

# Remembrance Handprint Poppies

## Description

To get your group learning and thinking about Remembrance, and to create a piece of art to remind them of what the poppy represents.

## Resources

A4 card  
 Red, green & black paint  
 Paper plates  
 Washing up bowl with soapy water

## Instructions

### LEADER PREPARATION

In preparation for this activity you will need to place red, green and black paint on separate paper plates. Useful information about Remembrance can be found at [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk).

### GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

1. Start the activity by seeing what the children know about remembrance, and fill in any gaps or share additional information they might have missed.
2. Follow up this talk by giving each child a piece of A4 card and creating poppy handprints.
3. Create the red poppy by dipping a hand in the red paint and pressing it onto the A4 card.
4. Using the length of a finger, dip the finger into the green paint and leave two green finger marks underneath the poppy, to create the stalk.
5. Finally, dip the end of a finger into the black paint and leave a black fingerprint in the middle of the poppy to create the black poppy seeds.
6. Allow the art work to dry and using soap and water, wash hands clean of paint.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Armistice Day takes place annually on 11th November. This is the day when World War One came to an end – 11am on 11th November 1918. The nearest Sunday to 11th November is known as Remembrance Sunday.
- Today we wear poppies in remembrance of all those that lost their lives, not just in World War One or Two, but all wars and conflict.
- The reason poppies are used to remember those who have given their lives in battle is because they are the flowers which grew on the battlefields during World War One. This is described in the famous World War One poem 'In Flanders Fields'.
- In 2018 some 40 million poppies were sold in the United Kingdom.

### IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

The artwork could be used to decorate your Church for its Remembrance Service and you could encourage the children to share their knowledge of the poppy during this service.

### KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Ensure your group wash their hands quickly after they have finished to reduce the risk of paint getting inside mouths or over clothing and other surfaces.

## Running details

Runs for 15 minutes  
 Location: Should be run inside

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