



# TROOPS @ HOME

February Emblem of the Month



## OTHERS/SERVICE

This packet belongs to:

**MOONBEAMS: HELPER / SUNBEAMS: SERVICE/  
EXPLORERS: OTHERS / RANGERS: OTHERS /  
GIRL GUARDS: DISCOVERING: MY RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS**

# Getting Started



Complete this packet throughout the month of February.

Moonbeams (PreK & Kindergarten) - Complete Activities 1-3

Sunbeams & Explorers (grades 1-5) - Complete Activities 1-4

Girl Guards & Rangers (grades 6-12) - Complete Activities 1-6

One time, William Booth, the founder of The Salvation Army, sent a telegram to Salvation Army Corps members all over the world at Christmastime.

The telegram had only one word - OTHERS.

It was a reminder to the soldiers that serving others is an important pillar of the corps ministry. In this emblem, we will focus what it means to serve others, following the example of Jesus.

## Activity 1

Read the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37 (or you can watch the bible lesson on video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQg4yKtq8>)

Who do you think is the servant in this story? Why do you think this is true?

When is it easy to show kindness to others? \_\_\_\_\_

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When is it hard to show kindness to others? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Activity 1

Using Luke 10:27 (NIV) fill in the blanks with the answer Jesus gave.

*Moonbeams Modification: Draw a picture of what it means to love others*

Love the \_\_\_\_\_ your God with all your  
\_\_\_\_\_ and with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and all  
your \_\_\_\_\_ and with all your \_\_\_\_\_. And  
love your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.

Rangers & Girl Guards (grades 6-12) reflect and answer the following questions.

Does loving your neighbor only mean the people you like? During the time the story was told Jews and Samaritans hated one another. Can you think of examples in our current culture where there is hostility or unfriendliness between groups of people?

What can you do to show kindness to people who are different than you?

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# Activity 2



Jesus shows us in the Bible the importance of being a servant. What does it mean to serve others? Why is it important?

Trace your hand in the box below and write SERVE in the middle of your hand. On each finger list a way that you can serve others.

A large, empty rectangular box with a red border. The box is intended for a hand-drawing activity where the word 'SERVE' is written in the center, and ways to serve others are listed on each finger.

# Activity 3



## Service Project (choose one - Near or Far)

**Project Near:** Did you know The Salvation Army has ministries that are created to serve people? Food pantries, resume writing, bill help, childcare, career planning, exercise programs, and skill training are only a few ways that your local corps may serve its community.

There are people, events, and places that can use your help right where you are. As a troop, pick a service project to complete in your corps, leader's home, or a corps member's home.

### **Project We Chose:**

### **How did you feel when you were finished?**

**Project Far:** Did you know that there is a section of The Salvation Army called World Services? This program raises money to help people in other countries with community health, food, security, water and sanitation, microfinance, anti-human trafficking, and disaster relief and restoration

For the next month collect your coins to give to World Services/Self Denial. Your corps may even have coin boxes for you to use. Here is a video about how this giving is used [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q257l\\_z8Tss](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q257l_z8Tss)

### **Project We Chose:**

### **How did you feel when you were finished?**

# Activity 4



Interview a person who works to serve others as their job. It can be a social worker, missionary, police officer, nurse, firefighter, or other worker who strives each day to help and assist others. Fill in the answers on this below.

If you do not have someone to interview - here is a video that you can use.

Firefighter Interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XamC1CkHbZg>

**Name:**

**Occupation:**

**How long have you been working in this field?**

**Why do you work to serve others?**

**What is the hardest part of your job?**

**Tell me about the most memorable moment of your job.**

# Activity 5



Showing kindness to others does not just have to mean those we don't know, serving others can include our family too.

No two families are alike. Your family may have many members, or only a few. You may live with two parents or one. You may stay with your grandparents, an aunt and uncle, or a guardian. What makes your family different from other families? What makes it special?

All families experience difficulties. The Book of Ruth is about a family in crisis.

Read Ruth to learn about the difficulties the family went through. What held the family together when things were hard?

*Leaders may want to invite a family counselor, psychologist, corps officer or pastor to talk to your troop about family dynamics and strategies for problem solving during difficult or stressful times.*

# Activity 6



Our friendships are also important relationships in our lives. Friendships do not just happen; making and keeping friends takes effort. List the top five things you look for in a friend.

Ask your friend to make their own list. Compare the lists. Do you expect the same things? Why or why not?

Is your best friend someone you share everything with, do you enjoy listening to the same music and watching the same shows? Friends do not have to copy each other to be close. You should encourage your friends to be independent and think for themselves. Discuss the following questions with your friends:

- Are there advantages to being just like your friends? Are there disadvantages?
- What problems can come up if you are too much like your friends?
- What problems can come up if you are extremely different from your friends?

Make a plan for staying close, without becoming too dependent on your friends.

**Don't forget to turn in your completed  
packet to your leader!**