



Called to Wonder

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From Nothing to Something

Did you know that the poppy (or *papaver rhoeas*) grows profusely in the trenches and craters of old, abandoned war zones? Artillery shells and shrapnel stirred up the earth and exposed the seeds to the light they needed to germinate. Isn't that amazing? Isn't God amazing – taking a dusty, abandoned battlefield and turning it into something beautiful and alive?

Only God's power could create something out of nothing; to turn a deserted battlefield into a sea of peaceful beauty. He did the same thing when he created the entire universe out of nothing – in just seven days!

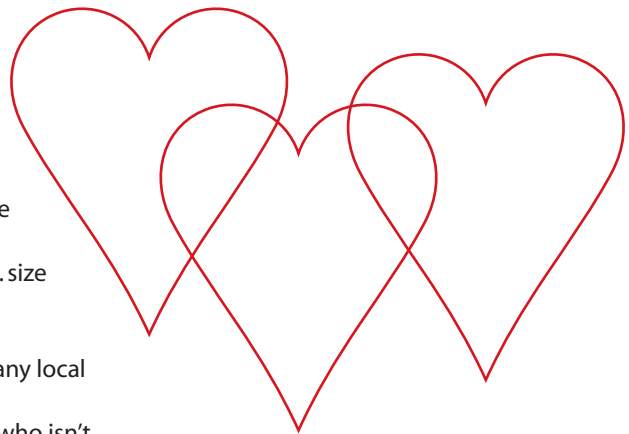
The poppy is worn as a symbol of Remembrance Day. But it means more than just remembering, it is a symbol of faith and hope too: faith and hope in each other that we will choose peace over war, and faith and hope that God will one day bring peace to the world.

Little Know Fact

In November, 1921, the first poppies were distributed in Canada to be worn on Remembrance Day.

From the Heart *Make your own poppy!*

- Draw 4 small hearts on a piece of red construction paper.
- Cut each of them out and glue all four together at the base of each heart.
- Cut out a black or green construction paper circle (approx. size shown here).
- Glue the circle onto the middle of each poppy.
- Glue on a magnet fastener or pin fastener (both found at any local craft store) on the back of the poppy.
- Make extras and give them away when you see someone who isn't wearing a poppy.



Dear God, Thank you for reminding us that your power can create beauty from war, can transform death to life, and will bring us peace in your time. Amen