

[HOMEPAGE]

For families of junior soldiers

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC: **God's Army: I'll Do My Part**

MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians
16:13-14 (NIV)

"Be on your guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be brave. Be strong. Be loving in everything you do."

The memory verse for the week is included on each HOMEPAGE. Help your child review it during the week.

PARENT POINT:

Talk to your child about what it means to share Jesus with others. Talk about ways you can share Jesus together.



THIS WEEK THE junior soldiers completed the unit "Standing Firm Under Fire." Over the last few weeks they learned about the persecution and martyrs of the early Salvation Army, the hardship faced by The Salvation Army as it expanded globally, and how The Salvation Army helps people in times of personal tragedy and difficulty. Today the children learned about being a witness for Jesus even when times are tough.

The junior soldiers learned about Joshua Olson, an extraordinary boy who died at the age of 12. Born with an incurable disease called Pseudo-Obstruction Syndrome, Josh defied medical precedents when he lived to be 12 years old; no one affected with this disease had lived past the age of six.

Even though Josh required constant medical attention, he lived a full life. He went fishing, camping, and hunting with his family. He had a dog named Bodo. Josh loved to play roller hockey, watch sports, play Nintendo, and play in the youth band at his corps. When Josh was seven years old, he was enrolled as a junior soldier.

In Josh's short life, he touched many people, and helped lead many people to a deeper relationship with God. He has been described as having a spiritual maturity at the age of 12 that most adults would love to have. He loved to tell others about Jesus. His grandmother said, "He had a longing for other people—anybody—to know Christ." Josh was promoted to Glory in 1999, but his influence is still felt.

The life of Josh Olson was full of bravery and courage. Not only was Josh strong as he faced his illness, but he was brave to shine as a witness and living testimony of God's love, grace, and care for His children. Not only was Josh an example of God's love and care, he was an example to all Christians of how to be a witness for Jesus.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOME

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