

Elementary Public and Catholic School Activities for International Day of Peace September 21, 2013

What is Peace One Day? Lesson for Primary Classes

TOPIC: Introduction to the International Day of Peace

LENGTH: Introductory lesson -30 to 40 minutes. Planning activity to celebrate Peace Day-length of

time depends on activity.

SOURCES: The Peace One Day Primary Education Resource and www.youtube.ca

Lesson objectives:

Students should be able to:

- Understand why Jeremy Gilley established Sept. 21 as an annual Peace Day
- Explain what peace is
- Explain what/how children can do/act on Peace Day, Sept. 21
- Celebrate Peace Day

	What teachers do	What students do
Before	Preview these 3 short videos Primary Education: Peace One Day (Jeremy tells primary students about celebrating Peace Day with no fighting or bullying, examples of art, soccer, dance, make a cake) • http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igFt6s5rlEM Saving Lives: Peace Day is working (Short intro to peace one day, shows talks about cessation of conflict so organizations can move food supplies and immunize children) • http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUnHoujtLVY Peace One Day in Amalina Islamic School, Indonesia (students celebrating Peace Day) • http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgcagBTzFME Be prepared to answer any questions. Think about this year's theme: What will you do to make peace on 21 September?	Watch any or all of the 3 video clips.

During	Chart: Create a web of what peace may look like. Chart: List different ways we can celebrate peace. Teach (secular) song: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mny3h6_NAyk (My Peace by folk singer Arlo Guthrie. Tune he teaches at the end of each concert. Simple and beautiful) http://www.arlo.net/forums/viewtopic.php?t=3284 (Words and guitar music for My Peace by Arlo Guthrie) Teach (christian) song: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPH4LRASWbo]	 Discuss: What is Peace One Day? What does peace look like? How can we celebrate peace? What will you do to make peace on September (20) 21? Discuss song and its meaning
After	Excellent examples given in The Peace One Day Primary Education Resource (you will need to register to access resources: http://peaceoneday.org/resources/ -art-peace signs, symbols, posters -music: type in "peace songs" on youtube to generate a number of songs. Play "Ode to Joy" by Beethoven -dance: have a dance-a-thon -play –day: can involve the whole school -soccer games -food: bake together as a class	• Celebrate Peace Day PEACE
Af	-walk a peace parade -go for a walk in the neighbourhood -photographs: put students into a peace sign formation and take a photo	ONE DAY