

Junior Soldiers

Unit 1 : Lesson 8



'Refugees & Asylum Seekers'

PURPOSE : For the children to explore the truth that 'all people are created equally and all are deserving of acceptance and justice.'

'So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.'

Genesis 1:27

Consider & Prepare

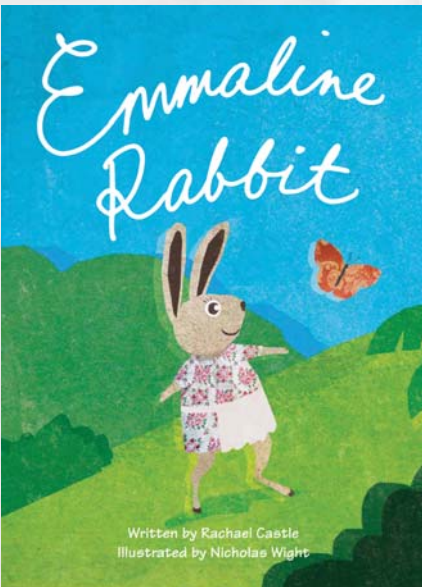
Today's lesson has a social justice focus and looks specifically at refugees and asylum seekers. There is a lot of talk about this issue in the media with a variety of attitudes that the children will have been exposed to. It is really important for us to spend time with our kids looking at what God expects for us in these situations and what we might be able to do in response.

'JustSalvos' have prepared a great kids resource on this topic. This will be the outline for your lesson today. There are plenty of games, activities, stories, challenges and small group questions for you to use and engage with with your children. This would also be a great opportunity to work on a project together; there are some suggestions in the 'things you could do to help' section.

You will find a link alongside this lesson or you can go to the address below. There are two pages to download for the children's information.

<http://salvationarmy.org.au/justsalvos/downloads/>

There is also lots of other interesting information about this topic and others on the 'JustSalvos' page. You will also need a copy of the book ***Emmaline Rabbit*** for this lesson. This is a special children's book that has been written specifically for use with this resource pack and works great with children of all ages (even grown-ups too). It really helps the children to engage with this challenging topic. If your corps does not have a copy of this book then you can access one from 'Salvation Army Supplies'.



Salvation Army Supplies
1800 100 018

www.salvationarmy.org.au/supplies
Cost - \$7.50



- Download the two pages from the 'JustSalvos' website for the refugee and asylum seekers resource.
- Get a copy of **Emmaline Rabbit**.
- Choose what activities you are going to use for your lesson.
- Gather all that is needed for the activities/games/stories that you are going to use.



Home & Beyond

It would be good for the children to chat about this topic with their family or Big Buds. A great way to do this would be for them to read **Emmaline Rabbit** together. If you only have one copy, you might like to get the kids to take it in turns to take home the book.

Depending on what sort of project you decide to do, you might also like to include the families in on this and make a bigger difference and impact.