

# Standing Firm Under Fire

## LESSON 1: God's Army: Early Persecution

This lesson will help junior soldiers understand the sacrifices made by early Salvationists to spread God's Word. They'll learn about the culture into which the Army was born.

## LESSON 2: God's Army: A Growing Army

This lesson will teach junior soldiers about the beginning of The Salvation Army in South Africa, Japan, and Brazil. They'll understand that men and women made sacrifices to make The Salvation Army an international Army.

## LESSON 3: God's Army: A Modern Army

This lesson will help junior soldiers understand what The Salvation Army is doing around the world in service to humankind. They'll realize the impact of their prayers and support on the global work of The Salvation Army.

## LESSON 4: God's Army: I'll Do My Part

This lesson will help junior soldiers understand their part in sharing Jesus with others through their actions and prayer support.

## UNIT BIBLE TRUTH:

God gives His children the strength they need in times of trouble.

## UNIT BIBLE TRUTH SCRIPTURE:

"Lord, you will give perfect peace to anyone who commits himself to be faithful to you. That's because he trusts in you." Isaiah 26:3 (NIRV)

## UNIT 2



### UNIT AIM:

This unit will explore the faith and faithfulness of believers who have paved the way for The Salvation Army of today. Junior soldiers will learn how early Salvationists remained faithful even in the face of opposition and persecution. They'll find strength and encouragement to remain faithful witnesses for Jesus.

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## SALVATION ARMY CONNECTION

Since its inception thousands of years ago the Church has faced times of great persecution, opposition, trials, and tribulation; but Christians didn't give up. They remained firm in their faith in God and continued to follow His commands.

The Salvation Army is a part of the Christian Church. Over the years, The Salvation Army has faced times of persecution, opposition, change, and trials. Salvationists have always stood firm in their faith and continue to follow God's commands and the mission of The Salvation Army.

It's important to share with your junior soldiers stories of movements, men, and women who have remained faithful in times of trial. Sometimes as Christians it feels like we've done something wrong if we experience hardship or opposition, when, in reality, times of trial help strengthen our faith.

Even today The Salvation Army, its officers, and lay people feel opposition in their work. Roadblocks develop left and right to hinder the work of God, but The Salvation Army stands strong and continues to share God's love with the world.

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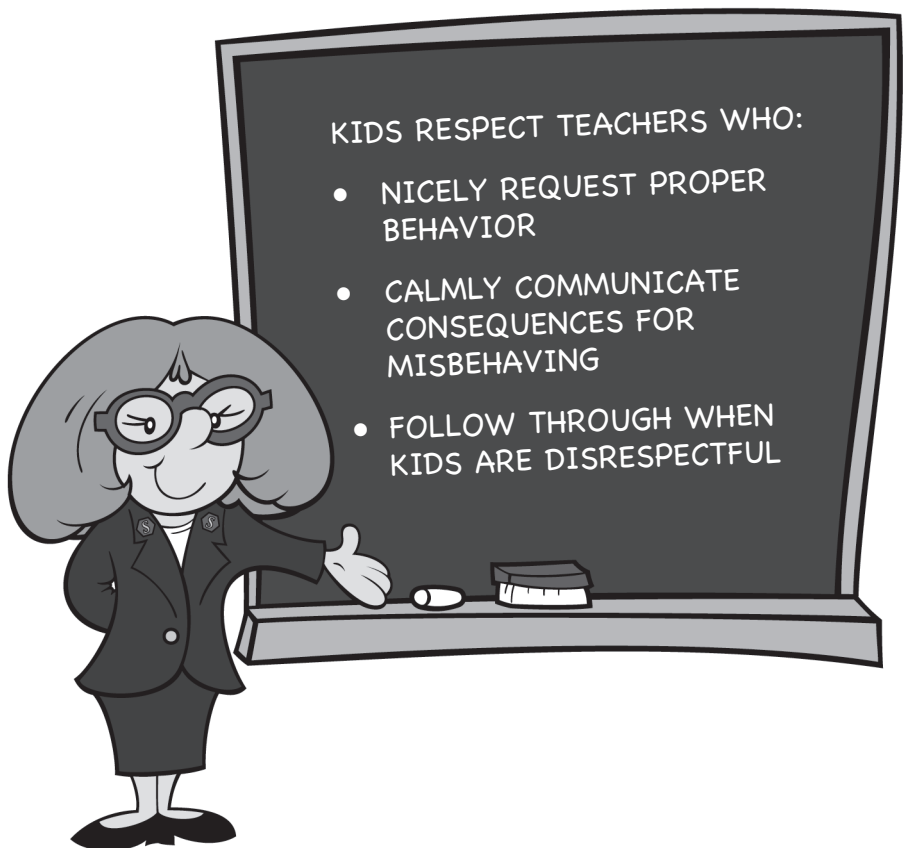
This unit will help your junior soldiers understand the different forms of opposition that hinder the work of The Salvation Army. It's important for junior soldiers to understand that hardships and opposition aren't things that are only inflicted on The Salvation Army by outsiders. Many people experience personal hardships, and The Salvation Army is there to help.

The first lesson of this unit will help junior soldiers understand the great persecution and opposition The Salvation Army faced in its early years. They'll learn about The Skeleton Army, a band of people devoted to hurting The Salvation Army, and about the first Army martyr, Susannah Beaty. The second lesson will focus on the challenges Salvationists felt when they arrived in foreign lands. The opposition wasn't always as obvious as that of The Skeleton Army, but still presented difficulties for the Salvationists.

Lesson three turns the focus from the hardships of The Salvation Army to the hardships of the people the Army serves. This lesson focuses on what The Salvation Army is doing today to help people who've been affected by war, natural disasters, and drug and alcohol addictions.

The final lesson of this unit will help junior soldiers understand that they aren't too young to be witnesses for Jesus. This lesson focuses on a special junior soldier who professed his love for Jesus to everyone he met. Prior to his promotion to Glory, Josh Olson touched the lives of countless people through his personal witness, prayers, and love.

## [TEACHING TIPS]



## CONTINUING EDUCATION CONNECTION

# DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS IN CHILDREN

We'll continue to explore briefly the needs of junior soldier age children using information from the Search Institute® Developmental Assets® that identify building blocks necessary for successful development. These Assets identify positive qualities that influence development, and help youth become caring, responsible, and productive adults.

## INTERNAL ASSETS—POSITIVE VALUES

## Grades 1-4

This category of Internal Assets include Caring, Integrity and Honesty. For this age group the parents are the primary ones to help the children grow in empathy, understanding and helping others. The parents are also key in helping the children develop their own sense of right and wrong behavior. And, in the asset of Honesty, the parents help their children learn to recognize the truth and to be truthful.

## Grades 5 and 6

Parental involvement in these areas (Caring, Integrity and Honesty) becomes stronger in this age category and the parents teach the children by telling them it's important to help others, to stand up for their beliefs and to be truthful.

## TEACHER CONNECTION

Brainstorm ways you can help encourage and teach your junior soldiers about Caring, Integrity and Honesty?

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