












# Who Were The Generals?—Part 1

ACTIVITY	MINUTES	GRADE LEVEL	FOCUS	PITstops	*OTHER SUPPLIES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPENING ACTIVITY What You Can Do	5	1–6			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LESSON Who Were The Generals?—Part 1	10	1–6	 	 A-D	song books
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REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITY (Choose One Option)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPTION 1 What Would People Say...	5	1–6			
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With Courage	5	1–2			
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Who Is Courageous?	5	5–6			
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iSPEAK	5	3–4			
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## INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOME

This lesson will provide junior soldiers with the basic biographical information on the first eight Generals elected by the High Council. They’ll learn about the contributions made by these men and women not only to The Salvation Army, but also to the world at-large.

## YOU ARE HERE!



Place the timeline marker on **1929** 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 NEXT TWO LESSONS** are an overview of the Generals who were elected by the High Council. The lesson activities for lessons two and three are connected. It's important to complete both parts.

### General Edward John Higgins – 3rd General

Edward Higgins grew up in England. He became a Christian when he was 14 years old. His father joined The Salvation Army and later Edward became interested in serving God as a Salvation Army officer. Edward Higgins was Chief of the Staff to General Bramwell Booth, the second General.

When Bramwell became ill, Edward Higgins took over the work of The Salvation Army. At the time of his election, General Higgins outlined three things that needed to be accomplished for the good of The Salvation Army: a High Council must be set up with guidelines that would be used to elect future Generals; a retirement age must be set for Generals; and a trustee company needed to be set up so that all the properties owned by The Salvation Army would no longer be in the General's name. The Salvation Army Act of 1931, passed by the British Parliament, put these ideas into action.

Even though General Higgins had to handle the business side of The Salvation Army, he knew that his main purpose was to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. His motto was, "LET YOUR RELIGION BE RED HOT!"

Edward Higgins served as General for five years. He was a leader who was aware of the needs of people and of the services that The Salvation Army could offer them.

### General Evangeline Cory Booth – 4th General

Evangeline Booth was born on Christmas day to William and Catherine Booth. Her father called her "God's Christmas gift." Evangeline was a bright child, sensitive to spiritual things at an early age.

Evangeline, along with her brothers and sisters, would imitate their parents' work in their play. They'd line up dolls and stuffed animals and hold open air meetings. At the age of 10, Evangeline preached to her dolls about God's love. To her this was an important message that everyone should hear.

She was a gifted public speaker, and won many converts to the Lord through her tender, simple messages. Every word in her sermons was well-chosen and clear. Not only was she a talented speaker, she was also a talented musician.



Evangeline played the harp, and wrote many songs. One song she wrote, “The World for God,” became the motto for her life.

At the beginning of World War I, Evangeline felt that The Salvation Army needed to do something to help. When the United States entered the war in 1917, Salvationists started serving beside enlisted men, serving food and providing first aid. Because of her leadership and the faithfulness of the officers and soldiers in her command, The Salvation Army earned the confidence and respect of people from all walks of life.

Evangeline Booth directed The Salvation Army not just to preach the gospel, but also to live the gospel. The first woman elected as General, Evangeline Booth held the position for five years.

### **General George Carpenter – 5th General**

When George Carpenter was a young boy in Australia, he was the leader of a gang of boys who were always getting into trouble. One evening he ducked into a church to avoid being caught for throwing a firecracker under a horse and buggy. Much to his surprise, the Lord spoke to his heart and he gave his life to Jesus. He became a committed Christian. His life changed drastically; his friends no longer included him in their activities, calling him “God’s man.”

In 1939, George Carpenter was elected the fifth General. His term in office wasn’t the same as other Generals because he served during World War II. Because of the war, he was unable to travel outside of Great Britain.

Even though he was scheduled to retire in 1945, he had to serve another year because the war prevented the High Council from meeting until 1946. When the war ended, General Carpenter went on inspection trips to many countries to observe the effect of the war, and to see how The Salvation Army was serving. He retired from active service in 1946.

### **General Albert Orsborn – 6th General**

The British Broadcasting Company gave General Orsborn the title “The Poet General” because he loved to write poems and songs. Many of his songs appear in our song book.

Albert Orsborn was the son of Salvation Army officers in England. At the first corps cadet camp held in England, Albert Orsborn dedicated his life to full-time ministry as a Salvation Army officer. When he went to the training college, his principal challenged him to dedicate his writing abilities to God. Albert made this promise, “I have not much to give Thee, Lord, but all I have is thine.”

Throughout his life, he loved poetry and developed his skills in composing song lyrics. As General, he managed many responsibilities, but maintained time to write songs to draw him close to God. Thirty-six of his songs are printed in The Salvation Army song book.



### General Wilfred Kitching – 7th General

Wilfred Kitching grew up in England. At the age of nine, he accepted Jesus as his Savior during Sunday school.

Music always fascinated Wilfred Kitching. He learned to play an instrument and joined the youth band. When he was 16, he became deputy bandmaster, and spent much of his time composing music. He contributed to both vocal and brass music in The Salvation Army.

During his time as General, Wilfred Kitching visited every territory in The Salvation Army except Burma. He was General when the International Headquarters building was dedicated to the service of God. His term as General was extended just long enough for him to be included in this important occasion.

General Kitching was a marvelous storyteller. He could keep the attention of his audiences for long periods. He did many down-to-earth things such as stopping his car to offer rides to Salvationists walking along the road. He considered it a special privilege to be the General; he was a very humble man. He's the author of two books, *Soldier of Salvation* (1963), and *A Goodly Heritage* (autobiography) (1967).

### General Frederick Coutts – 8th General

General Frederick Coutts was the son of Scottish Salvation Army officers. He became an officer at the age of 20. During the first 10 years of his officership, Frederick Coutts fine-tuned his gift for writing. In 1935, he was appointed to the literary department at International Headquarters where he served God for 18 years. During that time, he wrote the Sunday school curriculum used throughout the world in Salvation Army corps.

In 1963, Frederick Coutts was elected by the High Council to serve as the eighth General. He served as General until his retirement in 1969. During his retirement, General Coutts continued to feed his mind through studying and writing. He wrote many books including *The Call to Holiness* (1957), *Essentials of Christian Experience* (1969), *The Better Fight* (1973), *No Discharge in this War* (1975), *No Continuing City* (1976), *Bread for my Neighbour* (1978), and *The Splendour of Holiness* (1983). Before his promotion to Glory in 1986, he delivered the final pages of his manuscript for the seventh volume of the official history of The Salvation Army to International Headquarters.

### General Erik Wickberg – 9th General

Erik Wickberg was born and raised in Switzerland. Growing up he learned several languages, including English, Swedish, and German. As a Salvation Army officer, he served in Scotland, Germany, and Sweden. He was the first General elected who was from a non-English speaking country.



General Wickberg was a very organized man. As General, he used his organizational skills to serve God. When he retired in 1974, he returned to Sweden. He's the author of two books *God's Conscript* (1978) and *The Charge—My Way to Preaching* (1990). General Wickberg was promoted to Glory on April 26, 1996.

### General Clarence Wiseman – 10th General

General Wiseman was the first North American (Canadian) elected as General. He was a good corps officer who showed a sincere understanding of, and compassion for, the people in his care.

During World War II he was a chaplain with the Canadian forces and had a tremendous influence on the lives of the service members. Eventually he directed the Canadian Salvation Army's welfare services.

When he became General in 1974, his main concern was evangelism. He was a man of warm personality and set a good example of what a Christian should be. Because of his genuine concern for souls all over the world, General Wiseman is remembered as the "Missionary General."

During his officership, Clarence Wiseman served in Canada, East Africa, and the United Kingdom. He is the author of two books, *A Burning in My Bones* (1980) and *The Desert Road to Glory* (1980). General Wiseman was promoted to Glory on May 4, 1985.

### OPENING ACTIVITY

## What You Can Do


Say: **Raise your hand if you do chores at home.** (Allow response.) **What types of chores do you do?** (Allow response.) **Does your mom or dad ask you to fix the furnace or to replace a broken window?** (Allow response.) **No, your parents know what you can do, and they know what you can't do. They don't expect you to do something that's impossible for you to do.**

**Have you ever been asked to do something that, at first, you thought was impossible, but then you found out that you could do it?** (Allow response.) **How did you feel when you were able to do it?** (Allow response.)







## MATERIALS NEEDED:

-  A-D
- scissors
- glue
- pens or pencils
- song books


## Who Were The Generals?—Part 1

Before class, make copies of  A-D for each junior soldier. Encourage junior soldiers to write information about the third through tenth Generals on the “notepads.” Gather enough red song books for junior soldiers to share.

Say: **Last week we talked about the first two Generals of The Salvation Army. Raise your hand if you can tell me their names.** (Allow response.) **William Booth and Bramwell Booth were the first two Generals of The Salvation Army. They were the only two Generals not to be elected by the High Council. Today we’re going to talk about the next eight Generals who were elected by the High Council. Being the General is a big job with a lot of responsibility. I’m sure there were times when they wondered if they were able to do all the work, but with God’s help, The Salvation Army grew and they shared God’s love with people all over the world.**

Ask the Junior General selected last week to handout copies of  A-D to each junior soldier. As each General is discussed, encourage junior soldiers to write important information on the “notepads,” and cut out and glue the appropriate pictures to each “frame.”

Say: **The first General to be elected to office was General Edward John Higgins. Edward Higgins was born in England. He became a Christian when he was 14 years old. Edward Higgins was Chief of the Staff to General Bramwell Booth, the second General of The Salvation Army. When Bramwell became ill, Edward Higgins took over the work of The Salvation Army. Even though General Higgins had to handle the business side of The Salvation Army, he knew that his main purpose was to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. His motto was, “LET YOUR RELIGION BE RED HOT!” He served as General from 1929 until 1934.**

Instruct junior soldiers to cut out the picture of General Higgins, and glue it to  A. Move the timeline marker to 1934 on the Salvation Army timeline.

Say: **The first woman to serve as General was Evangeline Cory Booth. She was born on Christmas day to William and Catherine Booth. Her father called her “God’s Christmas gift.”**

**She was a gifted public speaker and a talented musician. Evangeline played the harp and wrote many songs. One song she wrote, “The World for God,” became the motto for her life. She led the work of the Doughnut Girls during World War I. She served as General from 1934 until 1939.**




## LESSON 2

Instruct junior soldiers to cut out the picture of General Evangeline Booth, and glue it to  A. Move the timeline marker to 1939 on the Salvation Army timeline.

Say: **In 1939, George Carpenter was elected as the fifth General. He was the first General who wasn't born in England. When George Carpenter was a boy in Australia, he was the leader of a gang of boys who were always getting into trouble. One evening he ducked into a church to avoid being caught for throwing a firecracker under a horse and buggy. While in the church, he asked Jesus into his heart. His life changed so much because of Jesus that his friends no longer included him in their activities, calling him "God's man."**


**His term in office wasn't the same as other Generals because he served during World War II. Because of the war, he was unable to travel outside of Great Britain. He was supposed to retire in 1945, but because of the war, the High Council couldn't meet until 1946 to elect the next General. He served as General from 1939 until 1946.**

Instruct junior soldiers to cut out the picture of General Carpenter, and glue it to  B. Move the timeline marker to 1946 on the Salvation Army timeline.

Say: **The sixth General of The Salvation Army was Albert Orsborn. The British Broadcasting Company called General Orsborn "The Poet General" because he loved to write poems and songs. Many of his songs appear in our song book.**

Instruct junior soldiers to turn to song #724 in the song book. Read the first verse and the chorus.

Say: **As General, he managed many responsibilities, but he still found time to write songs. Thirty-six of his songs are printed in The Salvation Army song book. He served as General from 1946 until 1954.**

Instruct junior soldiers to cut out the picture of General Orsborn, and glue it to  B. Move the timeline marker to 1954 on the Salvation Army timeline.


Say: **General Wilfred Kitching was elected as the seventh General in 1954. Wilfred Kitching grew up in England. At the age of nine, he accepted Jesus as his Savior during Sunday school.**

**He learned to play an instrument and joined the youth band. When he was 16, he became the assistant bandmaster, and spent much of his time writing music. He's written many songs for both singing groups and brass bands. General Kitching was also a storyteller. He's the author of two books, *Soldier of Salvation* and *A Goodly Heritage*.**

**During his time as General, Wilfred Kitching visited every Salvation Army territory except Burma. He served as General from 1954 until 1963.**






Instruct junior soldiers to cut out the picture of General Kitching, and glue it to  C. Move the timeline marker to 1963 on the Salvation Army timeline.


Say: **The eighth General of The Salvation Army was Frederick Coutts. Frederick Coutts was the son of Scottish Salvation Army officers. He became an officer at the age of 20. In 1935, he moved to International Headquarters where he served God by being a writer. He wrote the Sunday school curriculum used throughout the world in Salvation Army corps.**

**He wrote many books about living as a Christian, and about The Salvation Army. He served as General from 1963 until 1969.**

Instruct junior soldiers to cut out the picture of General Coutts, and glue it to  C.


Say: **Erik Wickberg was born and raised in Switzerland. Growing up he learned several languages, including English, Swedish, and German. As a Salvation Army officer, he served in Scotland, Germany, and Sweden. He was the first General elected who was from a non-English speaking country.**

**General Wickberg served as the ninth General of The Salvation Army from 1969–1974. He is the author of two books, *God's Conscript* (1978) and *The Charge—My Way to Preaching* (1990). General Wickberg was promoted to Glory on April 26, 1996.**

Instruct junior soldiers to cut out the picture of General Wickberg, and glue it to  B. Move the timeline marker to 1977 on the Salvation Army timeline.

Say: **General Wiseman was the first general to come from North America; he was Canadian. When he became general in 1974, he wanted all Salvationists to tell others about God's love. He was a good example of what a Christian should be. General Wiseman is remembered as the "Missionary General."**

**He is the author of two books, *A Burning in My Bones* (1980) and *The Desert Road to Glory* (1980). He served as general from 1974 until 1977. General Wiseman was Promoted to Glory on May 4, 1985.**

Instruct junior soldiers to cut out the picture of General Wiseman, and glue it to  B. Move the timeline marker to 1977 on the Salvation Army timeline.





## LESSON 2



Say: **Each of these people served God by leading The Salvation Army. Being General is a big job, but God knew, with His help, these people could meet the challenges and work hard for The Salvation Army.**




### TEACHER TIPS:

Be ready to explain who the Doughnut Girls were. Especially since these junior soldiers have grown up knowing about the War in Iraq—this piece of information could have a lot of power for them. Doughnut Girls were studied during Training Junior Soldiers Volume 1, Unit 2.

### MEMORY VERSE

**Joshua 1:9b (NIV)**  

*"Be strong and brave. Do not be terrified. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go."*

Before class, make two copies of  E. Cut the words apart and place each word in a balloon. Choose two different colors, place one set in each color. Inflate the balloons.


Say: **Each of these men and women served God by leading The Salvation Army. Being General is a big job, but God knew that these people could meet the challenges and work hard for The Salvation Army.**

### BE AWARE!

If you have a physically disabled junior soldier who can't participate in the action of this activity, assign that child to give the signal for team members to begin. That child can also serve as an observer to make sure that each team completes the game properly. Also consider having earplugs for children afraid of loud noises.



### MATERIALS NEEDED:

-  E
- balloons
- two chairs



The portion of the memory verse printed in *italics* is the portion of the verse for younger junior soldiers to memorize.



## REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OPTION)

# What Would People Say... (Option 1)

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

- paper
- pens or pencils

Give each junior soldier a piece of paper and a pen or pencil.

Say: **We've been learning about the Generals of The Salvation Army. Today we learned about Generals who liked to write poems and books. We also learned about Generals who liked to compose music. If you were to become General, what would people say about you? What kind of General would you be? Write it on your paper.**

When junior soldiers have finished, if time allows, read a few of their responses aloud to the entire brigade.


## TEACHER OPTION:



If you have older junior soldiers, allow them to interview a partner, then write about that person instead of himself or herself.





# Mock High Council (Option 2)

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

-  F-G
- box/bag
- pens/pencils

Before class, make copies of  F. Also, make a copy of  G and color the junior general badge. Place a box or bag on the table to be the ballot box.

Say: **Today we're going to elect a Junior General. The person we elect as Junior General will be my helper next week in class. We'll elect our Junior General the same way the High Council elects the General of The Salvation Army.**

Open in prayer. Then, allow the nomination of three junior soldiers. Ask each nominee to state why they'd make a good Junior General. Give each junior soldier a ballot (from  F) to write their selection on. Tally the votes, and announce the Junior General. Give Junior General a copy of the badge from  G.



## WORSHIP PROGRAM

**CHORUS:** Song #73: "A Tender Heart"  
(Track #23, *Great Big Praise* CD 2)

**SCRIPTURE:** Joshua 1:1-9 (NirV)

**CHORUS:** Song #75: "Make Me a Servant"  
(Track #25, *Great Big Praise* CD 2)

### DEVOTIONAL

## "I want YOU!"

Say: **Raise your hand if you've seen the old poster for the United States Army with Uncle Sam pointing and saying, "I want YOU!"** (Allow response.) The poster was bright, colorful, and made you want to say, "Okay, sign me up!"

In the Old Testament, we read about Joshua. God said to Joshua, "I want YOU!" His job was to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. God gave Joshua a list of qualities that He wanted Joshua to show.

Read Joshua 1:1-9 (NirV).

Say: **God wanted a lot from Joshua, but He knew that Joshua could handle the responsibility. God promised to be with Joshua as he did what God wanted him to do.**

God sometimes asks a lot of us, more than we can do on our own. His Holy Spirit is always with us, helping us to make good choices, and to do what God wants us to do.

## PRAYER



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

