



THE SALVATION ARMY FAQS

Here are some of our frequently asked questions by kids about The Salvation Army.

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THE SALVATION ARMY?



The Salvation Army is a **Christian church** and a **charity**. We believe in putting our **faith into action** by helping people.

WHY DO YOU DO IT?

We follow the teachings of **Jesus** by caring for others.



We also do it because we are inspired by **William and Catherine Booth** who started The Salvation Army in 1865.



They realised people could not hear about God's love if they were cold, hungry and ill-treated.

So they decided to go and show people God's love first. When they saw a need in society, they would '**Go and do something about it**'.

And The Salvation Army has been doing that ever since!

WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE SALVATION ARMY?



The current leader is **General Lyndon Buckingham**.

He is a New Zealander based in London but does a lot of international travel, to **inspire** people and to **support** the different ways The Salvation Army is worshipping and helping people **all around the world**.

He also encourages everyone everywhere to work together to make this a **better and fairer world**.



IS THE SALVATION ARMY GETTING BIGGER OR SMALLER?

In the UK Salvation Army numbers were **very large** during **Victorian times** and in the first half of the 20th century. Now the numbers are **less** but we have lots of volunteers and can do **more**.



However, internationally we are at work in 130 countries, more than ever, and our numbers are increasing, especially in **Africa**.



WHY ARE YOU CALLED AN ARMY?

At first we were called **The Christian Mission**.

Then in **1878** William Booth changed it to **The Salvation Army** to show that we are serious about **fighting against** things in the world that **aren't fair or aren't right**.



HOW DO YOU HELP PEOPLE?

How we help varies as it is important to listen and **learn from people and communities** to find out what the need is. For example:

We **support people** who are homeless, unemployed, have addictions or are victims of modern slavery. We provide **education and training** – for all ages. We help during **emergencies and disasters**.



WHAT IS YOUR DAILY MISSION?

We exist to **save souls, grow saints and to serve suffering humanity**.

We **believe in God** and that he wants us to help make this **world a peaceful, happier place**.



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