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45 MINUTES



PREPARATION
NEEDED

REMEMBERING OUR BB HEROES



AIM

World War 1 & 2 may have taken place 80-100+ years ago, but the heroic stories of bravery will never grow old. Explore the stories of some of these brave soldiers, who were BB members as young people, and how they put their lives on the line for their country. Link to Remembrance (11th November).

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Remembering Our BB Heroes Videos
- Projector / Large TV
- Computer & Speakers
- Access to the Internet or Local History Books

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THEME: ME & MY WORLD



LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need access the three 'BB Heroes of War' videos and find a suitable way of showing these to the group.



[Download BB Heroes of the War Videos](#)



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Heroes of The Boys' Brigade

- 1 Many former members of The Boys' Brigade, many not older than the young people in our Company & Senior age groups now, marched off to war in the 1910s and 1940s. A number never returned, having fought bravely on the battlefields of Europe and beyond.
- 2 Explore three of those stories with our videos, telling the tales of three Victoria Cross recipients that grew up in The Boys' Brigade. Lieutenant-Colonel John Dimmer (aged 35), Sergeant John Hannah (aged 18) and Guardsman Edward Charlton (aged 25). These videos can be found at <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/programme/videos>
- 3 Afterwards have a brief discussion about these brave men. Could the group imagine being in those frightening situations and choosing the actions that they did? Faced with certain death or injury, these young men gave their all. Is it right that we take time to pause and remember their sacrifice each remembrance?

Your Local Heroes

- 1 The World Wars touched all communities in every corner of the UK and beyond. Almost every village, town and city has a war memorial covered in names of those who fought and died.
- 2 Do some research on your local memorial. What names can you discover? Use websites and local history books to find out information about those names (for example the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website). Who were they, where did they live, what did they do in the war? Do you have any BB war heroes of your own?
- 3 Work in small groups and take on a name or two each. After a while report back to the whole group and share what you have learnt.



IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Consider making or purchasing a wreath and placing it on your local war memorial as part of Remembrance Day / Sunday, helping young people to physically show their respects to the names they have researched.



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Remember that this could be a sensitive subject for some who may have family members that are currently serving or have served in conflicts.