

DOCTRINE 11

We believe in the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgment at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and in the endless punishment of the wicked.

Lesson Aim:

To show that we all have eternal souls; that someday, even if we die on earth, we will rise again and stand before God; that when we stand before God we will be asked to account for all the sins we have committed during our lives; that if we know God, and are following Him, we will be invited into heaven, a place of glory and reward, forever; but, if we don't know God and are not following Him we will be cast into hell, a place of punishment, forever.

Objectives:

1. The Junior Soldier will understand the concepts contained within Doctrine #11 of The Salvation Army.
2. The Junior Soldier will memorize Doctrine #11.

Lesson Overview:

Doctrine Sing-Along

Opening Prayer

Review Activity

Procedures Word Search

Junior Soldier Promise

The Lesson

Scripture Scramble

Reinforcement Activities

Let's Do It! #1: Life After Death? Yes!

A Walk on the Streets of Gold

Snack

Closing Prayer

You'll Need:

- ✓ Doctrine CD
- ✓ CD Player
- ✓ Copy of Doctrine Song: "Five Certain Things"
- ✓ Review Activity: Procedures Word Search (from Procedures Reinforcement Activity: Create Your Own Word Search)
- ✓ Pencils
- ✓ Bibles
- ✓ Trail mix (nuts, raisins, sunflower seeds, chocolate chips, dehydrated fruit, dehydrated peas, etc.)
- ✓ Scripture Scramble: Cut and put into bowl or bag
- ✓ Let's Do It! #1



Notes:

Background Information:

The eleventh doctrine is The Salvation Army's statement of faith concerning last things. It focuses on issues of eternity and eternal consequences.

Death and life after death are subjects that many people, even Christians, avoid. But as the writers of *Salvation Story—Salvationist Handbook of Doctrine* point out, death need not be the ultimate tragedy.

“The Christian hope in life after death depends upon belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Belief in the resurrection asserts that death does not have the last word over human destiny; God does. Jesus conquered death, and so death does not finally separate us from God. . . The Christian hope is that as God raised Jesus Christ from death, so God will raise us from death to an eternal life with Him.



“ For the Christian, belief in the resurrection is radical trust in the one, eternal God. The God of the beginning is also the God of the end. At the beginning there was God, who called the world into being out of nothing and created us in His own image. At the end there is God, not nothing; a God who calls us into new resurrection life with Him” (pg. 115-116).

The doctrine of eternity covers five basic beliefs:

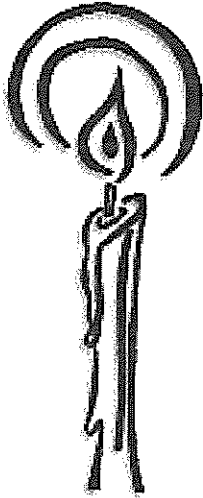
1. God has given each human individual a soul, whose life span does not end, but is eternal.
2. When Jesus returns from heaven for His Second Coming, the bodies of all humans will be resurrected from their slumber in death and rise to stand before God.



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3. Those who do not know Jesus Christ personally, who have not been cleansed of their sins and do not walk in obedience with Him, will be cast into an endless pit of fire, known as hell, forever.
4. After Jesus comes again, every human individual will stand before God and be judged for the sins s/he has committed.
5. Those who know Jesus Christ personally, who receive cleansing from their sins and walk in obedience with Him, will be invited into God's holy dwelling place – heaven. There they will live with Him in happiness forever.

These are the five beliefs this doctrine encompasses, and they should excite and motivate your Junior Soldiers to tell others about Christ.

Before you teach this lesson, be sure to study the Bible verses yourself, so that if any questions come up during class, you will be prepared to answer them. Be aware that there will probably be some children in the class whose parents or other family members are not saved. Deal with these issues sensitively, but honestly.

Be sure to impress upon the young people the fact that God does not judge as people judge. He is totally fair and He alone knows each person's heart. Also take every opportunity to impress upon the Junior Soldiers the importance of telling others about God's love for them and how He has provided the way of salvation — Jesus.

Resources Used:

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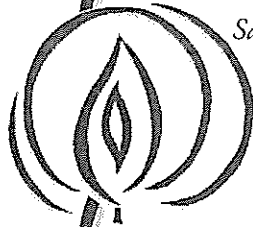


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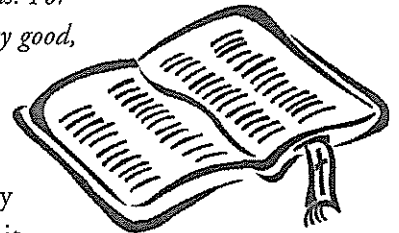


The Lesson:

Today we are going to learn about the last doctrine of The Salvation Army. How many doctrines are there in all? (11) Let's do a quick review of the topics that the doctrines cover. Who can tell me one thing we have learned about what we believe in The Salvation Army? (*Allow time for them to respond. Encourage them to put the doctrines in their own words. For example, if a response is quoting doctrine #2, say, "Very good, now what are some of the things that doctrine tells us about God?"*).

When we first began studying the doctrines, the very first one we talked about was Doctrine #1. Let's say it together. "We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice." We learned that all truth is found in God's Word. Our lesson today is about eternity—what happens after we die. Is there any way that we can know for sure what happens, if anything, after we die? (*Allow time for responses.*) We've learned that all truth is found in God's Word. We've also learned that we can trust God and take Him at His word.

If He says something is going to happen, then we know it is going to happen at some time. The Bible doesn't tell us everything about what is going to happen, but God does tell us enough of what we need to know. Let's see what the Bible tells us.



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“Scripture Scramble” – Form Junior Soldiers into groups of 2-4. If there are not enough to do this, they will work individually. Each group or individual takes turns picking one piece from the bag until all the pieces are gone. They are to look up each reference and write on the reference what the verse is about. As soon as they have all finished, each group will share their findings. Write the findings on the chalkboard or dry-erase board as they are reported.



Doctrine song, “Five More Things That We Believe”

The way The Salvation Army words this is Doctrine #11. Let’s read it together: “We believe in the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgment at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and in the endless punishment of the wicked.”

God has given all of us souls that will live forever, and it is our choice where we will spend eternity. We must live as God wants us to live and do our best to avoid sin. If we sin, we must ask God for forgiveness and sincerely try to live according to His Word. That way, on the day that Jesus raises all bodies from the dead and requires all people to stand before Him and account for their sins, we will be ready. We can say with confidence that we are protected by the blood of Jesus, which has washed away our sins. Then we can walk with our heads high, to receive the gifts and glories that have been prepared for us in heaven.

Sadly, it is a different story for those who don’t live their lives as God wants them to and don’t seek forgiveness for their sins. When the time comes for them to be judged, they will be taken away to a life of torment and sorrow in hell. That is

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Do Ahead:

Make a copy of Scripture Scramble. Cut the verses apart and put them in a bowl or bag.

Take the opportunity to discuss the Bible verses so the Junior Soldiers understand what each verse means.

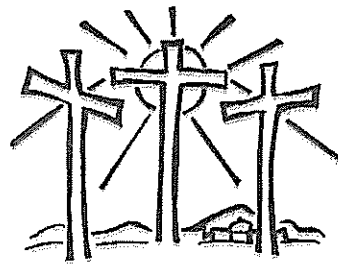


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why we must strive to help them, by telling them the story of Jesus. Then, we must pray that they will listen and respond to the Lord. *(Turn to Revelation 21:7 and read the verse together.)*

“Those who win the victory will receive [living water], and I will be their God, and they will be my children.” Revelation 21:7 (NCV)



Reinforcement Activities:

Do Ahead:

In this game, the doctrine is written on individual sheets of goldenrod-colored paper (one word per piece). When this is done, use tape to attach the words of the doctrine to the floor in a haphazard stepping stone fashion.



- **Let's Do It! #1:**

Life After Death? Yes!!

- **“A Walk on the Streets of Gold”**

Choose one child to start the game by coming forward and trying to walk the trail by placing both feet on the first word, then both feet on the second word, etc. until the child has figured out what the doctrine says. As they progress to each word they should say it aloud for everyone to hear. If the first child fails to walk the street of gold, go on to the next child until the doctrine is read and walked correctly. Then choose several children to walk it one after the other until the whole group learns the doctrine.

- **Snack: Trail Mix**

Each child should be given a container of trail mix. As they eat, take a few moments to watch them. A few will like everything in the mix and will enjoy it, but most will find things they dislike. As they begin picking out the distasteful items or verbalizing their complaints, explain to them: There is something God dislikes, too. God dislikes sin. In fact, He hates it. He cannot be where any kind of sin is. That's why He sent Jesus; so that we would



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have a way to be rid of sin and be with Him in heaven. Sadly, though, not everyone has accepted Jesus' forgiveness, though that is the only way they can get rid of their sin. Just as some of you picked through the mix to find things you don't like, so God will pick out those people who have not accepted Jesus. They will not be able to live with Him in heaven – and to be away from God is the worst thing about hell. The only way to prevent this is to accept Jesus as your Savior from sin. He needs to live in your heart. Then you need to work hard to help others get to know Jesus so He can wash away their sin and live in their hearts, too.

Resource Ideas:

Shining Star Publications, NAVPRESS (from the Navigators)



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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.

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SCRIPTURE SCRAMBLE

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Romans 8:10	Romans 8:11	2 Corinthians 5:1
1 Peter 1:17	2 Corinthians 5:10	Matthew 25:46
Matthew 25:31-32	John 11:25-26	John 5:28-29
John 5:30		Matthew 13:47-50



LIFE AFTER DEATH? YES!

Match the Bible verse references to the correct phrase of Doctrine 11.

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MATTHEW 25:31-32

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ROMANS 8:10

ROMANS 8:11

IN THE GENERAL
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END OF THE WORLD

1 CORINTHIANS 5:1

JOHN 5:30

JOHN 11:25

IN THE ETERNAL
HAPPINESS OF THE
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1 PETER 1:17

JOHN 5:28-29

AND IN THE ENDLESS
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2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

MATTHEW 13:47-50



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Romans 8:10 immortality of the soul	Romans 8:11 resurrection of the body	2 Corinthians 5:1 eternity in heaven with God
1 Peter 1:17 God's judgment is impartial	2 Corinthians 5:10 judgment day	Matthew 25:46 those who do not know the Lord will have eternal punishment. Those who do know the Lord will have eternal life.
Matthew 25:31-32 day of judgment	John 11:25-26 eternal life with Jesus	John 5:28-29 dead will rise; judgment of people's actions
John 5:30 God's judgment is just		Matthew 13:47-50 the day of judgment



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REVIEW SUGGESTIONS

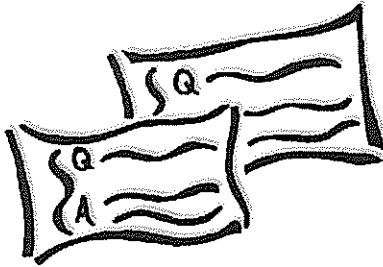
Jeopardy®

Before class:

Prepare many questions based on the Honor Junior Soldier course, or ask the Junior Soldiers to prepare questions and answers at the end of each lesson. Write categories on the board, with the answers below. Cover each answer with a piece of paper which you take off after it has been answered correctly.

To play:

Divide the class into two teams. Categories would be: Doctrines, Procedures, Symbols, Terminology, History, and Junior Soldier Promise. Each category has five answers, ranging in points from 100 to 500. The team chooses the category and the number of points they want. The answer is read, and the person who knows the question stands up. If s/he is correct, s/he chooses another category and the number of points s/he wants. If s/he is incorrect, the other team chooses the category and points.



For example, team A chooses "Doctrines" for 500. The leader says, "The answer is Doctrine #1." Whoever thinks they know the answer stands up, and says, "What is 'We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice?'" That person is correct and is allowed to choose the next category and points of his/her choice.

Answers are assigned points according to degree of difficulty. An example of a 100 point doctrine answer is "create." The question is "What is to make out of nothing?"

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Junior Bible Bowl

Before class:

Prepare questions with three possible answers (these could either be adapted from those used for Jeopardy or be new ones made up from the lesson material). Also, each Junior Soldier will need three index cards: one with the letter A, one with the letter B, and one with the letter C.



To play:

This game is played like Bible Bowl, using questions based upon the lessons. The leader reads a question and then reads three possible answers, one of which is correct. Each child holds up the index card with the letter of the answer s/he thinks is correct. Five (5) points are awarded to each child who answers correctly.

What's The Word?

Before class:

Make several word plates following the instructions listed below. Use words and concepts from each of the lessons, such as corps officer, DYS, knee drill, fishing, regeneration, preserver, governor, worship, inspiration, undivided, obedience, faith, and salvation.

To play:

This is a fun-filled and fast-paced game that is an adaptation of Catch Phrase®. It is a cross between Hot Potato®, Taboo®, and Charades. The Junior Soldiers stand in a circle. Teams are made up of every other person. A timer is set, and the game begins. The person with the plate begins by giving clues so that the teammates guess what the word on the plate is. They are not allowed to use the actual word, or any part of the word, in the clues. When the word is guessed, the plate is passed to the next person in the circle. That person turns the plate to reveal a new word and begins giving clues for his/her teammates to guess the word. This continues until the timer goes off. The winning team is the team which does not have the plate in its possession when time is up.



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What's The Word? (continued)

Notes:

You will need a timer (preferably one that ticks and then rings or buzzes when the time runs out), and the word plate(s). (The number of word plates you will need available for each play will depend upon how long your timer is.)

Instructions for making word plate:

For each word plate you will need two (2) paper plates and one (1) metal fastener.

1. Divide the plates into 8 pie sections.
2. Cut out one (1) pie section from one paper plate (figure 2).
3. Using a thick marker, outline each pie section on the second paper plate. Write in a word to be guessed in each of the pie sections (figure 1).
4. Place the first paper plate with the cut out section on top of the second paper plate, so that only one word is visible at a time (figure 3).
5. Push the metal fastener through the center point of both plates and secure.

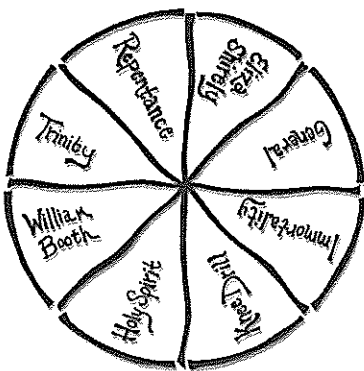


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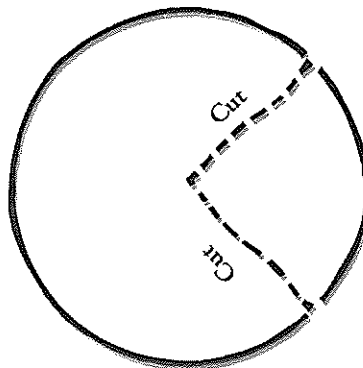


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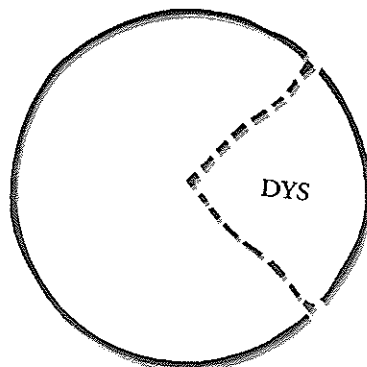


Figure 3



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Tip:

If there are only 1 or 2 Junior Soldiers in your class, arrange for corps cadets or adults in the corps to be on the panel.



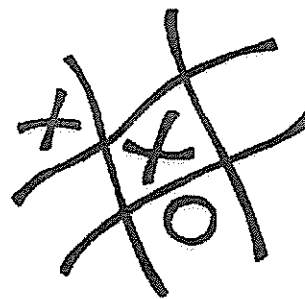
Salvation Squares

Before class:

Prepare many questions based on the Honor Junior Soldier course, or ask Junior Soldiers to prepare questions at the end of each lesson. Prepare a large Tic-Tac-Toe board. Be sure to have chalk if you are using a chalkboard or dry-erase markers if you are using a dry-erase board.

To play:

Two contestants are chosen. One is X, the other O. A panel of three or more, depending on the size of your class, is selected. The leader asks a question related to this course of study. One of the panel is selected to answer the question. One of the contestants must then say if that answer is true or false. If the contestant is correct, s/he gets to place a symbol on one of the squares. The first contestant to get three symbols in a row is the winner of that round. Members of the panel can become contestants for following rounds.



Concentration®

Before class:

Prepare twelve or more pairs of cards with matching information. Index cards are suitable for this purpose. You could prepare several sets for various categories, such as doctrines, symbols, terms and history. For Salvation Army terminology or symbols, one card would contain the word or a picture of the symbol. The matching card would contain the definition. For historical personalities, one card would contain the name, the other a sentence identifying that person. For the doctrines, one card could contain the doctrine number, the other the doctrine itself. Or, if you prefer, the first card could contain the first part of the doctrine, while the second would contain the rest of that doctrine.



REVIEW SUGGESTIONS

Concentration® (continued)

Notes:

To play:

One player turns over two cards. If the cards match, and s/he recognizes them as a match, that person gets to keep that pair and to take one more turn. Before taking the next turn, the person must tell something about her/his match, or recite the doctrine. The person with the most pairs at the end of the game wins. This is best if played in groups of four or fewer players. If you have a larger group, you can divide into several smaller groups.

Junior Soldier Walk

Before class:

Write numbers of the doctrines, terms, symbols or names of historical personalities on 8.5 x 11 (or larger) pieces of paper. Tape those pages securely on the floor in a large circle. Also write each term, along with a definition or doctrine in full, on small slips of paper. Fold these papers in half, then place in a bowl, hat or bag.

To play:

Play music, as in musical chairs, while Junior Soldiers move from one piece of paper to the next. When music stops, leader pulls out a slip of paper and reads the doctrine number or term aloud. The person standing on that square stays in the game if s/he can correctly repeat the doctrine, identify the person or define the term. If that person fails to identify the word or repeat the doctrine, s/he is out of the game. The last person remaining in the game is the winner.

Perfect Pairs

Before class:

Prepare several pairs of index cards or pieces of paper, each pair with the same term related to this course, such as

