



The story

[Slide 1] Remembrance Day is coming up.

That's the day when we remember those who have died in war. We wear poppies **[Slide 2]** to show that we are remembering.

It's a BIG day in Europe and all the Commonwealth countries. As a church family we think it's great that you will be learning about it and we think we must remember. Jesus shows us why.

He said this:

[Slide 3] "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15 v13)

The first reason we remember is because the soldiers lived out this verse

[Slide 4] **The soldiers died because they loved us**

When we show someone we care for them, we give them something precious.

That's why we give presents to people - we want to show them that we love them.

That's why we lend things to our friends. To show we care. We trust them with something precious to us.

The greatest thing we can ever give to those we love is our lives.

There is nothing more precious to us.

There is nothing more we can give.

Those who died serving in our armed forces have given us everything to protect us, to show they care for us, to show that they love their country.

They gave their lives, because they loved us, to give us the freedom we enjoy in this country.

We must remember them. They have given everything for us.



We also remember because Jesus lived out this verse even more

[Slide 5] Jesus died because He loves us

When Jesus said these words, he was thinking about his own death.

Jesus knew everything that was going to happen to him. More than that Jesus planned everything that was going to happen to him.

He chose to give his life, because he loved us, to give us the freedom to be in God's family, forever. He did all that was needed. There was nothing more that could give.

Jesus shows us how much love it takes to give up your life for others.

So this week as we prepare for Remembrance Day, let's try and remember Jesus' words. Let's remember what he gave up and what the soldiers gave up for us.

Let me pray.