



AIM

Our aim is to engage the children in a fun and interactive program to give them an understanding of what a generous God we have, some of the amazing programs run by The Salvation Army and how we can help support these programs through the Self Denial Appeal.

This program is suitable for children 5-11 years of age. It is designed to support children's workers by providing easy-to-do, fun resources to encourage children to follow Jesus' example of living generously.

The material is presented through the Self Denial booklet, featuring the *Kidzone* characters, and short videos which will present weekly lessons and activities. To familiarise your class with the characters, give them copies of *Kidzone* magazine or visit the *Kidzone* website at <u>https://www.kidzonemag.com.au</u>. The characters are on the home page; click on the characters' faces for their profiles.



HOW IT WORKS

Each week the booklet provides a comic featuring a *Kidzone* character to explain the Self Denial Appeal and The Salvation Army programs in Tanzania, India, Georgia and Bulgaria. This complements the material presented in the videos.

This year's theme for the Self Denial Appeal is 'Hope Heroes'. Throughout the six weeks of the program, the children will get to know about Tanzania, India, Georgia and Bulgaria through crafts, recipes and activities provided in the booklet.

They will also watch short videos profiling the work of The Salvation Army in these countries and be encouraged to raise money to support these projects. Each child will be given a Self Denial Appeal money box to make, which they can then use to collect the money they have raised.

At the end of the six-week program, the children will be invited to bring in their money box

Find videos and download files here:

Find the 2025 Self Denial Appeal kids Toolkit here: <u>https://my.salvos.org.au/</u> toolkit/contributors/self-denialappeal/collections/self-denial-2025childrens-resources-and-videos/



Find the 2025 Self Denial Appeal *Kidzone* material here: <u>kidzonemag.</u> <u>com.au/selfdenialkids2025</u>





to give the money they have raised to support the people helped by Self Denial Appeal programs around the world. INTRODUC

INTRODUCTION (5 mins)

START the session with the introduction on

pages 2-3.



LOOK through the comic 'Hope Heroes
World Tour' with *Kidzone* characters CK and
28-Kay on pages 4 and 5.



VIDEO (3 mins)

• WATCH Shushanna Anderson introduce the SDA programs and the reason we raise money to help others. The video ends with the suggestion to share fundraising ideas, so move the children to the table set up with paper and the money boxes.

CRAFT (10 mins)

log MAKE the money boxes.



SET UP:

Set up a table with Self Denial Appeal money box sheets ready for the children to make during the session. Have a large sheet of paper and pens avail-



able to write down ideas for raising money to put into their boxes over the next six weeks.

> © CHAT about fundraising ideas with a brainstorming session about how they could raise money, as suggested in the video. What are some chores they could do (e.g. weeding, washing cars) or what sort of treats could they skip to give that money to the appeal instead? Perhaps your class could think of something to sell to your corps as a special SDA money raiser, such as icing cupcakes or biscuits for morning tea? Write their ideas on the paper and keep it to refer to in the coming weeks.

MEMORY VERSE (3 mins)

READ out the verse, Romans chapter 15, verse 13, together. This is on page 3.





INTRODUCTION (5-7 mins)

Tanzania is our first stop for the Self Denial Appeal 2025, so let's find out about this nation.

READ out or invite some of your class to read out Traveller's column on Tanzania on page 7.



Traveller is *Kidzone's* jet-setting character who will be giving us lots of information about the countries featured in the Self Denial Appeal.

<u>READ</u> the comic on page 6, and the column about The Salvation Army's Sustainable Agriculture and Livestock Project on page 7.





VIDEO (3 mins)

WATCH Shushanna Anderson as she tells the class about Ahadi and how he has been helped by The Salvation Army's Sustainable Agriculture and Livestock Program.

CRAFT (10-12 mins)

DECORATE the wooden cuffs. Read the message at the bottom of page 8.



DO the puzzles on page 9.



BEFORE YOUR CLASS:



SOAK and bend the craft sticks before your session, making sure you have at least one for each child. Bend them into jars or containers to dry, ready for your class to take them out to decorate. The directions are on page 8 of your Self Denial booklet. Have a table set up with

felt-tipped pens or colourful washi tape.

CHAT about what your class has done to raise money to put into their Self Denial money boxes. Bring out last week's brainstorming sheet - did anyone try any of these? Does anyone have other ideas to add?

<u>READ</u> out the memory verse on page 3 together.



Traveller.



🚯 READ the introduction on the left-hand column on page 11 to hear Viktor's story..





BEFORE YOUR CLASS:

MAKE khachapuri before your session to take in for your class to try. The recipe is on page 12 of your Self Denial Appeal booklet.



INTRODUCTION (5-7 mins)

This week, the Self Denial Appeal is focusing on Georgia, so let's learn a bit about this nation on page 11 of our booklet with

🚯 READ out or invite some of your class to read out Traveller's column.





VIDEO (3 mins)

• WATCH Shushanna Anderson tell us about how going to The Salvation Army's kids club in Tbilisi, Georgia, made a huge difference in Viktor's life.

DO the puzzles on page 13.

ACTIVITY (5-7 mins)

🖽 LOOK at the comic on page 10 with CK and

😡 CHAT about what the kids have done to raise money to put into their Self Denial money boxes this week. Hand out khachapuri for them to try.



MEMORY VERSE (3 mins)

🚱 <u>READ</u> out the memory verse, Romans chapter 15, verse 13, together. This is on page 3. Can anyone say it without looking at it?







😢 This week, the Self Denial Appeal is focusing on India, so let's learn a bit about this nation on page 15 of our booklet.

🚯 READ out, or invite some of your class to read out Traveller's column on page 15.



🔁 READ the introduction on the left-hand column on page 15, where we meet Rita.





SET UP:

Are you able to take a blender into your class area or take your class into the corps kitchen to make our recipe, mango lassi, on page 17? It's a simple recipe, which the children can help make.



INTRODUCTION (5 mins)



VIDEO (3 mins)

WATCH Shushanna Anderson tell us the story of Rita, who is now able to support her family after she learnt how to sew through a Salvation Army program.

🔁 LOOK at the comic on page 14.

ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

MAKE mango lassi. The recipe is on page 17.







😡 <u>CHAT</u> about what people have done to raise money to put into their Self Denial money boxes. Bring out your brainstorming sheet and if someone has tried any of these ideas, chat about what they did.

MEMORY VERSE (3 mins)



🔁 <u>READ</u> out the memory verse, Romans chapter 15, verse 13, together. This is on page 3.



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SET UP:

Put out the craft supplies for the felt bags (on page 21) on a table.



INTRODUCTION (5 mins)

This week, the Self Denial Appeal is focusing on Bulgaria, so let's learn a bit about this nation on page 19 of our booklet.

READ out or invite some of your class to read out Traveller's column on page 19.



<u>READ</u> the introduction on the left-hand column on page 19 to find out about Serhii and <u>his work with refugees.</u>



DOOK at the comic on page 18.



VIDEO (3 mins)

• <u>WATCH</u> Shushanna Anderson tell us about Serhii, who was forced to leave Ukraine with his family as refugees and go to Bulgaria. He was helped by The Salvation Army and now works with them to help other refugee families.

CRAFT (10-15 mins)



MAKE the felt bags on page 21 and finish the activity by reading the message at the bottom of the page. © <u>CHAT</u> about what people have done to raise money to put into their Self Denial money boxes this week. Remind them to bring their money boxes next week.



MEMORY VERSE (3 mins)

READ out the memory verse, Romans chapter 15, verse 13, together. This is on page 3. Try saying it together without looking at the words.



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INTRODUCTION

We've reached the end of our Self Denial pro-

VIDEO (5 mins)

WATCH Shushanna Anderson to wrap up the Self Denial Appeal program.

😡 <u>CHAT</u> with your class about some of the things they have learned about these countries and the SDA programs.

WRAP-UP (8-10 mins)

🚱 <u>READ</u> the comic on page 22 with CK and 28-Kay.







(SQ) <u>CHAT</u> about how they earned the money they put in their boxes and how they feel knowing that this money is going to help others in need around the world. What was their favourite way of raising money for the appeal?

🚱 <u>READ</u> out the memory verse on page 3. Has anyone memorised it?







DO the colouring page on page 24.

