

# CIRCLE TIME IDEAS

## ~NOVEMBER~

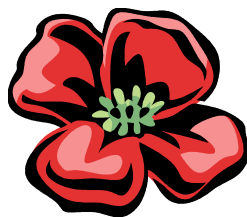


Lest not we forget November 11<sup>th</sup> is **Remembrance Day**. Take a few moments to help the children understand why we honour those who gave their lives for our freedom and how they can contribute in keeping peace.

November 20<sup>th</sup> is **National Child Day**. Celebrate National Child Day with the children in your life by spending a little time in **PLAY!**

### SONGS & RHYMES

<p><b>Little Poppy</b></p> <p>Little poppy Given to me Help me keep Canada Safe and free.</p> <p>I'll wear a little poppy As red as red can be, To show that I remember Those who fought for me.</p>	<p><b>Poppy</b></p> <p>We are but children small, We are too little to do it all. Children you may do your part. Love each other is how you start. Play without fighting. Share your games and toys. Be kind and thoughtful, To all girls and boys.</p>
<p><b>Five Little Snowmen</b></p> <p>Five little snowmen on a winter's day The first one said, "Wake up, so we can play" The second one said, "Let's stomp on the ground." The third one said, "Let's roll around." The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run." The fifth one said, "I'm afraid I feel the sun." "Oh dear," cried the snowmen, As they looked toward the sky. And the five melting snowmen waved a fond goodbye!</p>	<p><b>I Built a Snowman</b></p> <p>I built a little snowman. (make large circle with arms) He had a carrot nose (point to nose) Along came a bunny (hold up to bent fingers) And what do you suppose? (shrug) That hungry little bunny, (make bunny again) Looking for his lunch, (hop bunny around) Ate the snowman's nose. (pretend bunny is eating nose) Nibble! Nibble! Crunch! (pretend to be eating a carrot)</p>



## Ten Fingers

I have ten fingers (*hold up both hands, fingers spread*)

And they all belong to me, (*point to self*)

I can make them do things-

Would you like to see?

I can shut them up tight (*make fists*)

I can open them wide (*open hands*)

I can put them together (*place palms together*)

I can make them all hide (*put hands behind back*)

I can make them jump high (*hands over head*)

I can make them jump low (*touch floor*)

I can fold them up quietly (*fold hands in lap*)

And hold them just so.

## I Am Special

(Tune: Frere Jacques)

I am special (point to yourself)

I am special

Look and see (make binoculars with your fingers)

Look and see!

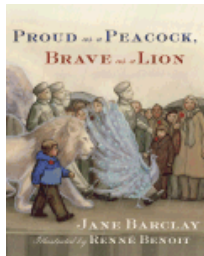
Someone very special (hands out to the side, palms up)

Someone very special

Yes, it's ME!

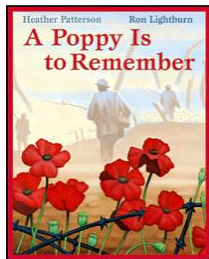


## BOOK SUGGESTIONS



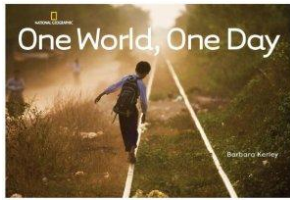
Proud as a Peacock, Brave as a Lion

By Jane Barclay

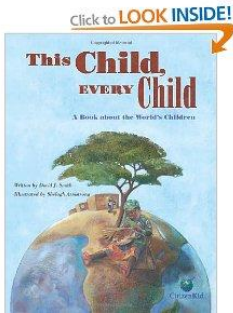


A Poppy is to Remember

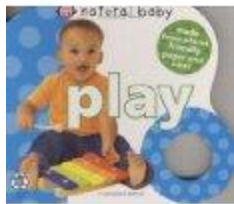
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One World, One Day  
By Barbara Kerley



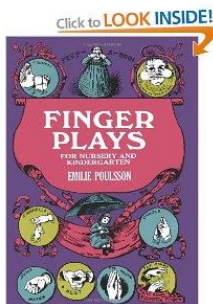
This Child, Every Child -  
A Book about the World's Children  
By David J. Smith



Play  
By Roger Priddy



Let's Play in the Snow  
By Sam McBratney



Finger Plays for Nursery Rhymes  
By Emilie Poulsson

## SNACK IDEAS

**Note:** Always be aware of food allergies of all participants!

### **"Me" Pizzas**

Let the children create their very own "Me" pizzas!

Use English muffins, pizza sauce, cheese, pepperoni, pepper slices. The children can use the pepperoni and pepper slices to create faces on their pizzas. Bake in oven and serve.

### **Fruit Faces**

Have them create themselves using the slices of fruit. Some examples could include grapes for eyes, sliced apple for eye brows, a banana sliced lengthwise for a mouth and a kiwi slice for a nose.

## CRAFTS IDEAS

**Note:** Best practice is to allow children to express their own creativity without using patterns.

### **Hands Poppy Wreath**

Children can trace and cut out their hands on green construction paper (4 times). The hands are joined and glued together. Add a large red poppy in the center

Supplies needed:

- Green & Red construction paper
- Glue

### **Remembrance Day Wreath Craft**

Children can cut out a large wreath on green construction paper. Then add large & small poppies to the wreath.

Supplies needed:

- Green & Red Construction paper
- Glue

### **Paper Plate Faces**

Give the children small hand mirrors and encourage them to examine their reflections, noting such things as hair color, eye color, skin color, nose & mouth shapes.

Supplies needed:

- Paper Plates
- Glue
- Various colored construction paper
- Various colored yarn
- Scissors
- Crayons

## **GAMES & ACTIVITIES**

### **Activity/Game #1: Life Size Paper Kids**

Trace each child's shape on large butcher paper. Provide the children with yarn, markers, crayons, etc. Let the children create their own self-portraits by adding facial features, hair and clothing.

### **Activity/Game #2: National Child Day Collage**

Supply the children with magazines filled with pictures of children around the world. Provide them with construction paper and glue. Have them create a collage of the world's children in celebration of National Child Day.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Discussion #1: Remembrance Day**

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day. Discuss with children the reasons we celebrate Remembrance. Explain the importance of honoring the men and women who serve our country and sacrificed their own lives so we could be free.

### **Discussion #2: National Child Day**

November 20<sup>th</sup> is National Child Day -- A day to recognize the United Nations Convention, Rights of the Child. Nearly every country in the world has agreed to the Convention, making it the most universal human rights agreement of our time.

Play is a right of every child. Play is important for children's physical, social and emotional development.

Celebrate National Child Day with the children in your life and take the time to just PLAY!