

## The Gift of Sacrifice—Remembrance Day

Adapted from a program by Dianne Lawson  
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### Décor:

- Anything with a military feel that you can find, borrow, etc. You may have ex servicemen/women in your community that still have memorabilia from their time of service. Various types of service dress/hats, etc, make a good display.
- Give each lady a poppy to be placed on a cross at some point during the program. Have a cross prominent in the display.
- A Canadian flag, photo of the Queen if available.

### Special Guests:

You may be able to request someone from the Royal Canadian Legion to be your guest.

### Songs:

Check out websites for songs from the WWII era and print up a sing-a-long sheet. This could include:

- It’s a long way to Tipperary
- Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile
- Daisy, daisy

Other songs could include:

- Abide with me
- The National Anthem
- God save the Queen



### Remembrance Day Resources:

The Veterans Affairs Canada has numerous resources available on its website for the current year— <http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/remembers/>

**Poem:** “*In Flanders Fields*” by John McCrae

“*For the Fallen*” (verse 4—”They shall not grow old”) by Laurence Binyon

### The Last Post

Historically, this has been used to signify the end of the day. It is played during commemorative ceremonies to serve as a tribute to the dead.

**Minute of Silence**

This is held to reflect on the significance of the day and as a sign of respect.

**Reveille and Rouse**

Historically, Reveille is played at dawn to awaken the soldiers.

**Courageous Canadians Quiz:**

Even though this is an online quiz, the questions can be used for your programming. It contains multiple choice, true or false, and match the picture with the caption.

<http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/youth/sub.cfm?source=activities/quiz>

**Talk:** In advance, ask two or three people to speak on their personal sacrifices during times of war or service for their country. These could include a service person, a spouse, and maybe a child. (Give them a time limit e.g. 3-5 minutes each).

Wrap up with comments based on the Scripture from John 15:9ff “*Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.*”

