Kindergarten Lesson Plan
The Story of the Four Chaplains
# Wreaths Across America
## Lesson Plan

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### OBJECTIVES: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W K3 Use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to narrate a single event or several loosely linked events, tell about the events in the order in which they occurred, and provide a reaction to what happened

### STRATEGIES:
- Drawing/Coloring
- Writing Practice
- Think/Pair/Share
- Collaboration
- Discussion Questions
- Small Groups
- Large Group

### MATERIALS:
Computer/laptop; internet (with access to YouTube); Smart Board; copies of The Story of the Four Chaplains Writing Practice Worksheet; copies of the Four Chaplains Coloring Sheet; copies of The Four Chaplains Vocabulary Matching Worksheet.

### Engage: Hook the students

Think/Pair/Share Activity- Pair the students with a partner. Explain the T/P/S directions. The students will think of their answer, get with their partner, and share their answer.

T/P/S Question: Ask the students to define what it means to be a hero. After students have shared with their partner, brainstorm some of their answers on your board. Ask students what kind of people they usually think of when they think about heroes.

### Explore: Students make sense of a concept through observations.

Play the YouTube video, The Four Chaplains, [https://youtu.be/WgYYknOuLOM](https://youtu.be/WgYYknOuLOM)

Continue the discussion about what it means to be a hero. Ask the students if they think the Four Chaplains are heroes. Explain to the students that sometimes heroes are ordinary people who do extraordinary things during a crisis. For example, a young person who sees a person who is in a medical emergency, and that young person calls 9-1-1 for help.

### Explain: Teacher introduces formal vocabulary and language to students.

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### Elaborate: Students apply what they have learned.

Students will participate in an oral discussion in which they tell about the events that happened to the Four Chaplains in the order in which they occurred and provide a reaction to what happened.

Students will complete The Story of the Four Chaplains Writing Practice Worksheet.

Students will complete the Four Chaplains Coloring Sheet.

Students will complete The Four Chaplains Vocabulary Matching Worksheet.

### Evaluate: assessment.

Teachers should choose which activities to use as formal/informal assessments.

### Enrichment/Service-Learning Project

Discuss people who work in the school that go above and beyond what their job responsibilities. Students will write a thank you card to people who work in their school.

Remember-Honor-Teach
The Story of the Four Chaplains Writing Practice

Name ________________________________

The four chaplains

met when they

went to chaplain

school at Harvard.

They were men of

different religious

beliefs, but they
became good friends anyway.

On February 3, 1943, they were on board an Army ship called the Dorchester, when
The ship was hit by a torpedo.
The ship started to sink in the cold Atlantic Ocean. The four men worked together to save as many people as...
they could. When they ran out of life jackets to give the men, they took off their own life jackets and gave them to others. The four chaplains
gave up their lives for others on that day.

February 3 is called Four Chaplains Day in honor of these four heroes.
Remember-Honor-Teach
The Four Chaplains Vocabulary Matching Worksheet

Draw a line from the word to the correct picture.

**Name_____________________________

The Four Chaplains**

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