

## Collective Worship resources Theme: Remembrance

### Ideas for worship in the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

<https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3221/what-do-you-remember> The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and the centenary of the end of the First World War.

<https://www.assemblies.org.uk/pri/3220/time-to-remember>

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Remembrance%20Sunday> – These ideas could be used for a worship in the classroom activity to help children understand the significance of the poppy.

This Bible passage could be used to illustrate that God cares about what happens to his people and that he promises to bring peace. This is hard to understand sometimes when there is so much sadness, hurt and death. Remind the children that in the darkness, God is there, working to bring peace, comforting those who are hurting and grieving through those serving in the armed forces, red cross or other agencies.

*Psalm 46: 8-11*

*Come and see what the LORD has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.*

<sup>9</sup> *He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.*

*He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.*

<sup>10</sup> *He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."*

<sup>11</sup> *The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAWfiTM2KsA> – Video explaining the story behind the poem Flanders Field by John McCrae

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=doalcouBKwc> – The Poppy Story, helps explain why we have 'poppy' day today.

**See below for an act of Remembrance worship outline.**

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An Act of Remembrance			
Gather	Engage	Respond	Send
<p>Light the candle</p> <p>We meet in the presence of God who brings comfort to those who mourn.</p>	<p>Display this <a href="#">image</a> or other suitable <a href="#">images</a> as the children come into worship, along with some quiet reflective <a href="#">music</a> playing.</p> <p><i>If possible set up an altar with a red cloth, poppy wreath and cross on it. Maybe also light several candles and have the lights off or lower. Allow the children to come in and contemplate the mood you have created.</i></p> <p>Explain that we will be remembering all those who have died in wars, their families and those who are still fighting for us and others today. Many families have had to go through terrible suffering and sadness and this is the time to remember them and their loved ones.</p> <p>I wonder why the image we had up at the beginning says 'lest we forget' why mustn't we forget this people? Be still and quiet and think about this.</p> <p>Explain that we are going to hold an act of Remembrance. We are going to be silent for 1 minute. In that time you need to stand up and whilst you are silent, maybe you could think about all those who have lost their lives fighting in wars, for their families and for those who are in our armed forces now.</p> <p>Use the video provided to support you with this. (It plays the last post at the beginning and at the end to symbolise the start and finish of the 1 minute silence.</p> <p>Whilst the children are still standing in silence, pray together.</p> <p>Father God, On this Remembrance day, we remember all those who have and are serving in our armed forces. We thank you God for all those who sacrificed their lives for us. We pray for all those who have been and are still affected by war, <a href="#">bring</a></p>	<p>Watch this <a href="#">video clip</a> from Cbeebies to help the children understand what it might have been like on a WW1 Battlefield. IT also shows how the poppy was seen as a symbol of hope after all the death and destruction.</p> <p>I wonder how wearing a poppy makes you feel?</p> <p>Give the children a quiet space to reflect in as they consider what remembrance day might mean to them.</p>	<p>Extinguish the candle.</p> <p>Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6vxn1J0Uo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6vxn1J0Uo</a></p> <p>Watch this video of the Poppy Girls from the Festival of Remembrance as you go out of worship.</p>

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	<p>them your comfort and peace. For those families who have lost loved ones, <i>bring them your comfort and peace.</i> We pray for all those who have had to flee their homes because of war or persecution, <i>bring them your comfort and peace.</i> We pray for protection and strength for all those who are currently serving as part of our armed forces, <i>bring them your comfort and peace.</i> We pray for all our world leaders that they will make wise decisions, <i>bring them your comfort and peace.</i> We thank you God, that you know and love each of your children, <i>come and bring them all your comfort and peace today.</i> (Words in purple can be said as a whole school community) Amen</p> <p>Finish with: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.</p>		
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