

Children's Church at Home 8 November 2020

Micah 4:1-4 Swords into Ploughshares

Craft ingredients: paper, red and green if possible, pens, scissors, a paper plate or card cut into a circle, pritt stick.

First: Have you got a poppy? Do you know why people wear poppies at this time of year? When do we have a two minute silence?

Have you seen any pictures of war time? Micah lived a long time ago, and he had lived through two wars. That must have been very scary and very sad for him. Probably friends and even family died. Read what he said about how God would sort things out in Micah 4:1-4. Why does he want to turn swords into tools?

Story: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Micah+4%3A1-4&version=ERV>

Video: keep watching this one ... it may not seem to be about Remembrance, but it shows how arguments can get out of hand and how friends can help to calm things down. Look at what they do with their war machine at the end! <https://vimeo.com/375480590>

Think: When do you see wreaths? How many types of wreath can you think of?

Craft: We are going to make something using paper poppies. See the video for details.

Activity: war is serious and scary. But we can play games! There's no snow, but you could have a paper ball fight. Ask for some paper which was on its way to being recycled: junk mail, unwanted letters, newspaper, or maybe ask if you may use a roll of toilet paper. Scrunch your paper into balls, take them outside and throw! If there's no one to play with, throw them at a target (a wall, a bench, a tree trunk) and see how many hits you get.

Prayer: Eternal God, in your perfect world there won't be any more fighting and everyone will be able to live peacefully. For the moment, please look after everyone caught up in war, people serving in the Army, Navy and Air Force, and their families. Bring peace in the countries where there is fighting now and bless everyone who is trying to help, as peacemakers and emergency workers.

Lots of people have died in wars. Only you, God, can know all of them. But we promise to think about them and pray for peace. Amen.

The Grace: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.