

Notable Christians of The Church

LESSON 1: The Reformation—Martin Luther

This lesson will assist junior soldiers in understanding how the Protestant churches were formed. They'll learn about the life and beliefs of Martin Luther, and how his 95 Theses led to the 16th century movement called the Reformation.

LESSON 2: Holiness—The Wesleys

This lesson will introduce junior soldiers to John Wesley, the father of Methodism. They'll learn about how The Salvation Army comes from the holiness tradition.

LESSON 3: Women In Ministry—Phoebe Palmer and Catherine Booth

This lesson will introduce junior soldiers to two women who have paved the way for women in ministry. Junior soldiers will learn how Phoebe Palmer aided the spread of the holiness movement in the United States, and how her influence on women like Catherine Booth led to the acceptance of women in pulpit ministry.

LESSON 4: Modern Day Witnesses—My Part In The Church

This lesson will help junior soldiers understand that God wants all believers to be witnesses. They'll become familiar with three modern day Christians who have served God in very different capacities.

UNIT BIBLE TRUTH:

God calls all believers to share His message.

UNIT BIBLE TRUTH SCRIPTURE:

"We all have gifts. They differ in keeping with the grace that God has given each of us. Do you have the gift of prophecy? Then use it in keeping with the faith you have. Is it your gift to serve? Then serve. Is it teaching? Then teach. Is it telling others how they should live? Then tell them. Is it giving to those who are in need? Then give freely. Is it being a leader? Then work hard at it. Is it showing mercy? Then do it cheerfully." Romans 12:6–8 (NIRV)

UNIT 3



UNIT AIM:

This unit will introduce junior soldiers to men and women who have made significant contributions to the Christian faith over the last five centuries. They'll learn about key movements in the Church that have helped shape our beliefs as Salvationists.

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SALVATION ARMY CONNECTION

Learning Church history is important to understanding Salvation Army history. The Christian Church has come a long way since Paul traveled on missionary journeys throughout Macedonia, Syria, and Judea.

Martin Luther's 95 Theses led to the Protestant Reformation, and a separation from the Catholic Church. John Wesley's Methodist societies separated from the Anglican Church to create the Methodist Church.

While as Salvationists we don't agree fully with Luther or practice all of Wesley's methods, the basics of their beliefs have influenced traditions and the doctrines of The Salvation Army.

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Some of the concepts covered in this unit may be difficult for junior soldiers to grasp fully. Be understanding if they have questions regarding why people like Martin Luther, John Wesley, Phoebe Palmer, Billy Graham, Corrie ten Boom, and Tim Tebow are important to the Church. Help them understand that each of these people has influenced The Salvation Army either before it was formed, or by showing a positive Christian example to the world.

In lessons one and two junior soldiers will be introduced to two men who have helped the Christian Church become what it is today. Junior soldiers will learn about the life of Martin Luther and the basic concept of the Protestant Reformation in lesson one. In lesson two, junior soldiers will meet "God's Good Rider" John Wesley and learn about holiness and the formation of the Methodist Church.

In lesson three, junior soldiers will learn about the importance of women in ministry. They'll travel through time to meet Phoebe Palmer, an American itinerant evangelist, and learn how Palmer influenced Catherine Booth and her beliefs about women in pulpit ministry.

The final lesson of this unit will help junior soldiers understand that God uses people from all lifestyles and occupations to be witnesses for Him. They'll learn about the ministry of Corrie ten Boom during World War II, Billy Graham and his crusade ministry, and the witness of Tim Tebow, a professional football player.

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