



The Salvation Army Today

An Assembly for Secondary Schools



Resources

- Video clip - www.youtube.com/watch?v=HR-2A6PI6lc
- PowerPoint presentation

Aim

To understand what The Salvation Army believes and what it does to serve others today.

Introduction

Introduce yourself to the pupils and welcome them to today's assembly.

Activity

Ask the students if they know anything about The Salvation Army - is there anything they associate with The Salvation Army? Pick a few students to share their ideas. Explain that The Salvation Army has been around for nearly 150 years. Tell the pupils that today our focus is on what The Salvation Army is doing today.

To explore this we are firstly going to have a look at a short video clip. Show the clip.

Ask pupils to name a few things that they saw in the video - how does The Salvation Army try to help people?

Story

Tell the pupils that we do not have enough time to go over everything today but that we will briefly look at some of the ways The Salvation Army tries to support those in need. Go through the slides.



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Challenge

The Salvation Army seeks to meet the needs of those who are suffering by giving practical help and offering support and love. They do this because this is what Jesus taught people to do:

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.

Matthew 25:36 (The Message translation)

It might be that you can think of one thing you can do today that would help someone who is having a tough time.

Take a few minutes to reflect on who the people are in your life and community that you could help.

This could be as simple as letting someone know you are there if they want someone to listen, or it might be helping someone with their shopping who isn't able to get out and about. What could you do today?

Prayer (optional)

Dear Lord,

Thank you that you teach us what love is and how to love and serve others. We pray that this week you would guide us in supporting those who are suffering. Help us to shine your light on dark situations and bring hope and support to those that need it. In Jesus' name.

Amen