

# ANZAC DAY

# LEST WE FORGET



## Intergenerational segment

### Notes for leaders

Anzac Day is a great opportunity for us to discuss important themes with our children such as courage, loyalty and freedom. It's also a time when we can discuss complex topics like war, peace, sacrifice and death.

### Preparation

1. Purchase enough fresh or artificial flowers for everyone to have one or supply materials for everyone to create a paper flower. (There are many ways this can be done, such as colouring a simple paper template, origami, or creating a flower from tissue paper and pipe cleaners. Choose an option that suits your budget and timeframe.)
2. Purchase or create a wreath to decorate with the flowers. (This can be as simple as a large circle of sturdy cardboard.)
3. You will also need glue, wire, tape etc. to attach the flowers to the wreath, depending on the options that you have chosen.

### Discussion

I wonder if you have ever done something to care for a friend? Allow for some responses.

Today we are thinking about Anzac Day. Does anyone know what ANZAC stands for? (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.) The ANZACs were soldiers from Australia and New Zealand. Men and women from many different cultures and backgrounds, including Indigenous peoples, worked together so that our world could be a safe and peaceful place to live.

The ANZAC soldiers took great care of their friends. They shared their supplies, they carried each other away from danger, and they looked after each other when they were sick. Sometimes, the ANZAC soldiers even died to protect their friends.

In John 15:12-13 (NLT), Jesus said, "Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

On Anzac Day, we remember the courage of those who fought and the people who died because of the war; and we pray that God will make our world a place of peace for everyone.

### Activity

1. Hand out or make the flowers.
2. Play some music and invite everyone to attach their flowers to the wreath.
3. Invite two of the children to place the completed wreath at the foot of the cross as you pray.

### Prayer

*Dear Jesus,*

*We thank you today as we remember that you died for all people, so that we can be saved.*

*We also remember the ANZAC soldiers who cared for their friends so much that they were even willing to die for them.*

*We ask you to bring peace to our world and remind each of us to treat others with love and care.*

*Amen.*