

St Saviour's Oxton



A service for 'Pebbles and Rocks' children 8th November 2020 Remembrance Sunday

A prayer for Remembrance Sunday, for those too young to remember the events of war.

Lord, I have no memory of war.

Yet -

I remember what it's like to feel scared;

I remember what it's like to feel sad;

I remember what it's like to lose something precious to me.

Help me to use my own memories

in understanding what remembrance Sunday is all about

so that I can join my prayers with those who do remember.

Amen

The Lord be with you

And also with you

ACTIVE PRAYER

From the top of my head

To the tips of my toes

From the lobes of my ears

To the end of my nose

From my back to my front

To my wiggly fingers

God loves me!

touch head

point to feet

touch ear lobes

touch nose

touch back and touch front

wiggle fingers

Clap hands.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Teaching our children about the significance of Remembrance Day and why people wear a poppy is not always an easy thing to do. We must remember those who have died in wars. We, like them, want a world at peace, with no war. How do you convey to them the horrors of war in a way that is appropriate for their age?

Creation and conflict



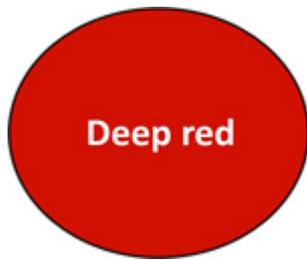
Create a collage using newspaper (to link then with today), paint, coloured paper and card to symbolise the beauty of creation, the horror of war and death, and the new life that grew out of it. In advance, paint a wash of colour roughly over sheets of newspaper so that you can still see the newsprint underneath. Use a variety of colours:

Sky blue

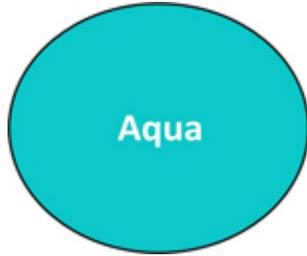
Use sheets of this colour as the backdrop for the collage. You could use whole sheets for the family, or cut them down to A4 size for an individual to use

Dark brown

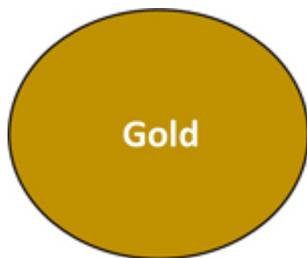
This will represent soil/earth. When the paper is dry, tear it into randomly shaped small pieces.



This will represent blood spilt/lives lost. When the paper is dry, tear into randomly shaped small pieces - smaller than the brown above!



This will represent rain drops. When the paper is dry, tear into very small pieces.



This will represent the sun's rays, glinting on the rain drops. When the paper is dry, tear into very small pieces.

You will need: sheets of newspaper prepared as above, sheets of bright green and red card or paper - or you could use some remembrance poppies see below - scissors, and glue sticks.

1. Stick brown pieces at the bottom of the blue backdrop sheet as soil, making an uneven skyline.
2. Add bits of the remaining colours, all intermingled to represent the horrors of war, the rain that fell and still falls on the earth, and the warmth of the sun and the growth that it will bring.
3. Cut poppy flowers, or use those below - and add poppies to the scene as symbols of new life.

As the collages are being assembled, you could talk about the soldiers who were injured and who died in the cold wet earth, of the rain that came and washed all this into the soil below, and how from death came life as red poppies grew in the war-torn earth - and still grow today. From death comes resurrection.

John 13:34

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Jesus loved people. He loved tax collectors, diseased people, poor people, children and His followers. He loved people who were devoted to Him and those who were different from Him. He even loved difficult and dangerous people.

And His love is the same today as it was 2,000 years ago, Jesus dying for us was a great sacrifice. On remembrance Sunday we think of the sacrifice made by those in wartime.

Let us Pray

Lord, we are sad when we think of war,
of the soldiers who must fight
and all the people who are killed.

Today we remember their sacrifice with great sadness.

We thank them for what they did for us.

We also remember that they won for us a victory,
that without their bravery
our lives would have been so very different,
without the freedom we enjoy.

We thank them for what they did for us.

We are sad, too, at the thought of your suffering,
that you, too, had to be a great hero,
and walk to Jerusalem,
be arrested, tried and killed on the cross.

We thank you for what you did for us.

But we remember that you won for us a victory,
that on Easter morning you rose again,
to help us overcome our human nature,
so that we might rise again with you.

We thank you for what you did for us.

Amen.

WE SAY TOGETHER

Lord you want us to be with you

Thank you for inviting us

Lord you chose each one of us to be your friend

Thank you for inviting us

Lord we love being with you

Thank you for inviting us

Amen

WE SAY SORRY TO GOD

We're happy when we're close to God since that's where we belong (hug yourself)

But sometimes we go far from God and everything feels wrong (put head down and arms by your side)

But if we say we're sorry then God's love is sure and strong

and he will draw us back to him and that's where we belong. (Lift your head up and hug yourself).

Dear God we want to follow you, when we let you down,

Forgive us and fill us with your love

When we are greedy

Forgive us and fill us with your love

When we want to do things our way instead of yours

Forgive us and fill us with your love

Dear God we want to follow you

Forgive us and fill us with your love.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS

May the father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins and restore us in His image. To the praise and glory of His name. Amen.



- What does this symbol mean to you?
 - What is your hope for the future?
- How might you help others in a time of grief?

WE END WITH A TIME OF PRAYER -WE SAY TOGETHER,

Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours

Now and forever

Amen.

Thank you for each other. Thank you that we can learn together, play, laugh and pray together.
Bless us, Lord, as we remember how much you love us.

Amen

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