

# The Salvation Army is part of the Christian Church

Our teaching is based on the Bible.

We aim to encourage young Christians to consider how their thoughts, words and actions will affect themselves and others.

We believe that trusting God and living according to his commandments gives us a firm foundation on which to build our lives and to be good citizens in our communities.

We want young people to feel safe and happy, and to enjoy exciting and fulfilling lives.

Our mission is to bring children into a living faith in Jesus Christ by...

Creating **Enjoyable** environments  
 Developing **Encouraging** relationships  
 Communicating **Empowering** Bible teaching  
 Enabling them to live **Effective** prayerful and biblical lifestyles

Your local Salvation Army may also run some of these

- worship services at which everyone is welcome
- different teaching programmes specifically designed for young people
- opportunities to gain awards through the *Mobilise* course, which gives teaching on the Bible, Christian beliefs, lifestyle issues and the history of The Salvation Army and its mission
- music, drama or other creative arts groups
- opportunities for service in the community
- scouting and guiding for ages 5-14
- other children's and youth activities such as youth clubs and adventure camps



children's ministries unit

The Salvation Army's child protection policy is outlined in the *Safe and Sound* manual, based on the Home Office guidelines, *Safe from Harm*

local information



# What on earth is a Junior Soldier?



# FIRST Steps

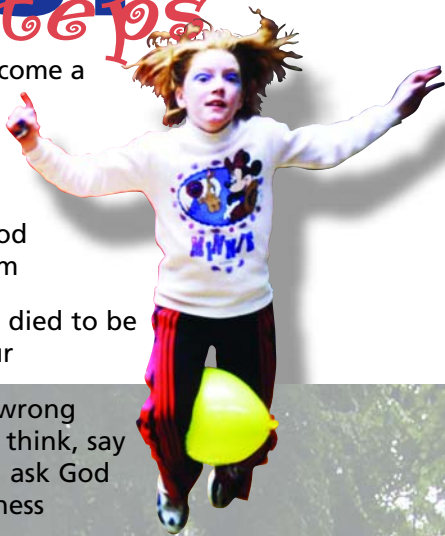
Many people become a Christian at an early age. They...

**A**ccept that God loves them

**B**elieve Jesus died to be their saviour

**C**onfess the wrong things they think, say and do and ask God for forgiveness

**D**ecide to live God's way and become a follower of Jesus



## What are Junior Soldiers?

Junior soldiers are young people who choose to worship and serve God through the many avenues and opportunities offered by The Salvation Army



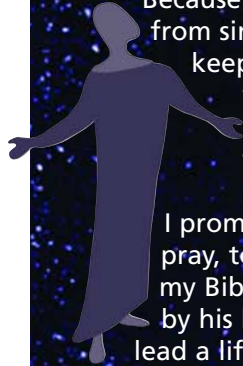
# MY Promise

**H**aving asked God for forgiveness, I will be his loving and obedient child.

Because Jesus is my saviour from sin, I will trust him to keep me good, and will try to help others to follow him.

I promise to pray, to read my Bible and, by his help, to lead a life that is clean in thought, word and deed.

I will not smoke, take harmful drugs or drink alcoholic drinks



## Steps to becoming a Junior Soldier

The young person will be at least seven years of age, and...

- 1 has accepted Jesus Christ as their own personal saviour and Lord
- 2 wants to be a follower of Jesus Christ, and trust their life to him
- 3 chooses to worship and serve God in The Salvation Army
- 4 has attended preparation classes – the Activate course – which is based on the promise that junior soldiers make
- 5 has understood and is ready to sign 'My promise'

## AND then...

Enrolment in a public ceremony during one the worship services. Parents and friends are warmly invited to share this special act of worship.

Many junior soldiers choose to wear a uniform that identifies them as followers of Jesus. Your local Salvation Army will be able to advise you. (However, not wearing uniform does not exclude a child from becoming a junior soldier.)

