



# THE TORCHLIGHTERS

HEROES OF THE FAITH

Student Handouts for

## The William Booth Story



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*NOTE: Answer key for selected pages is on page 22 of the Leader's Guide.*



# Called to Serve Word Search

We are all called to serve God in a unique way! Use this grid to make a word search of about ten people you know who are called by God! Keep a list of their names on the back. Once all of the names are on the grid, add random letters to the rest of the blocks. Trade with a friend and race to complete the puzzles!


**Discuss:** How can you serve God today? How about in the future?  
Can you begin preparing today to serve God in the future?



## Dig into the Story!

Questions to get you thinking and talking about William Booth

1. What led William and Catherine to leave their church position and set out on their own?
2. What tough things did the Booths face when they got to London? What kept them going through difficulties?
3. What was life like for the people of the East End? Why did they say that God never comes to the East End? Where are there people today that might feel that way?
4. The East End people found Jesus at different times and in different ways. Can you give examples of what led them to Jesus?
5. Why were the bar owners in the East End so angry at the Booths?
6. William and Catherine realized that they needed to help people get out of poverty. What specific steps did they take to accomplish this?
7. What ministries do you know of that are helping people? Can you support their efforts?



## Dig Deeper

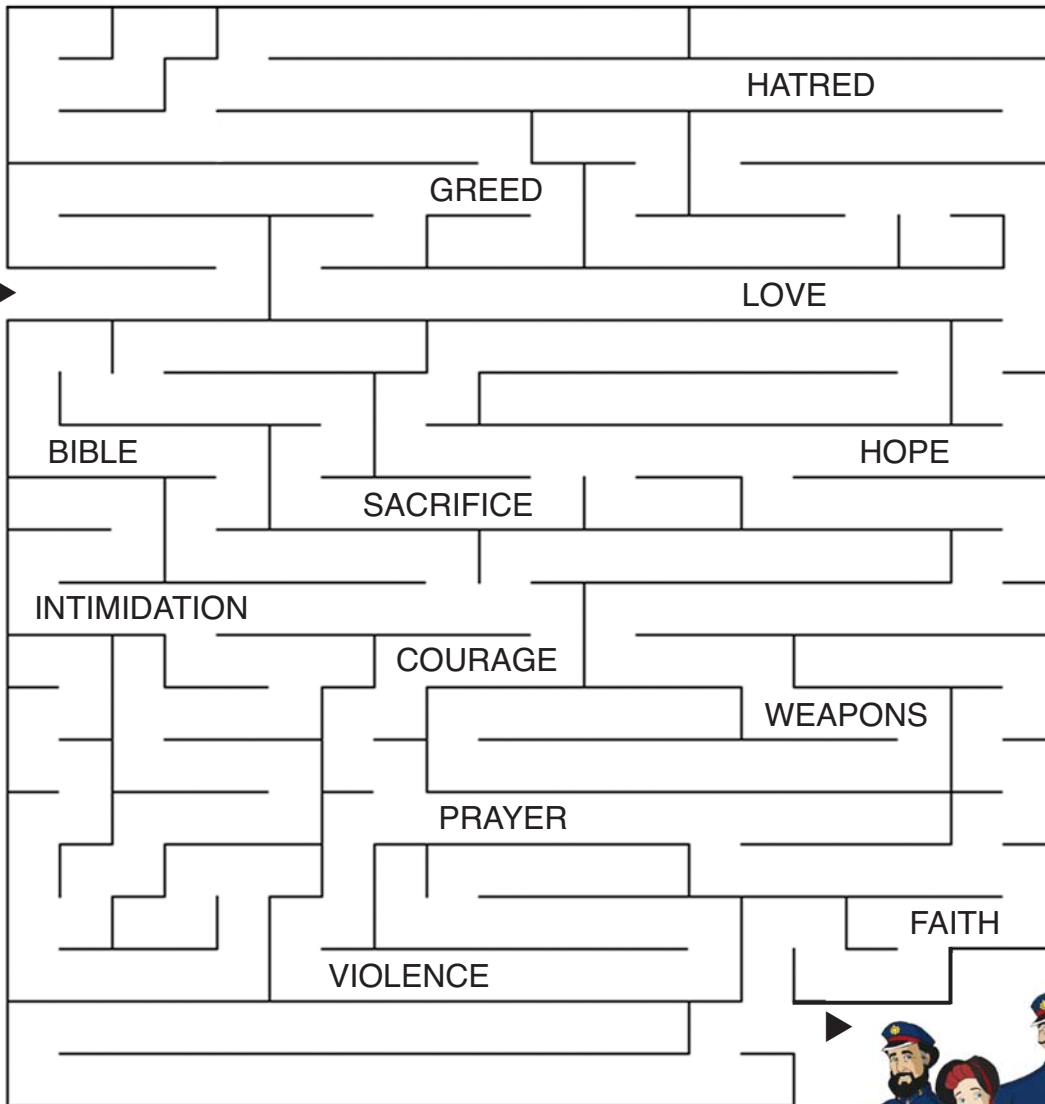
Thinking through some tough issues

1. Our theme is "No Compromise." Are there times when it is good to compromise?
2. How do you think William's family was affected by his choice to go to London? What was their response? What would be your attitude if your family made a similar choice?
3. Can Christians be "in the world, but not of the world"? Does this apply to places like the bars in the East End?
4. The Salvation Army described their work as a "battle against sin" with posters describing "War!" What do you think was the inspiration for this? What do you think of this theme for introducing people to Jesus? What creative ways does your church use to share Jesus with others?
5. Which is more important: Telling others about Jesus' forgiveness and love OR meeting their physical and emotional needs? Discuss.
6. Where are there places like the East End today? Is God in these places? How?



## God's Way Maze

The people of the East End fight with different weapons than the people in William Booth's Salvation Army. Help Henry find his way by following God's plan for how to win the battle!



**Discuss:** *In the movie we saw that it took Henry a long time to accept the Booths and the message they shared. Why?*





## New Life Interview

Invite some one to come to your class or home to share about their faith journey. Ask them to come prepared to share their faith story. Use the questions here to help get the discussion flowing.

1. Can you tell us your story about what your life was like before you became a Christian?
2. What was your first encounter with the Lord?
3. Was there a certain person or program who shared Jesus with you?
4. How has your faith changed your life?
5. Do you feel God has given you a particular call to serve Him?
6. What advice do you have for us as we try to serve the Lord?



# The Salvation Army Spreads around the World



Use the map to answer these questions:

1. Where did The Salvation Army begin?
2. What year did their work begin in your country?
3. If you could join The Salvation Army, what country would you like to work in?
4. Can you find the name of a country where the Army works that begins with the same letter as your name?
5. For many years, The Salvation Army was not permitted to work in Russia. In what year did they finally begin working there again?
6. According to the map, in what country has The Salvation Army most recently begun working?





## Terms for the Troops!

The Salvation Army used a whole different language when talking about their ministry. Try to match The Salvation Army term on the left with the correct meaning on the right!

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|------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|
| 1. Leader                          | ___ | The War Cry     |
| 2. Bible                           | ___ | Fire a volley   |
| 3. Workers                         | ___ | Barracks        |
| 4. Mission house                   | ___ | Troops          |
| 5. Shouting "Hallelujah"           | ___ | General         |
| 6. Prayer                          | ___ | Sword           |
| 7. Bible reading                   | ___ | Cadets          |
| 8. The Mission newspaper           | ___ | Taking Rations  |
| 9. Students or new workers         | ___ | Knee drill      |
| 10. Dorm rooms or training centers | ___ | Fort or citadel |

**Discuss:** Why do you think The Salvation Army used these code words? Does your church or family have any interesting sayings or words that are understood best by those who are in the group? How are these helpful? Can they be hurtful?



## Catherine Says

The letters have fallen out of our puzzle! They appear directly below their boxes, though out of order. Can you put the letters back in their correct boxes to reveal the message? It is a quote taken from a letter Catherine wrote to her mother. Some of the letters have been placed in the puzzle to give you a start. Cross out the letters as you place them in the puzzle.



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		N		T				L			G			.

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### Discuss:

What does "religion" mean to you?



## William Says

Find what William wrote in King Edward VII's autograph book in 1904 by crossing off words in the columns below according to the instructions. Then copy the remaining words in order from left to right, beginning at the top, onto the dotted lines below to reveal the message.



1. In columns A and D, cross off all color words.
2. In rows 2 and 6, cross off all kinds of flowers.
3. In column E, cross off all kinds of animals.
4. In rows 3 and 5, cross off all kinds of transportation.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	GREEN	SOME	MEN'S	ORANGE	AMBITION
2	IS	TULIP	FAME	SOME	ROSE
3	MEN'S	CAR	TRAIN	AMBITION	HORSE
4	BROWN	IS	GOLD	GRAY	MY
5	RED	AMBITION	PLANE	IS	THE
6	SOULS	DAISY	OF	MEN	IRIS

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**Discuss:** How did William use his ambition for good?



## Color the Scene #1



**“No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.” I Corinthians 10:24**



## Color the Scene #2



**“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25:40**



## Color the Scene #3



**“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” Matthew 5:44**



## Color the Scene #4



**“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” I Timothy 4:12**