

# about the international zone

## Overview

This zone takes the form of a speedy trip around the world, visiting (up to) five different countries where The Salvation Army is at work. In each country pupils think about what life is like, discover the difficult situations that people may face, and find out how The Salvation Army is helping. To reinforce and record what pupils have learnt, they complete a section of their passport for each country they visit.

## Points to note

- For Key Stage 1 there are postcards relating to the five different countries, and for Key Stage 2 there are DVD clips instead. Each country will take approximately 5-10 minutes to 'visit'. For a 30-minute zone you should be able to visit between three and five of the countries.
- Remember to do your homework! Make sure you know where each country is on the map and familiarise yourself with some of The Salvation Army's work around the world by visiting [www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org) and [www.salvationarmy.org.uk/id](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/id), or by looking at the *Year Book*.

## Setting up the zone

There is lots of potential for setting up this zone creatively! Here are some simple suggestions:

- Key Stage 1 - on one side, using a wall or screen/partition, create a kind of backdrop for an aeroplane, with windows, a door and exit sign etc. On the other side, arrange the props relating to different countries you are visiting. Display the postcards or put them in a large envelope.
- Key Stage 2 – project the DVD clips on to a large plain wall or screen. Arrange lots of props from different countries (and perhaps suitcases and backpacks) around the zone to give an international, 'round-the-world trip' feel. Bear in mind that the DVD clips for Key Stage 2 may distract pupils in other zones if they are located too close together.

## Resources provided

- International zone A3 sign
- Display stand for A3 sign (blue)
- Passport for each pupil (order from the Resource Hub)
- Roll of Red Shield stickers (order from the Resource Hub)
- Names of countries on separate strips of paper - Key Stage 1 (download from USB)
- Postcards (Key Stage 1)
- DVD clips: International work (Key Stage 2)
- Props relating to each country:
  - Inflatable palm tree - Sri Lanka
  - Pig cut out – Haiti
  - Hat – China
  - Mustard seeds – Zambia (check for mustard allergies prior to visit and keep seeds in packet)
- 'Emergency map' card
- Music zone CD - 'Living water'
- KS1/2 international zone scripts (download from USB or check the website for the latest version)

## You may also need

- World map jigsaw/inflatable globe/soft globe\*
- Bucket – Tanzania
- Electric/foot pump for palm tree (or someone with lots of puff!)
- UK/Ireland or local map (Key Stage 2)
- Extra props and artefacts from around the world, suitcases, backpacks etc
- DVD showing worship in another country (eg Link 22)
- TV/DVD player/projector and screen/CD player

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



## Adapting the zone

- Make the zone shorter:  
Just visit two or three countries.
- Make the zone longer:  
Include the map jigsaw as a starter and/or visit four or five countries.
- Whole class session:  
This zone would well as a whole class session for Key Stage 2, as the activities are based around DVD clips and group discussion. However, you may need to order extra stickers for the passports if you choose to use them.

