

# SYMBOLS OF THE SALVATION ARMY

## Lesson Aim:

1. To familiarize the learners with the symbols of The Salvation Army.
2. To correlate the gospel with the symbols of The Salvation Army.

## Objectives:

The learner will:

1. Recognize symbols familiar to his/her own culture.
2. Define the components of several Salvation Army symbols.
3. Match the Bible verse with the corresponding crest detail.
4. Create a symbol depicting his/her own daily Christian journey.

## Lesson Overview:

Doctrine Sing-Along

Opening Prayer

Review Activity

    Doctrine 6 Matching-Up

Junior Soldier Pledge

Opening Activity

    Symbols in Our Lives

The Lesson

    Let's Do It! #1: Match 'Em Up!

    Sword Drill

    Let's Do It! #2: Uniform Trim

Reinforcement Activities

    Let's Do It! #3: My Symbol

    What I've Learned

    Memory Work

Closing Prayer

## You'll Need:

- ✓ CD Player
- ✓ Doctrine CD
- ✓ Review Activity: Doctrine 6 Matching Up
- ✓ The Holy Bible
- ✓ Pens/pencils
- ✓ Posterboard (one white sheet)
- ✓ Let's Do It! #1
- ✓ Let's Do It! #2
- ✓ Index cards
- ✓ Several copies of "The War Cry"
- ✓ Salvation Army flag (large or small)
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Paper clips
- ✓ Let's Do It! #3
- ✓ Crayons



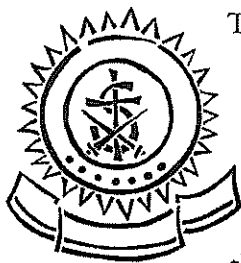
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## Background Information:

By this point in time, the Junior Soldiers in your class (5th - 9th graders) are well aware of what symbols are and how they work. They see symbols every day and understand that they are used to represent ideas and objects. The opening activity will demonstrate this fact.

This lesson will be a review of material the Junior Soldiers learned in the preparation course, "Totally His." But, as you know, it is dangerous to assume anything, so a full lesson has been prepared as though it were the first time all were learning it!

Most of class should be spent on the crest, since it is the most complicated of all the symbols. There is a lot of information connected with it, so it should be presented before the others.



The first appearance of The Salvation Army crest was in the printed heading of a letter from Bramwell Booth to Elijah Cadman, dated March 26, 1879. The crest was designed by Captain William H. Ebdon. The only alteration made to this early design was the addition of the crown on top. In the United States, the crown was replaced by an eagle. However, in 1975 International Headquarters approved the replacement of the eagle with the crown, making it uniform throughout the Army world.

Each component of the crest represents a particular aspect of the Christian tenets The Salvation Army holds. These are detailed in the lesson. Commissioner John D. Waldron did extensive research into the Salvation Army's doctrinal heritage, and discovered that the gospel shots which are included in the crest are actually the original seven Articles of Faith drawn up by the Founders when The Salvation Army was called the East London Revival Society. These are delineated in the lesson in simplified terms.



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## Resources Used:



*Instructor's Guide for the Junior Soldier Honor Award.*  
The Salvation Army, 1986.

*Orders and Regulations for Officers of The Salvation Army.*  
The Salvation Army, 1997.

## Opening Activity:

### • Symbols in Our Lives

Everyday you are bombarded with many symbols related to your culture. By looking at a picture, you could probably tell me a brand of clothing or the name of a fast food restaurant or even an important driving signal. *(Show the students the posterboard; as they recognize different symbols, allow them to say the answers. This may seem obvious, but allow time for answers. Silence is okay.)*

Great! You just recognized several symbols from daily living. The Salvation Army also has important symbols, and today we will be discussing several of them. We will be exploring the crest, flag, shield, uniform and the Salvation Army salute. Let's get started!

## The Lesson:



### CREST

Here is a picture of the Salvation Army symbol that we are going to learn about first. *(Show a picture of the crest.)* Can anybody tell me what this is called? *(Allow time for answers. Several of the children may already know what it is.)* Does anyone know what the crest is used for? *(Again, allow time for answers. Show several examples of where the crest is printed [Salvation Army books, lessons, pins, a t-shirt.]* The crest is the official symbol of The Salvation Army. Each part of the crest represents something Salvationists believe and is based upon God's Word.

## Notes:

### Reminder:

*If you are planning to use questions for review games, take a few minutes at the end of the lesson and have each Junior Soldier write three (3) questions and answers based on this week's lesson.*

### Do Ahead:

*Cut out several symbols from magazines (such as the McDonalds® "golden arches," the shape of a stop sign, the Nike® "swoosh"). Paste these symbols onto the posterboard.*

### Do Ahead:

*Cut out individual pieces of the crest.*



Notes:

*Do Ahead:*

*Cut out individual components from the teaching aid pages in this lesson.*

The Lesson: (continued)

*Discuss each component and what it represents. Allow the children to participate in the discussion. Show them the individual pieces and ask them what they think that piece represents.*

- Sun with the rays represents the light and the fire of the Holy Spirit (*Matthew 3:11*).
- Cross represents the cross of Jesus on which He died as a sacrifice for our sins (*Romans 3:25*).
- The letter 'S' represents the salvation which is available to all people through Jesus Christ (*John 3:16-17*).
- The crossed swords represent God's Word (*Hebrews 4:12*). God's Word is the Christian's weapon in this salvation war. It is a war against Satan and evil. We are fighting for God and for the salvation of lost souls – those who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
- The Gospel shots (*Psalms 119:160*) represent the basic truths of the gospel; there are seven in all:
  1. The existence of a holy God.
  2. The evils of sin are against God and man.
  3. There will be punishment for sin that is fair and everlasting.
  4. Jesus died on the cross for the human race.
  5. Salvation is for all mankind and is free to all who accept Jesus Christ.
  6. It is the responsibility of every Christian to do whatever s/he can do to spread the gospel.
  7. God rewards those who are faithful with eternal life in heaven with Him.



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- The words “Blood and Fire” are the motto of The Salvation Army. It is Jesus’ blood that washes us clean from sin and it is the fire of the Holy Spirit that makes us pure and helps us live lives that are pleasing to God.
- The crown represents the crown of life and glory which God will give to all those who have been faithful to Him (*James 1:12*).

*After discussing the components, have the Junior Soldiers form pairs. At this point, have the Junior Soldiers turn to Let’s Do It! #1 and work in pairs. Tape the crest (Let’s Do It! #1, page 2) onto the wall.*



## FLAG

The second symbol we will review is The Salvation Army flag. The flag is an emblem of highly cherished truths. As a reminder of God’s saving and sanctifying grace, it should encourage us to be faithful, courageous and enterprising.

*Ask somebody to tell you the three colors of the flag (red, yellow, blue). Once the colors have been determined, have a mini-sword drill. Explain that a sword drill is a Bible contest in which the leader reads a Bible reference out loud and has the Junior Soldier find it. The first Junior Soldier to find the verse stands up and reads it out loud. If younger Junior Soldiers have a hard time, allow the older Junior Soldiers to help them out.*

*Inform the Junior Soldiers that each Scripture chosen relates to a specific color of the flag. Have the Junior Soldiers draw their swords, which means to hold their closed Bibles up in the air. Read one reference at a time, starting with 1 Peter 1:18-19 (red for the blood of Christ); then Acts 2:3,4 (yellow for the fire of the Holy Spirit); and finally, Psalm 99:9 (blue for the holiness of God). Make sure the Junior soldiers say which verse*



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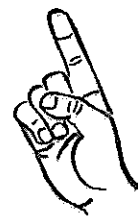
*corresponds with each color of the flag.*

The words on the flag, "Blood & Fire," are the Army's motto which sums up Salvation Army doctrine in two powerful words. The blood refers to the blood of Jesus Christ, shed for our sins. The fire refers to the fire of the Holy Spirit that makes us pure and helps us live lives that are pleasing to God.

### UNIFORM

One of the things that makes The Salvation Army unique is the wearing of the uniform. It is highly recognizable and respected here in the United States. It is a huge privilege to wear The Salvation Army uniform. But it can be confusing to distinguish the different types of trim on the uniform epaulets. Let's review what we already know about Salvation Army uniforms. *(Since some of the learners may have been Junior Soldiers for some time, they should be able to tell you the proper Junior Soldier uniform and perhaps more. Others may be relatively new.)*

*To see how much the Junior Soldiers already know, have them color and draw the correct trim in the space provided on Let's Do It! #2. You will see that the rank of the officer is written below the space where each epaulet should be drawn. Ask for volunteers to share their answers with you. Discuss any answers of which the Junior Soldiers were unaware. (Many will get stuck with the trim higher than the rank of major.)*



### SALVATION ARMY SALUTE

The Salvation Army salute is a common greeting signal used by Salvationists. The index finger is pointed towards heaven, directed toward God. *Demonstrate the salute, and have the Junior Soldiers do it with you. Explain that the salute is used at special occasions when addressing a congregation or an officer, for example, when the Honor Junior Soldier certificates are being presented.* In some territories, the salute is accompanied by a joyous "Hallelujah!" The Salvation Army salute is a reminder of Salvationists' common homeland, heaven, and of their aim to win others



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Notes:

for the Kingdom of heaven.

### SHIELD

The shield is a highly recognized symbol of The Salvation Army. It can be seen adorning the Salvation Army uniform (on women's and men's hats, and on women's pins). The Salvation Army shield is sometimes confused with The Salvation Army crest.

The shield has great biblical importance. Everyone look up Psalm 18:2. (*Have the Junior Soldiers write the verse onto the page, next to the shield on Let's Do It! #3.*) Why is a shield so important to soldiers and warriors in a war? (*Allow time for answers.*) That's right. It serves as protection from harmful weapons. The shield we have is our faith in God. No one and nothing can take that shield away from us. The Salvation Army's armor is based on our faith in God and on the salvation we have received from Christ Jesus. For this reason, The Salvation Army uses a shield as a symbol.

### Reinforcement Activities:

- **Let's Do It! #3: My Symbol**

*Encourage each Junior Soldier to create an original symbol that sums up his/her daily Christian journey. Emphasize that it's not necessary to be a great artist to create a great symbol. Also emphasize that there are no wrong answers to this project. Ask if anyone would like to share his/her symbol.*

- **"What I've Learned" Symbol Review**

*Each Junior Soldier should complete this activity individually. By doing this, the leader can realistically measure what each individual has learned on his/her own. It will also be helpful by revealing to the leader what needs to be reviewed or re-taught. Give each Junior Soldier a copy of "The War Cry." Have them cut out two or three symbols that*



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### Reinforcement Activities (continued):

were reviewed during the lesson, describing on the back of each what it is. It is important to have them paper clip them together, along with their names, so that you can keep track of who learned what.

#### • Memory Work

Have the Junior Soldiers pair up. Have each Junior Soldier write down on an index card Psalm 18:2. (They wrote it down earlier in the lesson; by having them write it again, they will be on their way to memorizing it.) Rather than have them write it down normally, have one person in the pair write the first half of the verse, and have the other write down the second part. Have them sit facing each other, reading the first and second part of the verse. After a while, make each person say their part without looking at the index card. After some time, have the Junior Soldiers switch cards, doing the part of the other person. Finally, have them recite it together without any card. Be sure to review the memory verse at the beginning of the next class.



"Symbols of The Salvation Army" Honor Junior Soldier Lesson submitted by Lieutenant Hollie Leonardi  
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# MATCHING UP

To find the sixth doctrine, match up the numbers below and fill in the words for each number.

- |             |         |          |              |         |
|-------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|
| 1 We        | 7 the   | 13 for   | 19 saved     | 25 an   |
| 2 suffering | 8 may   | 14 death | 20 atonement | 26 be   |
| 3 Christ    | 9 made  | 15 so    | 21 whosoever | 27 that |
| 4 world     | 10 Lord | 16 His   | 22 and       |         |
| 5 that      | 11 by   | 17 Jesus | 23 has       |         |
| 6 believe   | 12 the  | 18 will  | 24 whole     |         |

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1	6	27	12	10
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17	3	23	11	16
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2	22	14	9	25
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suffering	and	death	made	an
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James 1:12

Psalm 119:160

Romans 3:25

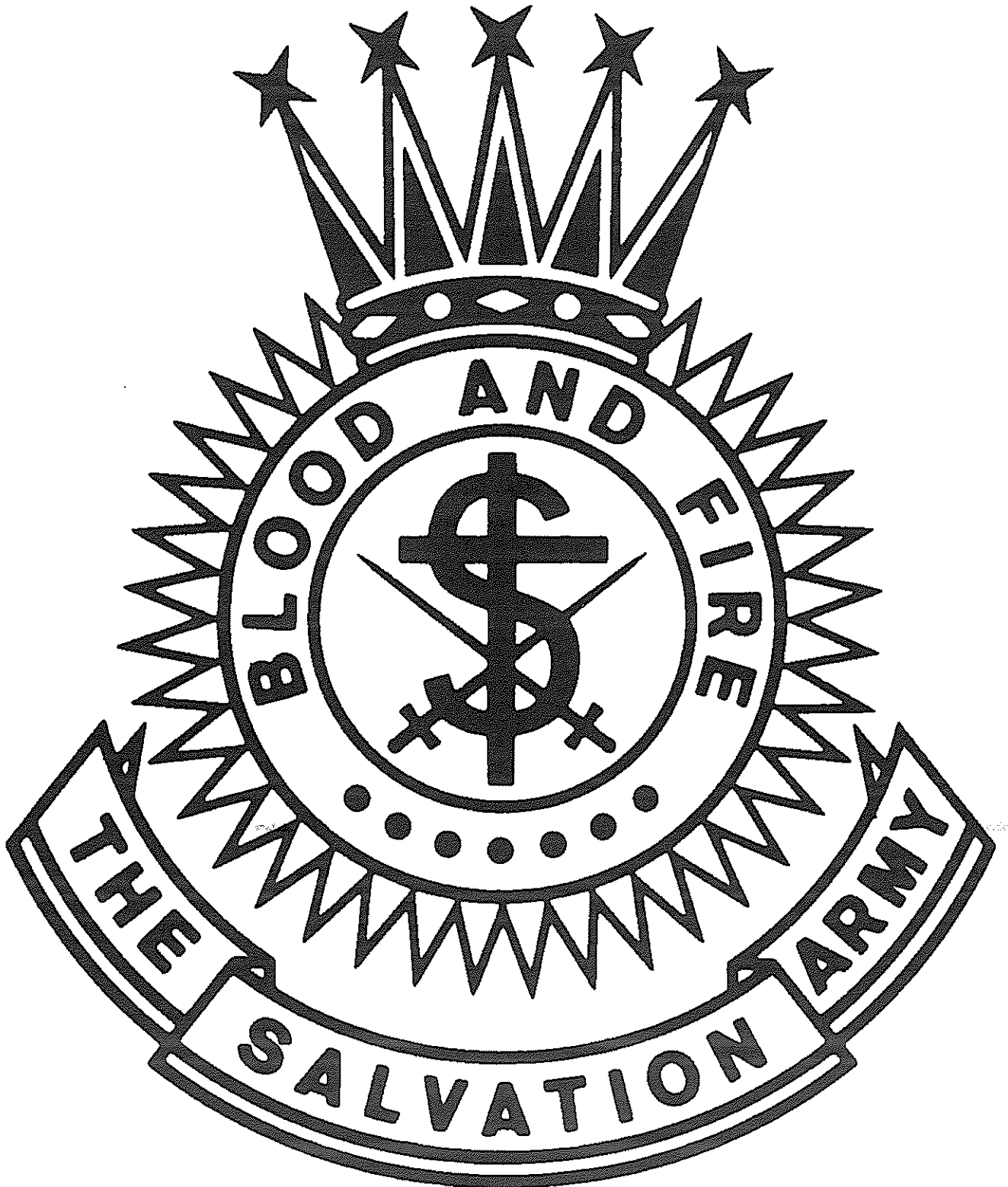
John 3:16-17

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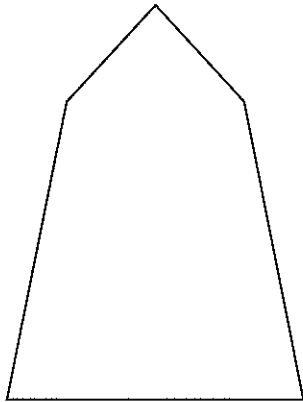
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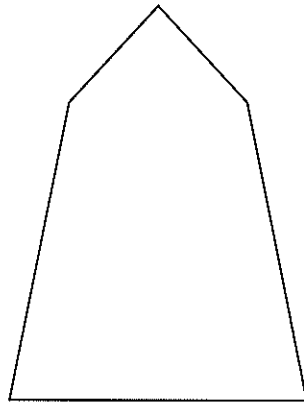


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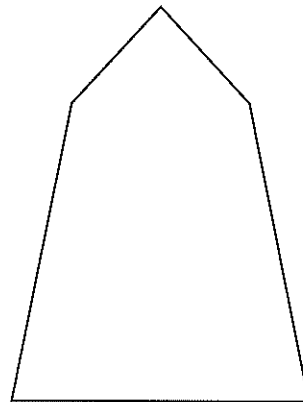
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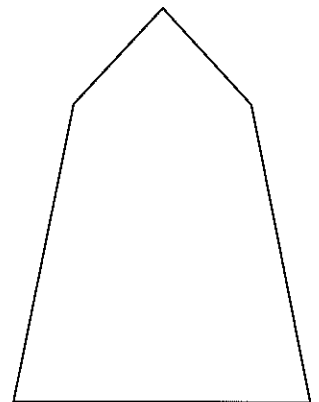
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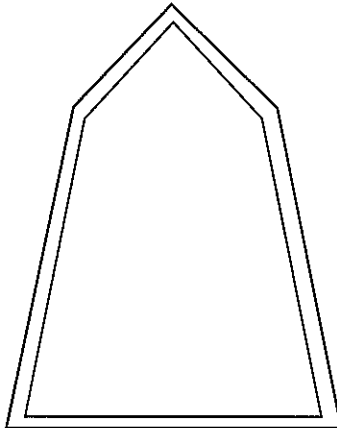
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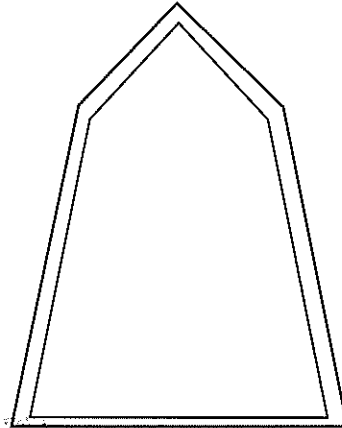
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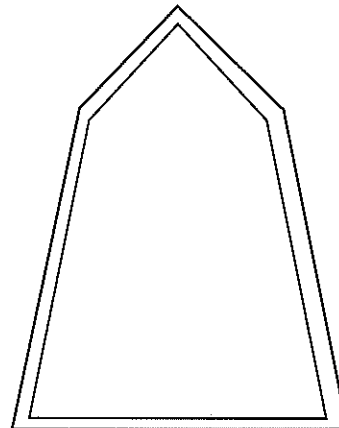
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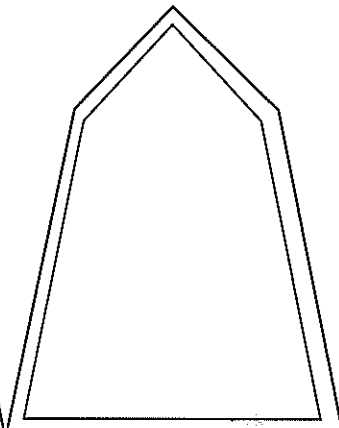
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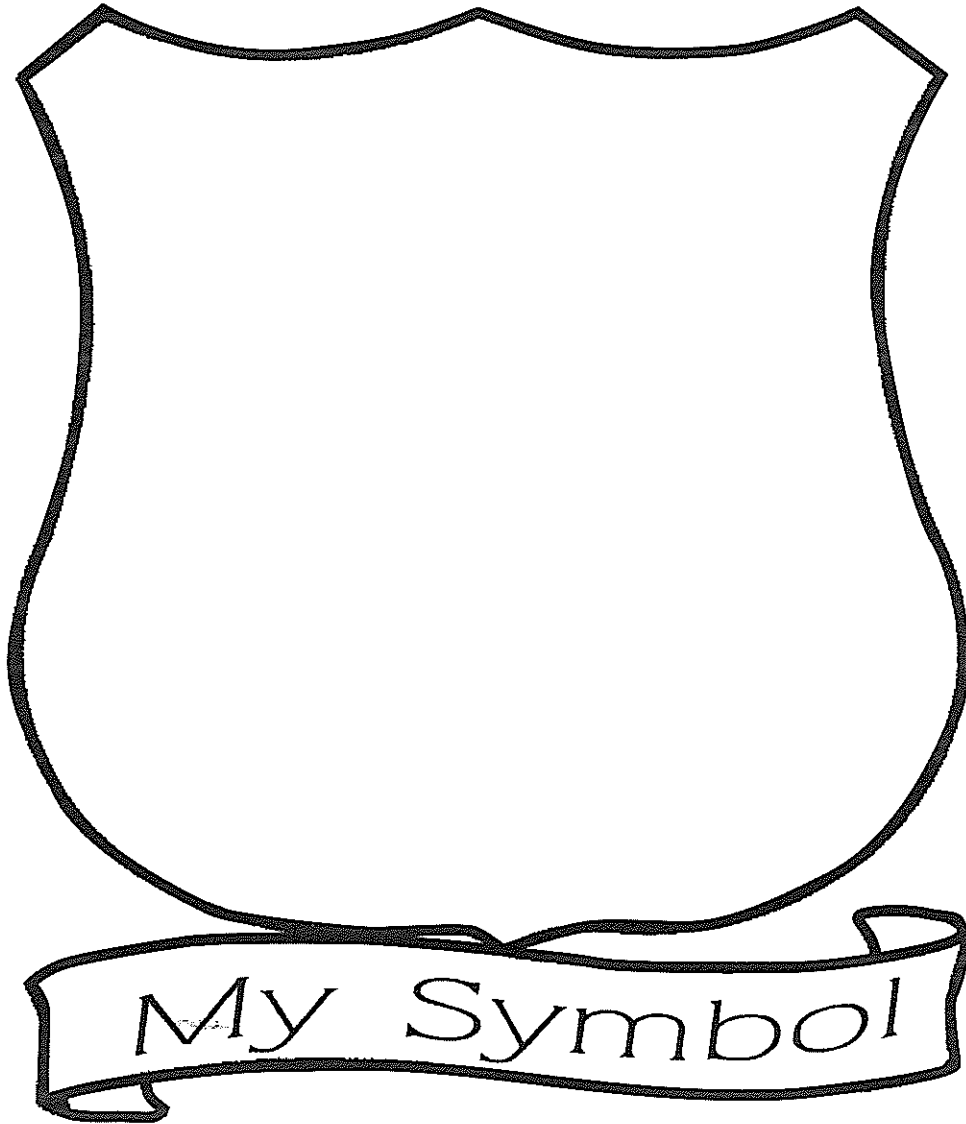
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# MY SYMBOL



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Psalm 18:2

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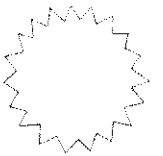
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"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."



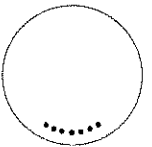
James 1:12

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."



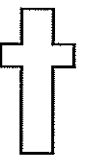
Psalm 119:160

"All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal."



Romans 3:25

"God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in His blood."



John 3:16-17

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."



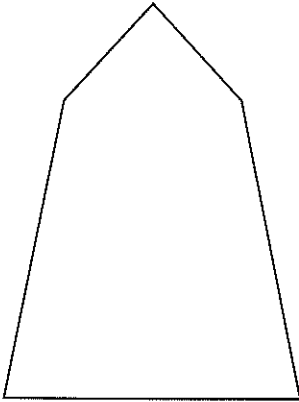
Hebrews 4:12

"The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit."

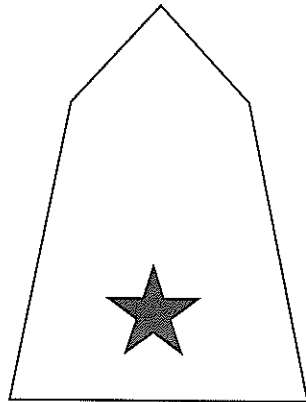


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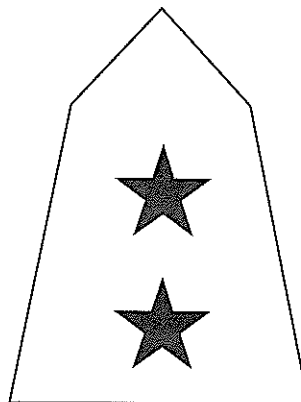
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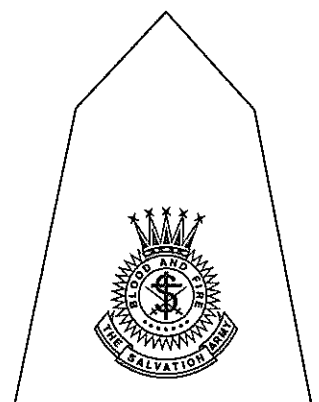
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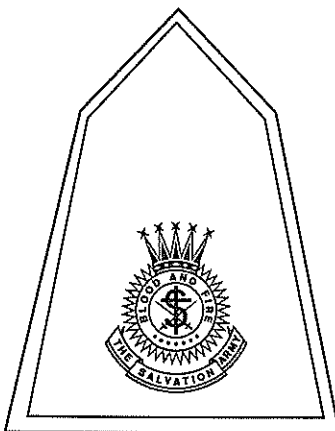
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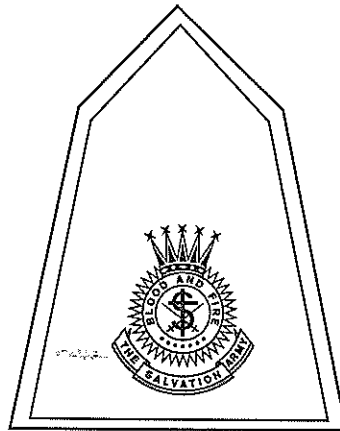
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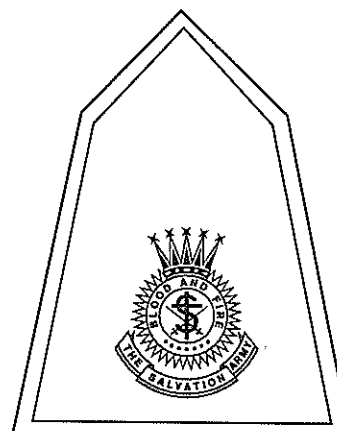
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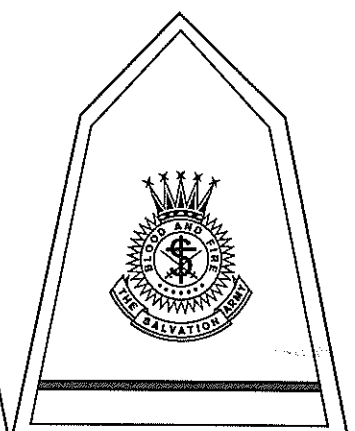
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**Colonel**  
"S" on lapel, silver around "S," crest on red epaulet, silver around epaulet



**Commissioner**  
"S" on lapel, crest on epaulet, crest and "S" on maroon velvet and trimmed in silver



**General**  
(same as Commissioner except trimmed in gold with a gold crest and a gold bar)



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Psalm 18:2

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my

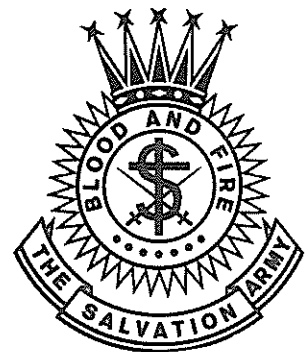
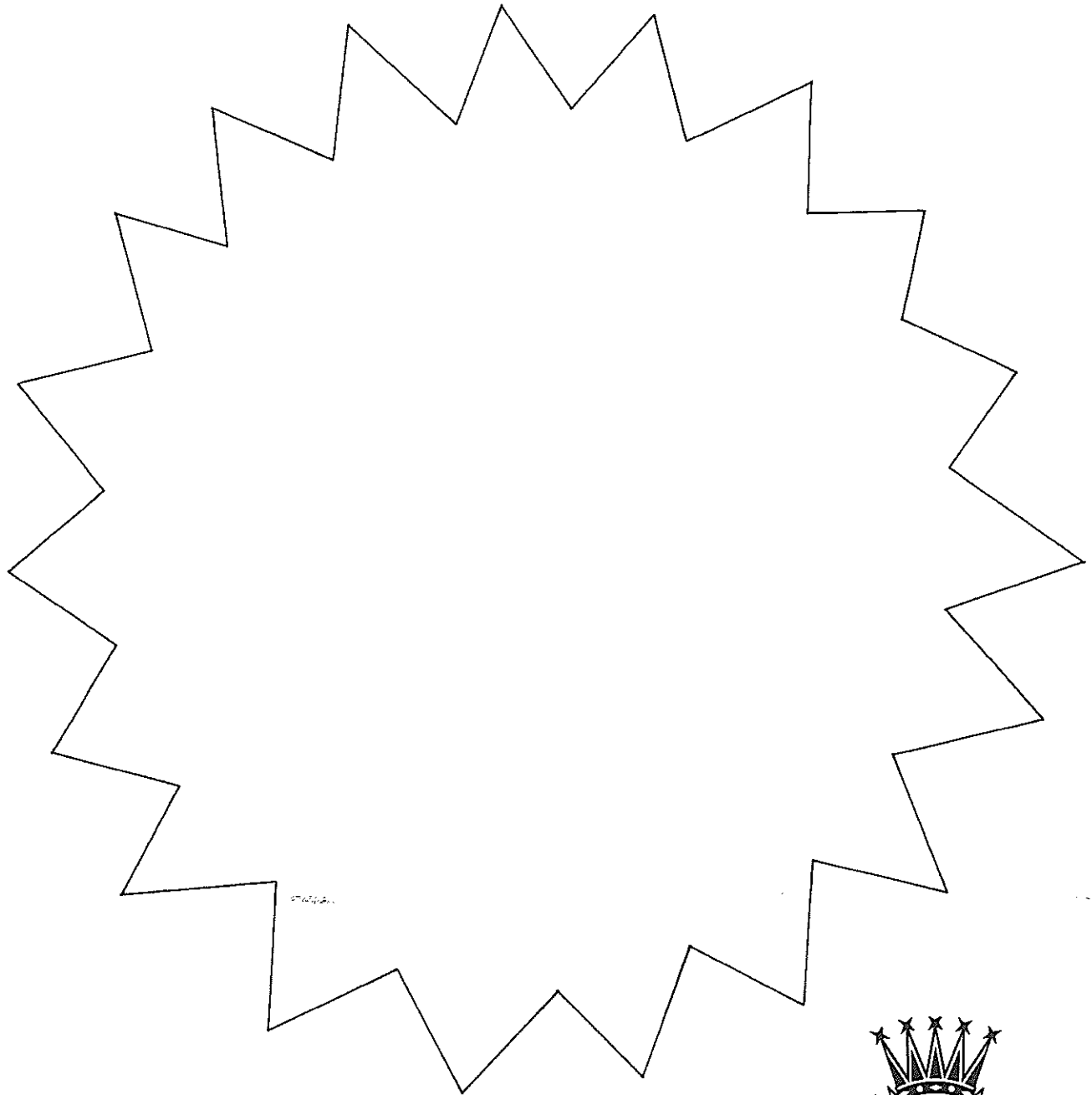
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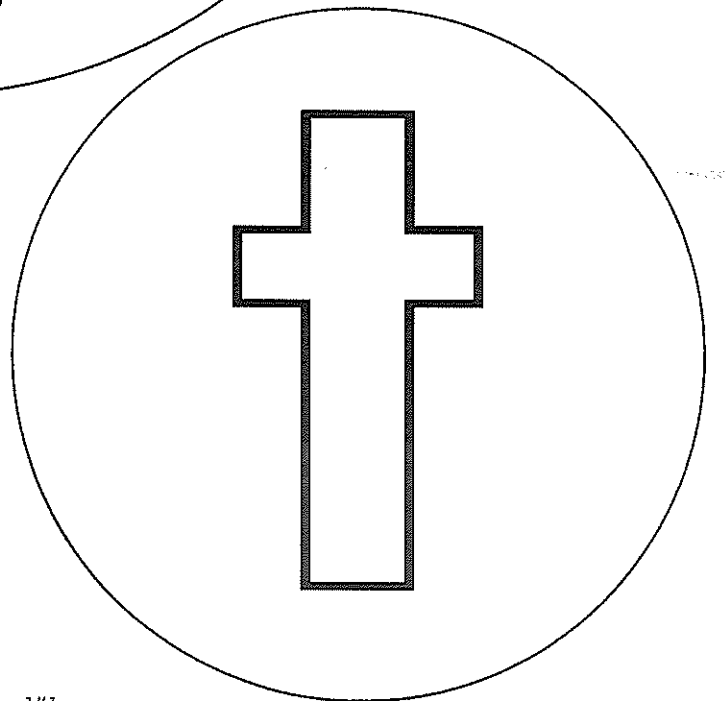
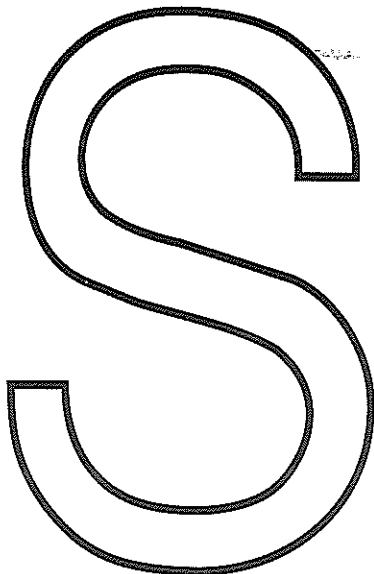
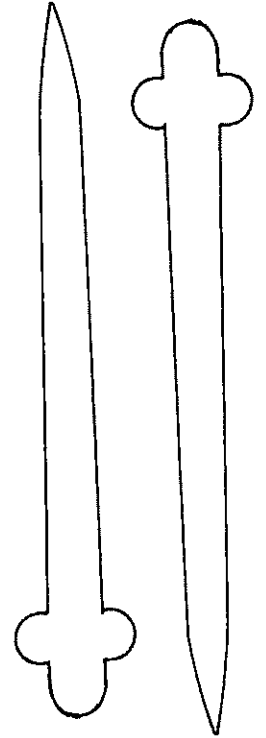
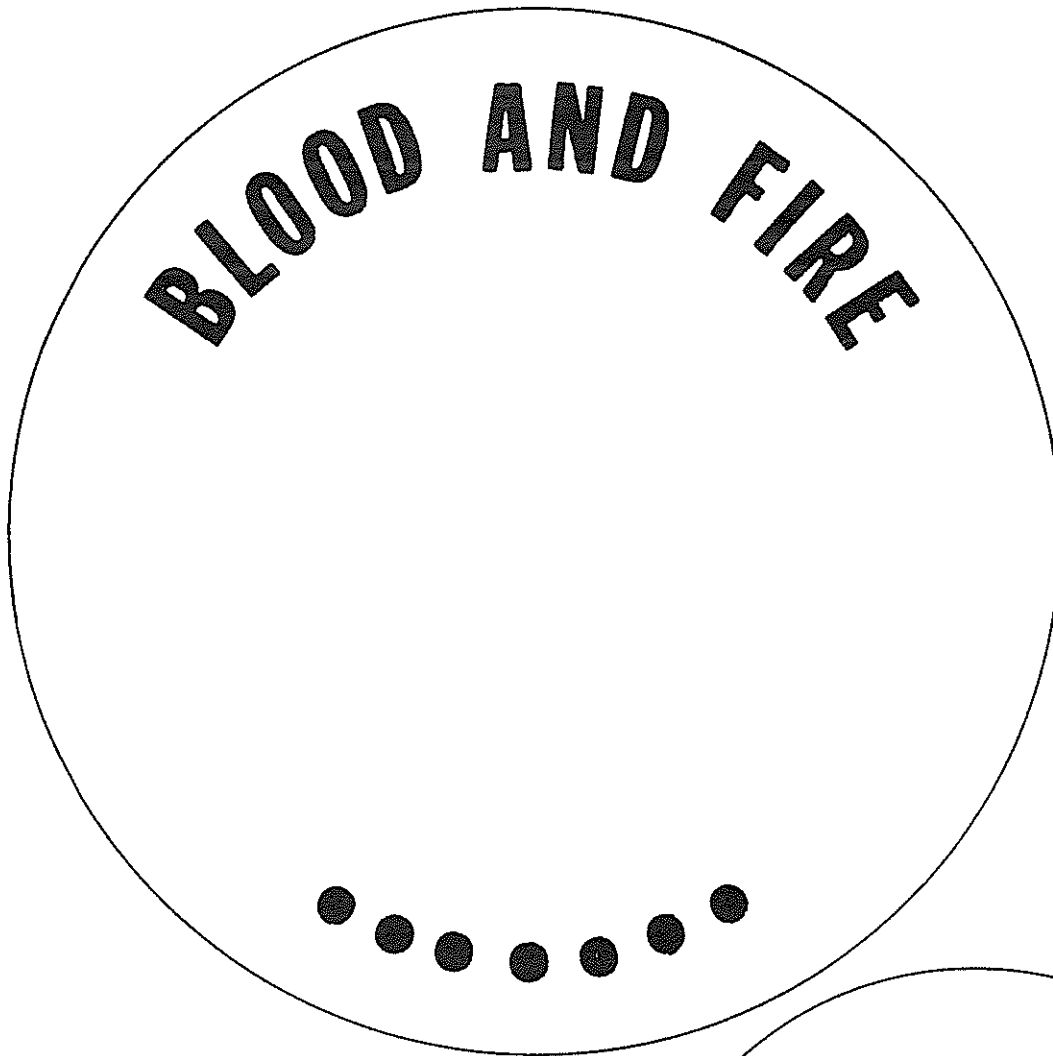
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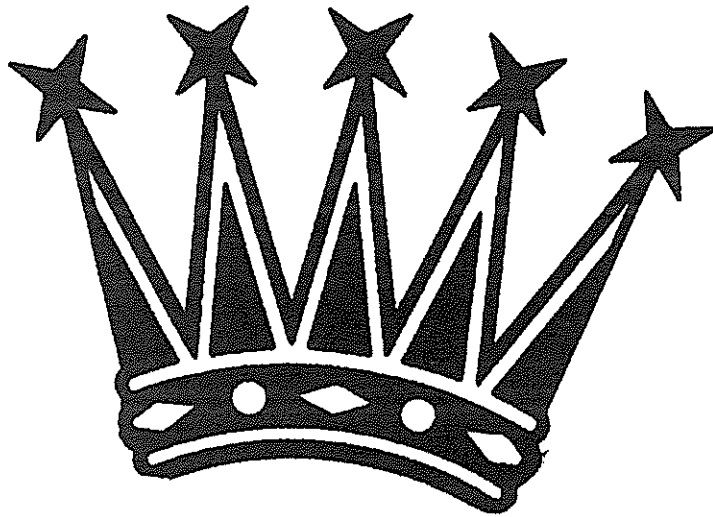
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