

Explore It TOGETHER

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SESSION 02

REMEMBRANCE

 **John 15:13 and Matthew 5:9**

Here are some ideas
and activities you
could do as a family



Create

Create a paper chain of crosses by folding a length of paper into a fan or an 'accordion'. Draw a cross on the top piece, making sure that the left and right arms of the cross touch the folds at the sides. Now cut out the cross shape, but remember not to cut along the folds on the left and right edges. The crosses should be linked when the paper is unfolded. You can make as many crosses as you like depending on the number of folds you make. Now make poppies of the appropriate size cut from red paper to decorate the centres of the crosses.

Talk together about how Jesus died on a cross, which for Christians means, among other things, that God understands and shares in the suffering of the world, including all the pain and bereavement that comes through war. For different poppy templates and craft activities, go to: poppytime.com/poppy-craft-activities.htm

(Adapted from Messychurch.org.uk)



Investigate

Investigate different organisations that work for peace in war-torn countries, or charities that support children and families in areas of conflict. Is there anything you can do to support this work?



Bake

Can you find a wartime recipe to try out? Or ask an older relative if they remember eating anything special during the war (if they're old enough!).



Pray

Find out what countries are experiencing conflict and war right now. Pray together for peace in those places by putting stickers representing peace on a world map. As you put the stickers on, pray: 'Father God, may there be peace in...' There is no shortage of war zones to pray for. You could choose one place to continue to pray for throughout the week.



Memorise

Challenge your family to memorise the following Scriptures.

'The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them' (John 15:13 GNT).

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God' (Matthew 5:9 NIV).



Create

Using some cheap artist's canvasses, design and decorate your own memo boards to put up at home. Cover one with patterned paper and then criss-cross it with colourful ribbon which will provide a net into which you can put and store important photos, souvenirs or notes. Fix string to the back with glue or tape or something stronger to make it possible to hang the board. Talk together about your most important memories.

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