



St Saviour's Oxton



A service for Pre-school 'Sand' children 8th November 2020 Remembrance Sunday

Children's action prayer for Remembrance

God is good

God (draw circle in air) is good (thumbs up sign) ,

God (draw circle in air) chooses me (point both forefingers out, then point at self) ,

God (draw circle in air) loves (draw heart in air) me (point to self) ,

God (draw circle in air) cares for me (hug yourself) .

Thank you, God, for choosing, loving and caring for me.

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?

Below are a few different ideas and at the end of the liturgy some craft ideas. For very young children, a great way to open up the conversation is to do some craft activities together. (see below). You can talk to them about the First World War and other conflicts, without focusing on the death and fighting. Focus on the importance of Remembrance Day to honour those people who have kept us safe and enabled us to live in the world we live today and how, by loving one another as Jesus loves us, we can avoid conflict in the future and promote peace.



CBeebies has produced a short animation, simply titled, 'Poppies' to help convey the notion of Remembrance in a way that would resonate with a young audience. It is a really beautiful piece to watch and would be a great way to introduce any discussion of Remembrance Day. Please do watch it first to see if you are happy for your children to view it.

Poppies' – a short film <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/poppies>

The following action rhyme can be used by yourself and your child at home within your 'bubble'.

We can each help by loving those we know.

(Tune, 'The farmer's in his den.')

Love starts with you and me. (Point to partner and then point to self.)

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Pass it on, pass it on. (Shake hands or do 'high-fives'.)

Love starts with you and me. (make a heart shape with your hand and point to each other)

God's peace is in our hands. (Point to sky on peace, hold out hands.)

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Jesus loved all 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.

His love is the same today as it was 2,000 years ago. Can you draw a circle with your finger or draw one on a piece of paper? It has no edges does it? It carries on and on and on, that is just like Jesus love for us, it just goes on and on and on and on!

John 13:34

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Can you find this verse in your bible together?

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.

PRAISE RHYME Our God is a great big God

Our God is a great big God	praying hands then stretch up and round
Our God is a great big God	praying hands then stretch up and round
Our God is a great big God	praying hands then stretch up and round
And He holds us in His hands	hold hands
He's higher than a skyscraper	take hands up
He's deeper than a submarine	hold nose and go down
He's wider than the universe	stretch arms out
And beyond my wildest dreams	hand to forehead and wind fingers out
He's known me and He's loved me	touch head then cuddle self
Since before the world began	hand up and round to make a circle
How wonderful to be a part of	smile and point up
God's amazing plan	smile and point

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

Craft ideas

Please remember to share any photographs with me on
familyworship@oxtonstsaviour.co.uk

(N.B. these may be displayed on the church website, face book or other church publications so only send them if you are happy for your child to be included. thank you.)

1 We are loved

Cut out one large heart and several smaller hearts and colour them in. Help your child cut them out. (please see the templates below). Next, paste a picture of Jesus (see below) on the large heart. On the smaller hearts, paste photos of family and friends. Or write their names in the centre.

When completed, place the large heart face down on a table. Help your child place all the small hearts face down in a circle around the large heart.

Have your child turn over the large heart first. Explain that Jesus loves him/her so much that He puts people in his/her life — people who love him/her and whom he/she can love. When we love Jesus, it helps us to love others. All love comes from Jesus.

Before your child turns over each smaller heart, say, "Jesus loves you so much, He gave you ____ (as your child turns over the heart, shout the name of the person on the photo) to love."

Continue until all the small hearts are turned over. Explain to your child that as much as all these people love him/her and he/she loves each person, Jesus loves all of us even more than that!

This activity can be repeated, especially when your child has had a bad day, to show Jesus loves him no matter what.

2 Memories

Ask your child to talk about things they remember doing long ago. Do they remember being in reception class, or nursery, or playgroup? Do they remember a first holiday or trip somewhere new? Do they remember someone who has died or gone away? Why is it important to remember? How does it feel to remember?

With appropriate materials, invite the children to draw or paint someone or something lovely they remember. Place the pictures on the floor and say the thanksgiving prayer below, making it personal by adding the names of people or places the children have remembered.

Loving God, we thank you for memories.

We remember when we were little,
our first day at nursery, our first friends, *(add names)* .

We remember having good times on holidays,
and on trips to *(add place names)* .

We remember those we can't see anymore, *(add names)* .

We thank you that in our memories we can enjoy all these people and places again,
And when we have bad memories help us to not to be afraid.

We know that you are always with us and you will love us forever.

Amen

3 Poppy craft

Can you colour the poppies in and make a garland for your window?

Templates





