

## People We Miss

This activity can be used for two different prayer foci. It is best to use just one focus on your prayer station. It can be used to offer pupils the opportunity to think about and pray:

- for people that they miss. They may be people who have moved away or who have died.
- for people who have been significant in their lives.

### Equipment:

- You will need a variety of different buttons. *(the church congregation can be a good source of buttons)*
- A large dish or tray to display the buttons.



### Instructions:

Note this prayer activity involves small buttons that could be swallowed so is not suitable for young children.

During World War One there was a short Christmas Truce in 1914 soldiers on opposing sides stopped fighting and exchanged gifts with each other, some even played a game of football. Some soldiers exchanged buttons between the English and German soldiers. For many years they kept the button to remember the soldier they had met and the peace they shared at the Christmas Truce.

During the war many people went a long time without seeing the people they cared about. Sadly many people died and their family and friends wanted to remember them.

You could do this activity to think about the people who seemed insignificant at the time but you now realise were important.

Or to think about the people that we miss.

Buttons are only little things, but when we lose one we realise how significant they are.

Are there people in your life who may have seemed insignificant at the time, but they made a big impact on your life? ...

Choose a button that reminds you of that person.

As you look at the button pray for that person and thank God for them?

If you would like take the button with you and use it to remind you of that person.

Or

Are there people that you miss? Maybe someone in your family or one of your friends

Choose a button that reminds you of that person.

As you look at the button pray for that person and thank God for them?

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## People Who Have Been Significant

Buttons are only little things, but when we lose one we realise how significant they are.

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Choose a button that reminds you of that person.

As you look at the button pray for that person and thank God for them?

If you wish, take the button with you and use it to remind you of that person.

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