met at the pawnshop.

When William became a Christian, he loved the poor people and wanted to help them. He invited them to come to church, but the people at the church didn't want poor people to come there. The church people didn't like the way poor people dressed and they knew that when the offering was collected, the poor people had no money to give. The church people asked William not to bring them back to church again. That made William sad.

Since the church didn't want the poor people, William and Catherine started a church where anyone could come. They invited everyone, even people who didn't have nice clothes or money for the offering. The poor people came to hear William preach. Many of the people asked God to forgive them.

William was glad poor people came. But he knew it was hard for them to listen to a lesson about Jesus when they were hungry. William and Catherine wondered what Jesus would do to help poor people. (Ask children what they think Jesus would do.)

Continue: William and Catherine loved the people. They made a plan to give them food and help them find jobs.

Many people wanted to join a church where they loved God and loved people, even poor people. Can you guess what name they gave that church? Yes, it was called The Salvation Army.

LESSON ENHANCEMENTS

- Locate London in an atlas or on a globe.
- Have the children act out the story.
- It must have made the poor people sad to know that others didn't want them at church. Think of ways you can make a new person feel welcome.

WE BELIEVE

Help the children understand the following:
The Bible is true and comes from God.

Say the following as written or in your own words:
God helped men to write down the stories so we can know more about Him. Every word and every story in the Bible is true.

Help children understand what true means. Discuss whether the following stories are true or make-believe.

"Cinderella"

"Jack and the Beanstalk "

"Jonah and the Big Fish"

"Noah and the Ark"

"The Birth of Jesus"

"The Tortoise and the Hare"

"Beauty and the Beast"

Continue: **Everyone has done bad things. When we do naughty things—telling lies, stealing cookies, disobeying our parents—those bad things are called sin. Everyone has sinned.**



Show pictures from magazines (try to find pictures with children misbehaving, fighting, etc.) and ask the Moonbeams to decide if what each child is doing is a sin.

- It makes God unhappy when we sin.
- Even when we sin, God loves us. When we say, "I'm sorry," God always says, "I forgive you."
- Ask children if they would like to tell God, "I'm sorry." Lead a time of prayer.
- Have the children practice saying, "I'm sorry," and, "I forgive you."

OUR DEAR OLD ARMY FLAG

Say the following as written or in your own words:
Look at a Salvation Army flag. What do you see? (Colors, star, words)

Continue: **Red stands for the blood of Jesus and reminds us that Jesus died on the cross for our sins.**

Blue stands for holiness. Blue reminds us that God is perfect and clean, without sin.

Yellow stands for the fire of the Holy Spirit. When we love God, the Holy Spirit can help us to be holy, too.

The words "Blood and Fire" are written on the flag to remind us that Jesus died for us and the Holy Spirit is with us to help us in everything we do.

Say the Pledge to The Salvation Army flag:

**"I pledge allegiance to the flag of
The Salvation Army,**

And to the principles for which it stands;

**One Savior uniting all mankind in
service and in love."**



CRAFTS

MAKE A SALVATION ARMY FLAG

SUPPLIES:

- Red and blue construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- *Salvation Army Star* template from *Leaders' Resource Pages*
- Plastic straws
- Stapler

Before meeting cut pieces of blue construction paper (9"x 12") in half to make pieces that are 9"x 6". Also cut pieces of red construction paper (9"x 12") in four pieces that are each 4½"x 3".

Each Moonbeam needs one blue piece and one red piece. Print stars from the template and cut apart—one star per child.

Lead the Moonbeams through these steps:

1. Using a Salvation Army flag as a guide, glue a piece of the red paper onto a piece of blue paper.
2. Glue a star to the center of the red paper. Staple a plastic straw to the left side of the flag to form a flagpole. Practice waving the flag.

TIMBREL PRAISE

SUPPLIES:

- Sturdy paper plates (Use Chinet® or other heavy paper plate)
- Hole punch
- Pipe cleaners
- Jingle bells
- 24" lengths of yellow, red and blue ribbon (Need one of each color for each timbrel)

In The Salvation Army, timbrels are often used to praise God.



Guide the Moonbeams through these steps to make timbrels from paper plates:

1. Punch holes around the rim. Attach jingle bells at each hole using pipe cleaners. Tie 24" lengths of red, yellow and blue ribbons to the timbrel.
2. Arrange for the Moonbeams to play the timbrels during a divine service, court of awards or family meeting.

For directions to make additional instruments, check one of the following websites:

www.atozkidsstuff.com/musicpre.html

www.familycorner.com/family/kids/crafts/9_musical_instrments.shtml

SALVATION ARMY MOBILE

SUPPLIES:

- *Salvation Army Mobile* template from *Leaders' Resource Pages*
- String or yarn

- Hanger (one per Moonbeam)
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Glue or tape

Before meeting print the pieces onto paper or cardstock, one set for each Moonbeam. Cut pieces apart.

Have Moonbeams fold each piece along the dotted lines and glue or tape together.

Punch hole where indicated. Using the string or the yarn, tie each piece to the hanger. Use varying lengths of the string or yarn so that the pieces hang at different lengths from the hanger, making the mobile.

SONGS & RHYMES

I LOVE THE DEAR OLD ARMY FLAG

Lead the Moonbeams in signing “I Love the Dear Old Army Flag” from *The Song Book of The Salvation Army*, Chorus #230.

JESUS LOVES ME

Lead the Moonbeams in signing “Jesus Loves Me” and add the following verse:

Jesus loves me when I’m good,

And I do the things I should.

Jesus loves me when I’m bad,

But it makes Him very sad.

Yes Jesus loves me (x3)

The Bible tells me so.

WILLIAM BOOTH STARTED A CHURCH

(To the tune of “Bingo”)

William Booth started a church,

To be the hands of Jesus,

J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S

To be the hands of Jesus.

GAMES

LONDON BRIDGE

To help children remember The Salvation Army started in London, play the game “London Bridge is Falling Down.”

If unfamiliar with the words and directions, they can be found at: www.ehow.com/how_2085902_play-london-bridge-falling-down.html.

SALVATION ARMY DOMINOES

SUPPLIES:

- *Salvation Army Dominoes* game cards from *Leaders’ Resource Pages*
- Scissors

Before class, print *Salvation Army Dominoes* game cards on cardstock. Cut the pieces apart. Be sure to have enough dominoes so that the game can be played by all Moonbeams.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Shuffle dominoes until well mixed.
2. Give each Moonbeam 5 dominoes and have them lay the dominoes face up in front of them.

- Place 1 domino face up in the middle of table and put remaining dominoes in a pile like a deck of cards.
- Have the first Moonbeam lay a matching domino next to the first domino. Make sure the matching symbols are always touching.
- If a Moonbeam doesn't have a domino that corresponds to the ones on the table, have them draw from the pile.
- Play passes to next Moonbeam if there are no more left in the pile.
- The first Moonbeam to run out of dominoes, wins.

SALVATION ARMY MAKING MELODIES TIC-TAC-TOE

SUPPLIES:

- Salvation Army Making Melodies Tic-Tac-Toe* template from *Leaders' Resource Pages*
- Scissors

Before class print the *Salvation Army Making Melodies Tic-Tac-Toe* template on cardstock. Cut the squares apart and place in a baggie.

Have Moonbeams play the game in pairs, providing each pair with a *Tic-Tac-Toe* sheet and baggie of markers.

SNACKS ✱

SUPPLIES:

- The Salvation Army Doughnut Girls Story* from *Leaders' Resource Pages*

Tell the Moonbeams about The Salvation Army Doughnut Girls. Make doughnuts or visit a doughnut shop to watch them being made.

THE ORIGINAL SALVATION ARMY DOUGHNUT RECIPE

(From The Salvation Army International Heritage Centre in London, England)

INGREDIENTS:

- 5 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 5 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 salt spoon of salt (Note: about ¼ tsp.)
- 2 eggs
- 1 ¾ cups milk
- 1 Tablespoon lard (shortening)
- Large pot
- Slotted spoon
- Rolling pin
- Oil
- Cooling rack
- Drinking glass
- Soda bottle top

DIRECTIONS:

- Put the ingredients together in a bowl.
- Mix well until dough forms.
- Place dough on floured surface and knead well.
- Roll out until a little less than a quarter of an inch thick.
- Use the top of a drinking glass to cut into circles.

6. Use the top of the soda bottle to cut hole in the middle of each circle.
7. Very carefully, drop the rings into oil that's hot enough to brown the doughnut slowly. The oil should be hot enough to bubble when the doughnut is dropped in. Using a slotted spoon, turn the doughnuts several times so that they'll brown evenly. Lift them out, holding them over the pot a moment to let the extra oil drop off.
8. Place doughnuts on cooling racks or paper towels. Dust them with powdered sugar while hot. Yields about four dozen doughnuts.

QUICK AND EASY DOUGHNUTS

INGREDIENTS:

- Tube of canned biscuits
- Soda bottle top
- Cooking oil
- Sugar, cinnamon, powdered sugar, etc.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Have the Moonbeams punch a hole in the middle of each biscuit using a clean top from a soda bottle.
2. Fry the doughnut in oil. Remove carefully and place on a paper towel to drain.
3. Have the Moonbeams sprinkle the top of the doughnuts with a cinnamon-sugar mixture or powdered sugar.

BIBLE LESSON

Read the story of the "Widow's Mite" (Luke 21:1-4) from a children's Bible or Bible storybook.



In the story rich people gave a lot of money to the church. But, even if they emptied their piggy banks, the rich still had enough to buy food and pay bills. But the poor woman (widow) gave God her last coin. After that she had to depend on God to care for her and give her supper.

Discuss who the Moonbeams think gave the most to God. Why?

Ask: **What are some ways we can give to Jesus, even if we have no money?** (Pray, sing, help others, clean the corps, welcome new people)

RESOURCES

WEBSITES

To find activities, craft ideas and games to use with this emblem, check out: <http://pinterest.com/samoonbeams/salvation-army/>.

