

about the Community zone

Overview

The aim of this zone is to discover how The Salvation Army helps people in the community, through one or more of the following activities:

- playing a specially designed board game
- watching a DVD clip of community work around the UK and Ireland
- watching a presentation of your own community work
- using a story bag and objects which illustrate different aspects of community work
- following a picture trail using display boards depicting The Salvation Army's work

Pupils also learn how members of The Salvation Army put their beliefs into action by looking at a Bible passage. They then think about ways they could help their community and show kindness to others at home and at school, by filling in a bookmark (Key Stage 2) or their pupil book (Key Stage 1).

Points to note

- When you are deciding which activities to include in this zone, consider how much time you have, as well as the kinds of activities pupils have been doing in other zones, so they have as much variety as possible.
- There are a number of ways to play the board game, depending on the time available. It is important that the zone leader is completely familiar with the instructions for the game – why not play it a few times at home or with the other zone leaders!?

Setting up the zone

- If you're using the board game you'll just need a space big enough for the A1-size board and the pupils to sit around it. If you're using the display boards with the picture trail you'll need a much larger space.
- Bear in mind that if you use the DVD clip in this zone it may distract pupils in other zones if they are located too close together.

Resources provided

- Community zone A3 sign
- Display stand for A3 sign (blue)
- Community board game
- DVD clip - Community work
- Story bag script (download from USB)
- Matthew 25 A3 card
- Bookmarks for pupils – Key Stage 2 (order from the Resource Hub)
- KS1/2 community zone scripts (download from USB or check the website for the latest version)

You may also need

- Photos, video, PowerPoint (template available) or objects relating to your own community work
- Large bag* and objects for story bag – see script
- Display boards with picture trail cards (loan separately from the Resource Hub)
- TV/DVD player

* also available to loan from the Resource Hub (see 'Resources' section)

Adapting the zone:

- **Make the zone shorter:**
Play a short version of the community game or select some of the shorter activities.
- **Make the zone longer:**
Play a longer version of the community game, and/or add some of the other suggested activities.
- **Whole class session:**
A good way to organise a whole class session on community work is to begin with the DVD clip, followed by a presentation of your own community work or the story bag activity. Then look at the Matthew 25 verses (James 2:14-17 also works well and could inspire a mini skit!) and allow plenty of time for pupils to complete pages 3 and 4 in their pupil book. You could also set up the display boards and picture trail as an extra activity for pupils who work quickly. Finish with the discussion on helping others, using the bookmark or pupil book to write down ideas.

