

Remembrance Day

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Additional Resources

PowerPoint presentation

Music - 'All You Need Is Love' by The Beatles www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAJRBIHkQFs

Poppy template

The Things We Love

Aim

- To be aware of the things we love the most
- To remember the sacrifice people gave because of war

Introduction

Play music as pupils enter the hall. Introduce yourself and welcome pupils to assembly.

Slide1 Did you catch the title of the song? 'All You Need Is Love' by The Beatles. We use the word 'love' a lot every day. Do you love tomato ketchup on your chips, or do you love salt and vinegar? Do you love a song by Taylor Swift or do you love a song by One Direction? Do you love playing football or do you love playing races? You may wish to ask pupils to show their answers by doing a 'thumbs up' or a 'thumbs down'.

Main Talk

Slide 2 We use the word *love* to mean how much we like something. But take a moment to think about things that you really do love - the things you love the most, the things that really matter to you. What might that be for you? *Ask for a few examples*.

Slide 3 On the 11th November it is Remembrance Day. This is the day when we think about the people who fight in war. Not because we want to celebrate war, but because we want to remember the people fought and died in war.

Remembrance Day started nearly 100 years ago in 1918, with the ending of the First World War which is also known as the Great War. So many people had lost their lives because of the fighting; it was felt their sacrifice should not be forgotten. It was hoped that the Great War would be the last ever war, but that has not happened. There are still people fighting and dying in conflicts today.

We set aside two minutes of silence on Remembrance Day to think about the people who have been involved in war. We use poppies to help us to remember. Poppies are a beautiful delicate red flower. Lots of poppies grew on the battlefields of the First World War, so it was chosen as the flower of remembrance.

Everyone has things that they love the most, things that are dear to them. But during wartime sacrifices are often made. People can lose the things that they love, and sometimes people can lose their own life in the struggles of war. Remembrance Day is a time to acknowledge this.





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Christian Perspective

Slide 4 In the Bible it says, 'The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them' (John 15:13 *GNT*). It is not saying that we should all go out to fight. It means that we should appreciate the sacrifices made by the people who have fought.

Challenge and Reflection

Slide 5 For Remembrance Day this year, here's a challenge for you. Take a moment to think of the things you have, the things that you really love, the things that really matter to you. Take a moment to appreciate the sacrifice made by others during wartime, so we are free to enjoy the things that we love. If you could say thank you to them, what would you say? Imagine what message you could write in the empty poppy.

Pause for short reflection time.

You may wish to leave copies of the poppy resource sheet for the class teachers.

Thank the pupils and staff for letting you be a part of their assembly.

