



ACTIVITY SHEETS



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

THINKING ABOUT REMEMBRANCE DAY

On the 11th of November every year we spend time remembering all the people and animals who gave their lives in wars so that we could be free and live in peace.

In James 4:1-3 it says, "Do you know where your wars, fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that make war inside you. You want things, but you do not have them. So, you are ready to kill and are jealous of other people. But you still cannot get what you want. So, you argue and fight. You do not get what you want because you do not ask God. Or when you ask, you do not receive because the reason you ask is wrong. You want things only so that you can use them for your own pleasures."

- Think about a time when you wanted your own way. How did it feel?
- Think about a time when someone else didn't get what they wanted and got angry with you or didn't want to be your friend anymore. How did that make you feel?

Jesus said in Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers – God will call them his children." God wants us to be peacemakers and love everyone, even those who don't get their own way and cause arguments or fight with us.

We wear poppies for Remembrance to help us remember all the fallen, but I think they can also help us remember that God wants us to be peacemakers. Poppies were chosen as a symbol because they often grew in battlefields after the soldiers stopped fighting.

Watch this little video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jeR5JWalcpo> and then chat about all the ways you think you can be a peacemaker at home, at school, with your friends etc.

DID YOU KNOW ...

There are 4 different coloured poppies for remembering.

Red for people who died in WW1 and other wars

Purple for the animals that died serving in wars (Horses, dogs, pigeons, Camels, cats and canaries)

Black for African, black and Caribbean communities'

White for people who want to remember the peace that war brought and not the war itself.

(Look at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/45975344> for more info)



We remember!

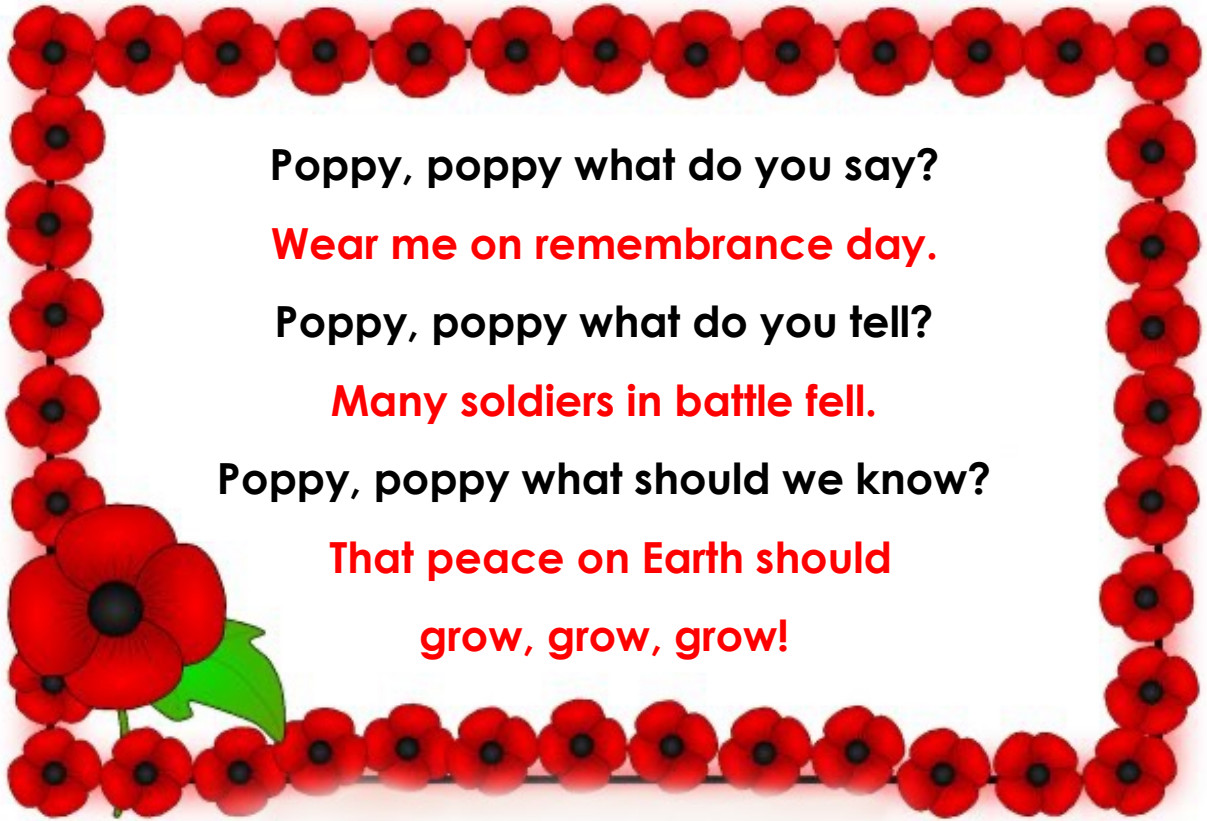




Blessed
ARE THE
PEACEMAKERS,
for they will be called
the CHILDREN
of GOD.

MATTHEW 5:9

REMEMBRANCE POEM



Poppy, poppy what do you say?

Wear me on remembrance day.

Poppy, poppy what do you tell?

Many soldiers in battle fell.

Poppy, poppy what should we know?

**That peace on Earth should
grow, grow, grow!**

Why not write your own Remembrance Poem.





CRAFT ACTIVITIES

PEACE CRANE

In Japan, children write their prayers and hopes for peace on paper cranes which they have made. This is the story behind this tradition:

Sadako was a young Japanese girl, badly affected by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima at the end of World War II. She was taken to hospital for treatment. The nurses encouraged her and the other children to accept the medicines by folding for them origami figures out of small square medicine wrappers. Sadako's favourite was the crane. An old Japanese legend stated that anyone who faithfully folded 1,000 cranes would have her wish fulfilled.

Sadako began folding cranes and her wish was of course that she would recover. However, when she sensed that she was not going to get better from the effects of the radiation, she changed her wish and prayed instead for peace between the countries of the world. With every crane that she folded, she whispered, 'I will write peace on your wings and you will fly all over the world.' She had folded 664 cranes when sadly she died.

The children of Japan learned of Sadako's wish and they too began folding cranes and every year on Hiroshima day (6 August), you can see thousands of paper cranes suspended from the tower in Hiroshima Peace Park.

See next page for instructions about how to fold a simple crane from a square of paper.

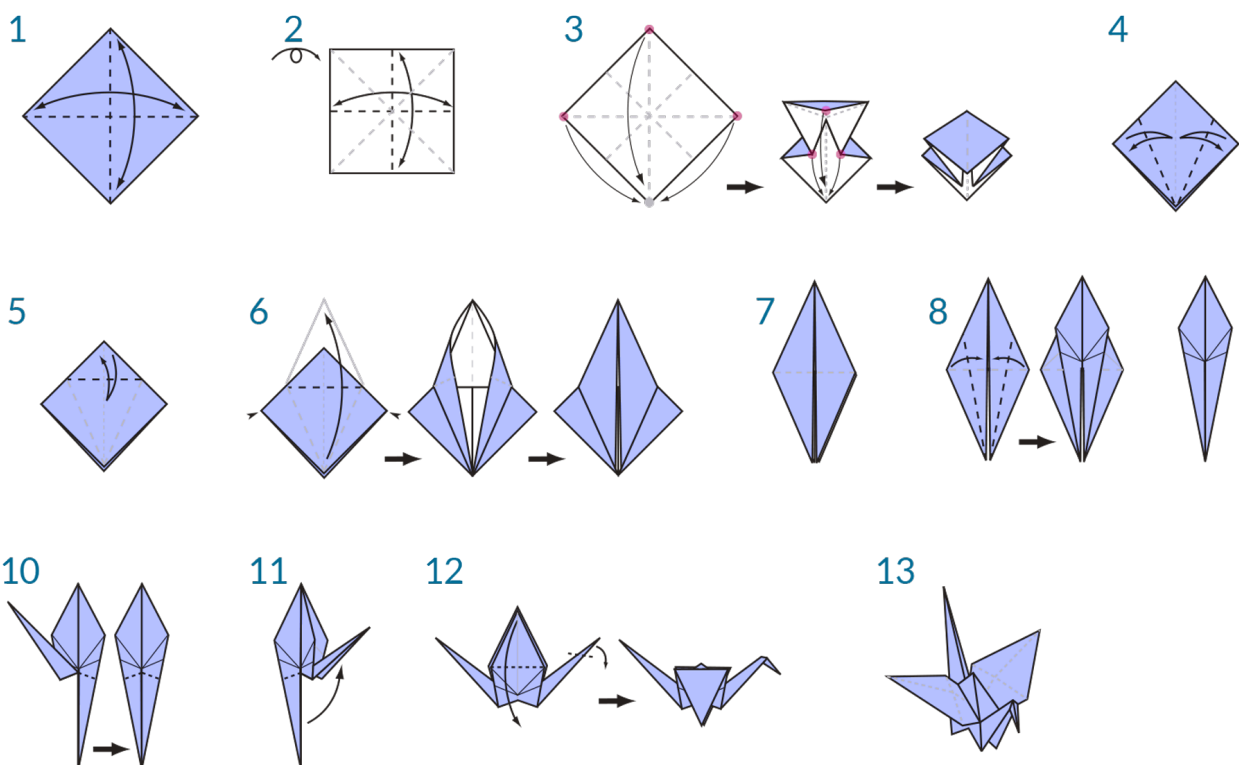
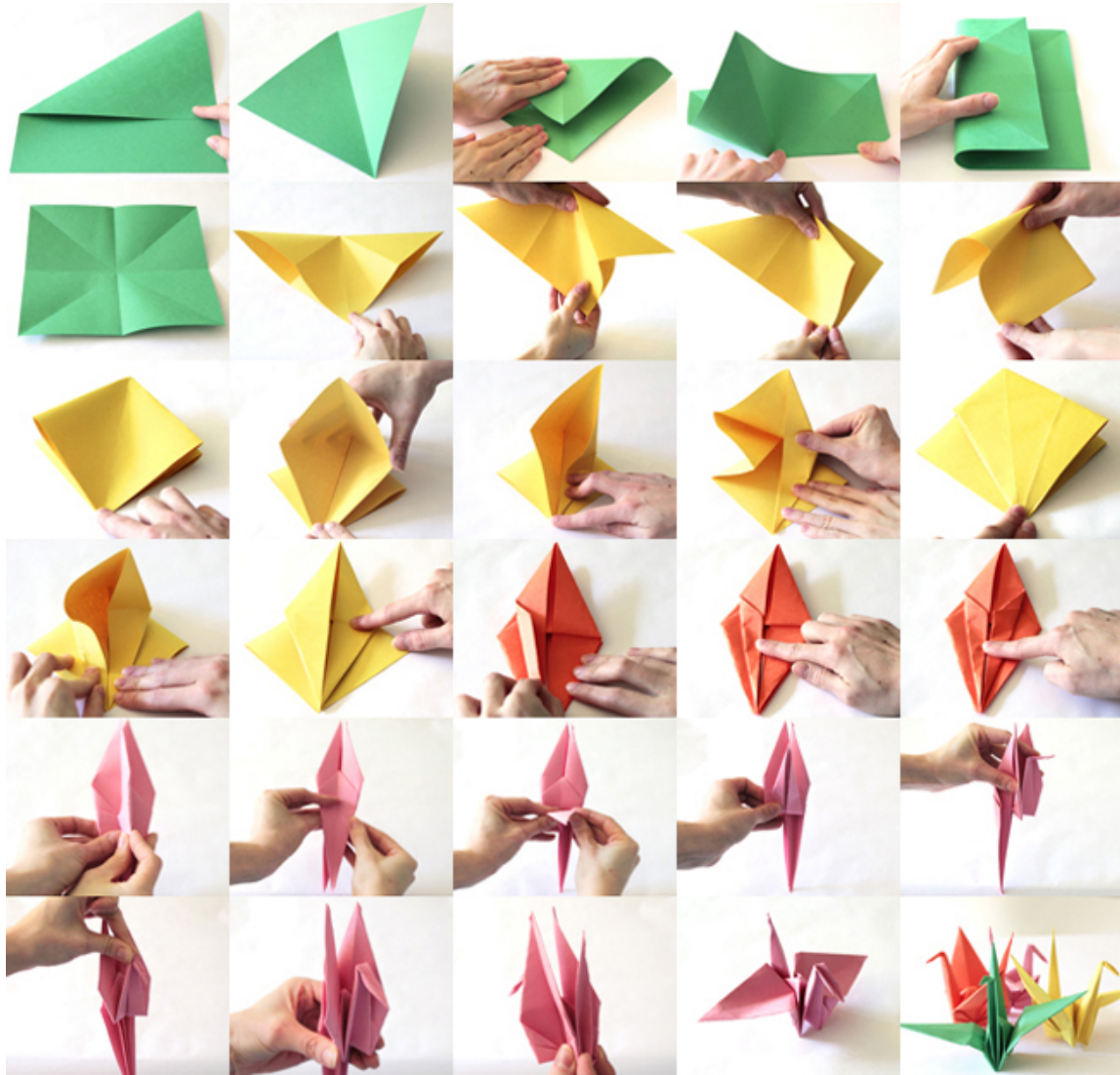
Talk about: Why is it so hard for people in the world to be at peace with one another?

Thought Pebbles

Collect some pebbles and draw / paint pictures on them that help people think about Remembrance. You'll need pens to draw with, paint and clear varnish to make your pebble pictures waterproof. Once you've drawn on them, cover with varnish and, when dry, place the pebbles along a path, on a patio, in flowerpots or on your windowsill or leave somewhere in the community for people to find and Remember!



Peace Dove Folding Instructions



SONG LYRICS

You forgive me (Lifetree kids)

You take all the pieces of my life
Put 'em back together,
make it all alright
Oh, you forgive me
Only you can heal my broken heart
Make all things new
with a brand-new start
Oh, you forgive me
you forgive me

I try so hard to do things right
But I make the wrong choice
sometimes
And you forgive me
No one knows me, God, like you
You see who I am, not what I do
And you forgive me
We're alive we're alive
To love one another

Love One Another

This is how the world will know
how the world will see
that we live what we believe
with everything we do
every word we speak
let us live for this one thing
we will, we will

Chorus

**love one another
love one another
with a love like no other
that we've found in You
love one another
love one another
ye love one another
that's what we'll do**

There is not a greater love
than the One who came
to give it all away
You laid down your life
Gave up everything
We will live to do the same
we will, we will

Chorus

We're alive, we're alive
to love one another
We're alive, we're alive
with love like no other
We're alive, we're alive
We're sisters and brothers
We're alive, we're alive
to love one another

Chorus x2