

[HOMEPAGE]

For families of junior soldiers

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC:

What
Does The
General Do?

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalm 28:7a (NIV)

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

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

PARENT POINT:

Ask your child about what
they would do if elected
General of The Salvation
Army. Pray together for
General André Cox and
his leadership of The
Salvation Army.



TODAY IN JUNIOR SOLDIERS, the children completed the four-week unit on the Generals of The Salvation Army. Today they learned about the various duties of the General. They also learned about several things the current General, General André Cox, has accomplished while he has been in office.

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 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. 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.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOME

This lesson helped the junior soldiers learn what the General of The Salvation Army does. They learned about the day-to-day activities and responsibilities of the present General, André Cox.