

The Rock, Sunday 8th November 2020

Poppy Day.

Warm up

Dance to, join in with the actions and sing our Rock song.

This video has the words:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcAG4PbNXaA>

This video has the actions: <https://youtu.be/8dbOgbRxC1M>



Getting started

One wall is port, the opposite wall is starboard. You can also name the other pair of walls home and abroad. When you call these names all the children need to run to the appropriate wall.

Other words have these actions:

- Climb the rigging – pretend to climb a ladder.
- Scrub the deck – crouch down and pretend to scrub a floor.
- Man overboard – look for him.
- Life boat – find a partner and hold both hands (making a boat shape).
- Captain's coming – Salute.
- Submarine – lay on your back with one leg in the air.
- Galley – line up in a vertical line down the hall.
- Ice berg – Make a group in the middle of the room.

As you call the actions out, the children must do them.

The Point: Just for fun.

Teaching time

Equipment

A copy of the Last Post and the means to play it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBHZwMz70fQ>

Begin by reading John 15:12-13 – “Now I tell you to love each other, as I have loved you. The greatest way to show love to friends is to die for them.”

Ask the children what they think Jesus meant by this – who dies for friends?

Ask the children what happens to soldiers when they go to war? A lot of them die or



they are injured; some come back without getting wounded, but they have all seen terrible things.

So are soldiers some of the people that Jesus is talking about when he said that the greatest love is to die for a friend? Yes.... Soldiers as well as other people.

Say that every year in November we remember the soldiers who have died in wars – especially the first and second world wars. We also remember soldiers who are fighting today in places like Iraq and Syria.

If you go to church, often you hear a poem read, then a piece of music played – the Last Post. After that, everyone is quiet for 2 minutes while we remember the soldiers who have died in wars. Finally, the vicar will pray.

Listen to the last post now. Then have a short silence – not the whole 2 minutes.

The Point: To experience the Remembrance service, and to talk about why we do that.

Craft and activity ideas

1.

Equipment

Red poster paint, black poster paint, green pens, paper.



The children are going to make thumb print poppies. They need to dip their thumbs in the red paint and make two horizontal thumb prints, one on top of the other to be the top and bottom petal of the poppy. Then they need to put their pinkie finger in the black paint and make a smaller thumb print in the middle of the poppy – this is the stamens.

Now use green pen to draw in the stems.

These are surprisingly effective. Children can make as many as they like.

The Point: To provide a reminder craft.

2.

Equipment

A4 paper, pens.

Each child needs a piece of A4 paper. Let them very quickly make a pattern on it with the felt tips. Then, roll the paper into a cone shape with a very small opening one end. Seal with sellotape.

The children can use these cones to “toot” through (like cheap kazoos) and you can try to play the Last Post together.

The Point: A remembering activity.

.Prayer/Response

Equipment

Pictures of poppies from the internet.

Say that we wear poppies on Remembrance Sunday. This is because in the First World War, poppies grew in the fields where the fighting took place – and of course poppies are red like the blood of the soldiers who died.

As the children look at the pictures, hopefully they will take time to reflect on the themes of today's session.

There are many images on the Internet. It would be good to include some pictures of the Poppy display from the Tower of London in 2014; some of the children may have seen that for themselves.



The Point: To provide time to reflect on this week's session.

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(Material taken from Energize by Urban Saints - <https://www.energize.uk.net/>)