












What Does The General Do?

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LESSON What Does The General Do?	10	1-6		 B-F	
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REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITY (Choose One Option)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPTION 1 The General's Look	5	1-6			old issues of Army publications
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INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOME

This lesson will help junior soldiers learn what the general of The Salvation Army does. They'll learn about the day-to-day activities and responsibilities of the present General, André Cox.

YOU ARE HERE!



Place the timeline marker on **2013** on the **Salvation Army** timeline.

*In addition to materials listed in this chart, you need Basic Classroom Supplies.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE LEADER

UNIT AIM:

This unit will help junior soldiers understand the role of the international leader of The Salvation Army, the General. They'll learn about the selection and appointment process of the General by learning about the High Council. Junior soldiers will learn about the ministry of the General while learning about past and present Generals.

THE GENERAL OF The Salvation Army has such a varied schedule that no two days are alike. Much of the General's time is spent traveling and visiting Army centers around the world. While traveling, the General offers support to local leaders, brings encouragement to officers and soldiers, develops relationships with government leaders, and preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ. The General participates in the commissioning of officers, enrollment of soldiers, dedications of facilities, and large Salvationist gatherings such as congresses. When the General travels to a territory, he wears the uniform of that territory. The General has Salvation Army uniforms from all over the world.

When the General isn't traveling, he works from International Headquarters in London, England. While at IHQ, the General meets with the Chief of the Staff and other Army leaders to discuss issues of importance. The General may meet with members of the press, give a lecture at the International College for Officers, or meet with his advisory council. The Consultative Council is composed of all officers who qualify to attend a High Council. They advise the General on matters relating to Salvation Army mission and policy.

It's the General's responsibility to appoint or approve officers to serve as territorial commanders; editors; training principals; and secretaries for personnel, program, and business.



The current General is André Cox. André Cox married Silvia in 1976 and they were commissioned as Salvation Army officers in 1979. They spent the early years of their ministry as corps officers in Switzerland. In 2005, Cox was appointed as the territorial commander of The Salvation Army's work in Finland and Estonia. He and his wife spent four years as leaders of The Salvation Army's Southern Africa Territory, which included work in the countries of South Africa, Lesotho, Namibia, the Islands of St. Helena and Swaziland. They then served for 6 months as the territorial leaders of the United Kingdom with Ireland Territory.

When General Linda Bond unexpectedly retired, Cox became Acting General of The Salvation Army. The High Council of The Salvation Army met and, on August 3, 2013, André Cox was elected General of The Salvation Army.



OPENING ACTIVITY

A Day In My Life

Before class, make copies of  A. Give each junior soldier a copy of  A. Instruct junior soldiers to write down their daily schedule on the “day planner.” Allow junior soldiers to share the events listed in their “day planner.”

LESSON

What Does The General Do?

Say: **Raise your hand if you know what the word “itinerary” means.** (Allow response.) **An itinerary is a list of things a person plans to do during the day. It’s the same thing as a schedule. What are some things that you put on your schedule each day?** (Allow response.)

Just as you have many things to do each day, the General of The Salvation Army has many things to do each day. Because you go to school, you spend most of your days doing the same thing—going to school. For the General, every day is different. The General spends a lot of time traveling around the world visiting different countries where The Salvation Army is working.

The General wears many different uniforms. Whatever country the General is visiting, he wears the uniform of that country. What does the uniform look like in the United States? (Allow response.)

When in the United States, the General wears the same dark blue uniform that we wear. In places where the weather is usually warm like Africa or the Caribbean, the uniforms are made of white, tan or gray fabric that is lightweight. When the General visits the Caribbean, a white uniform is worn. In India, the Salvation Army uniform is unique. The women wear saris, and sometimes the men wear loose fitting outfits that almost look like pajamas. When the General visits these countries, that’s the uniform worn.

Show junior soldiers  B.


When the General visits, people become excited! They want to show the General all the things they’re doing to spread the message about Jesus Christ, and to help people in need. Sometimes the General will meet with the leaders of the government in the country he’s visiting. When the General meets with government leaders, they discuss how The Salvation Army can help meet the needs of the people in that country.

Show junior soldiers  C.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

-  A
- pens/pencils

MATERIALS NEEDED:

-  B-F
- scissors
- glue



When traveling to different countries, the General does more than just dedicate corps, school, hospitals and other facilities. The General preaches God's Word to all people. Speeches are given to inspire Salvationists around the world to spread God's love to others. Preaching the gospel is the most important part of being the General.

The General is also deeply concerned with issues that affect the whole world. The General addressed a Commission that was in England to study moral and ethical issues. The Commission discussed topics such as world poverty, healthcare for every child in the world, and the rights of all children.


Show junior soldiers  D.

Being the General is an awesome responsibility. It requires a lot of work and travel. The men and women who serve The Salvation Army as General are very special. They're true servants of God. It's important that we offer our support to the General through prayer. Let's pray for the General and the work that he's doing to help make The Salvation Army and the world a better place.

Instruct junior soldiers to cut out General Cox's picture and glue it to  E.




MATERIALS NEEDED:

-  G-I
- wide ribbon
- scissors
- glue
- markers/crayons
- rings or hooks

MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 28:7a (NirV)

"The Lord gives me strength. He is like a shield that keeps me safe. My heart trusts in him, and he helps me."

Before class, make copies of  G-I for each junior soldier. Instruct junior soldiers to cut out and decorate each of the five objects. Encourage junior soldiers to write the memory verse on the objects as follows:

"The Lord is my strength.	Barbell
He is like a shield that keeps me safe.	Shield
My heart trusts in him,	Heart
and he helps me."	Cross
Psalm 28:7a (NirV)	Bible



LESSON 3

Instruct junior soldiers to glue or staple the objects onto a piece of wide ribbon at least 24 inches long. Attach the top of the banner to a ring or hook.

Encourage junior soldiers to hang their banner at home, and review the verse during the week.



TIME SAVING TIP:

If you usually run short on time, cut out the objects ahead of time. Place the materials for each project in a bag. Give each junior soldier a bag containing the pre-cut items.

REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OPTION)

The General's Look (Option 1)

Ask your corps officer for old issues of *All the World*, *The War Cry*, or other Army publications. Allow junior soldiers to locate pictures of the Generals wearing different uniforms. Cut them out, and make a collage. Display the collage in your classroom.

Letter To The General (Option 2)

Before class, make copies of  J.

Say: **Being the General of The Salvation Army is a difficult job. The General must accomplish many things each day. The General works hard to keep The Salvation Army moving in the right direction. Let's write letters to the General to let him know he's doing a good job.**

Be sure to follow up by mailing the letters to International Headquarters.

TEACHER OPTION:

If you have a brigade of mostly younger junior soldiers, or you don't have time for each child to write their own letter, write one letter as a brigade. Encourage all junior soldiers to participate in composing the letter.



MATERIALS NEEDED:

- old issues of Army publications
- scissors
- glue
- poster board



MATERIALS NEEDED:

-  J
- pens/pencils



**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

- poster board
- markers/crayons

General Posters (option 3)

Distribute poster board and craft supplies. Divide junior soldiers into small groups. Encourage junior soldiers to make posters of "A Day in the Life of the General." Display the posters in the corps building to remind all members of the corps what the General does.

WORSHIP PROGRAM

CHORUS: Song #82: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
(Track #32, *Great Big Praise* CD 2)

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 28:6-7 (NirV)

CHORUS: Song #79: "God Answers Prayer"
(Track #29, *Great Big Praise* CD 2)

DEVOTIONAL

Prayer Support

Say: **Being the General of The Salvation Army isn't an easy job. It's a big responsibility to be the General. It's important that we support the General. What are some ways we can support the General? (Allow response.) The most important way we can support the General is to pray for him.**

Let's pray for General André Cox. We can pray for his safe travel. We can pray that God will help him make good choices. How else can we pray for General Cox? (Allow response.)

Ask several junior soldiers to offer prayers for General Cox, then offer a closing prayer.

PRAYER



Remember to fill out
the *What Do You Think
Evaluation* on page 219.

