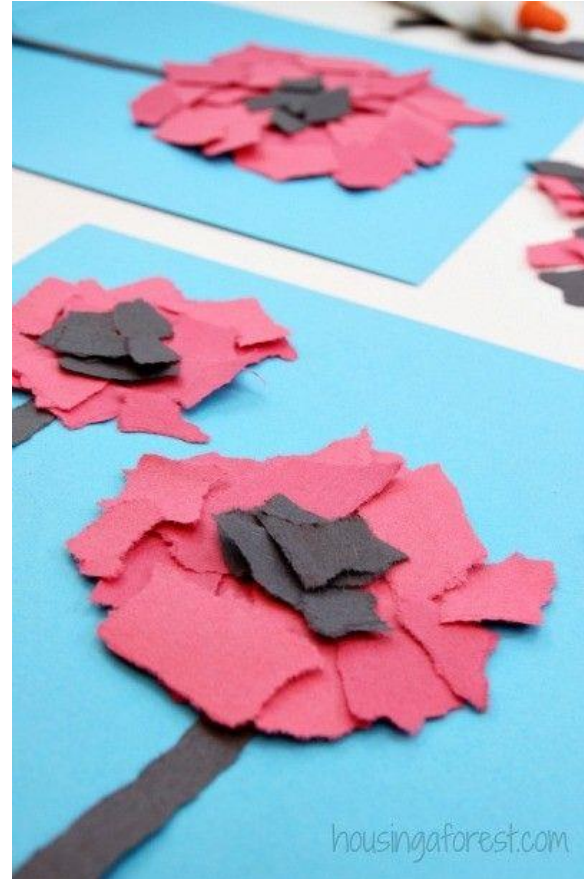


REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We will remember them- Ideas and Activities for Families



CREATE YOUR OWN POPPIES



Why not send your pictures to children@emmanuelchurch.co.uk

Melissa will make a picture collage of everyone's poppies and upload it to our Children and Families at Emmanuel Facebook page for everyone to see.



PRAYER IDEAS



Lighting a Candle

- With your adult light a candle in a safe place (somewhere it won't fall over or be easily knocked).
- As you focus on the candle and watch the flame you could pray for those who are sad today, for those whom Remembrance Sunday is a difficult day.
- Or you might just like to have a moment of quiet with your family.



Pray for Peace

- Where in the world is there trouble or fighting? What place and people would you like to pray for?
- What's on God's heart? Where is He crying out for his people?
- Why not ask God if there's a place or group of people he'd like to chat to your family about?



INTERNATIONAL PRAYER OF PEACE (FROM MESSY CHURCH)

Lead me... from death to life (hands crossed over body and then hands raised above the head) ...
from falsehood to truth (one hand close to the mouth, suggesting a malicious whisper, and then both hands with thumbs up next to the mouth suggesting the truth)
... from despair to hope (one hand on the forehead in despair and then the same hand shading the eyes, looking out to the future in hope)
... from fear to trust (two hands by the mouth expressing terror and then both hands open in front of the body expressing trust)
... from hate to love (one hand raised as a fist and then two hands over the heart)
... from war to peace. (one hand shaped like a gun and then two hands linked by the thumbs, palms inward, creating a dove of peace)

Let peace fill... our heart (the hands still as the dove of peace near to the heart)

... our world (hands as the dove of peace making a small circle away from the heart)

... our universe. (hands as a dove of peace making a much larger circle away from the body)



FAMILY STORIES

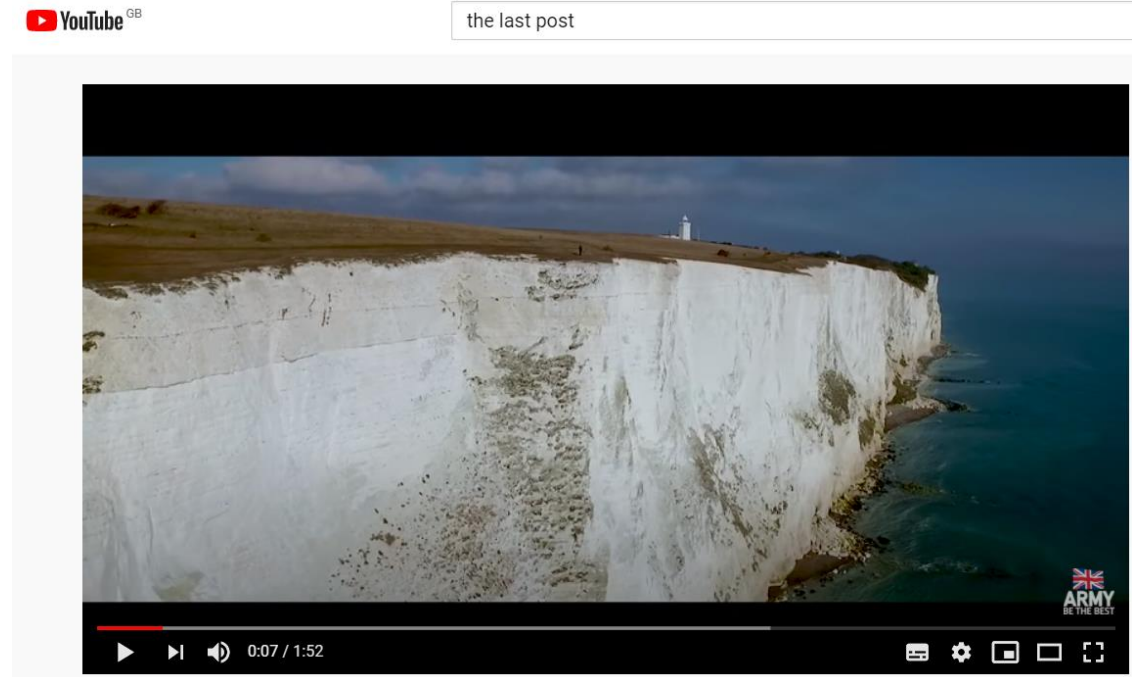
- Are there any stories in your family or friends, of people who have served in the military?
- Do you know of anyone who has been brave?
- What helps you to remember, are there any special poems or memories you have?



THE LAST POST

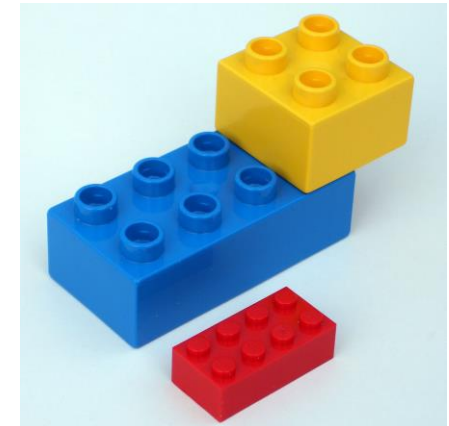
- Some people find listening to “The Last Post” a helpful way of remembering the soldiers and all those who have served in wartime. You could hold a minutes silence with your family as this plays.

- <https://youtu.be/EDS3TxtGaQ0>



SCULPTURE FOR PEACE

- In many towns and cities around the world, there are often monuments built to commemorate wars, including statues of soldiers and famous battles. What, however, would a statue to peace look like?
- Here's some ideas to help you if you're stuck: a dove, an olive branch, a candle, a broken sword.
- What could you use in your home to make a sculpture of peace? Can you build it?



BIBLE STORIES & BIG QUESTIONS

- There are some Bible verses on the next page. As you read them is there one that stands out to you?
- God is with us in the sad times, the hurting times. We can't always feel God or see God but we know through his promises to us that he is always with us.
- What questions do you have today that you want you ask God?
- God's sacrifice. From the very beginning of the Bible (Abraham and Isaac) God starts to show us that as part of his rescue plan He will make a big sacrifice for us. We hear how God's rescuer will be treated through the prophets and the psalmists in the Old Testament. When God's son Jesus comes and dies on the cross for us, God is paying the ultimate price. The rescue plan costs God dearly and it hurt Him to see his son Jesus go through so much pain.
- In a lot of our questions, doubts, maybe sometimes anger, and seeing unfairness we can remember that God knows exactly how we feel.
- God wants us to be able to come to him and chat with him about everything and anything. He doesn't mind if our prayers are shouty cross or angry!



BIBLE VERSES

- [The Lord God says:] ‘I will never forget you.’ Isaiah 49:15 (CEV)
- When peacemakers plant seeds of peace, they will harvest justice. James 3:18 (CEV)
- [Jesus said:] ‘I give you peace, the kind of peace that only I can give. It isn’t like the peace that this world can give. So don’t be worried or afraid.’ John 14:27 (CEV)
- Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. John 15:13 (NIV)
- God brings wars to an end all over the world. He breaks the arrows, shatters the spears, and burns the shields. Psalm 46:9 (CEV)
- They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Micah 4:3 (NIV)
- God blesses those people who make peace. They will be called his children! Matthew 5:9 (CEV)
- “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” Matthew 28:20.
- “God has said ‘never will I leave you; never will I forsake you’” Hebrews 13:5

