

The Mission Resources Department is proud to release to you the updated First Steps resource, which reflects location of material and contact details for trade.

What is 'First Steps'?

First Steps is the term used for any ministry engagement with 0-5 year olds. It covers activities like Playgroup, mainly music and Pre-school Sunday School. To this end, Dedication and Thanksgiving materials fall under the 'First Steps' banner.

Effective immediately, these resources are available for purchase from Salvation Army Supplies:

Phone: 1800-100-018

Email: trade.melbourne@salvationarmy.org.au

Website: www.commerce.salvationarmy.org.au

For information regarding Dedication/Thanksgiving Ceremonies please refer to pages 8-13 in the Salvation Army Ceremonies book. Don't forget to include the details of any ceremony in the Funerals/Dedications Register. There are some helpful guidelines about meeting with the family to prepare for the ceremony at <https://my.salvos.org.au/toolkit/resource/first-steps/1254/>

Introducing the First Steps materials:



Dedication Certificate (First Steps images)

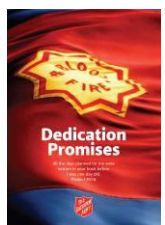
This certificate may be used for families that wish to make meaningful Christian promises around the raising of their child. A single parent version of this certificate is available for download and printing at

<https://my.salvos.org.au/toolkit/resource/first-steps/1254/>



Thanksgiving Certificate (First Steps images)

This certificate may be used for families that wish to give thanks to God for the gift of their child. A single parent version of this certificate is available for download and printing at <https://my.salvos.org.au/toolkit/resource/first-steps/1254/>



Dedication Certificate (Salvation Army image)

This certificate may be used for families that wish to make significantly Christian promises around the raising of their child and that would like a Salvationist feel to their certificate.



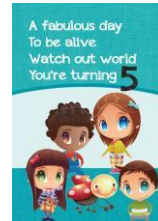
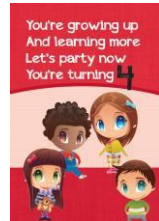
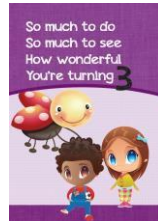
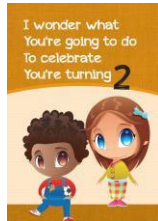
Welcome to First Steps Ministry Certificate

This certificate welcomes a child into the First Steps Ministry of the corps/centre. They do not need to have a Dedication ceremony or Thanksgiving ceremony to receive this certificate.



'A Prayer for You' frame

This frame is designed for use with a personalised prayer for the child. These could be words of encouragement offered from the parents, the First Steps Co-ordinator and/or Corps Officer. The template for printing a prayer that fits within the frame can be found at <https://my.salvos.org.au/toolkit/resource/first-steps/1254/>



Birthday Cards – Aged 1 – 5 years

These cards have been designed to fit with the First Steps graphic theme and may be used to send to any children associated with your corps/centre. We recommend that these are posted out to the child as receiving their own personally addressed mail can be a significant joy!