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VE DAY CELEBRATIONS - A SPECIAL DAY!

multi-sensory story



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A Special Day!

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Page 1 Today, we are going on a journey back in time to a very special day – VE DAY! - Victory in Europe Day. It was a special day when people all over the country cheered, danced, and celebrated because the war had ended. The streets were filled with music and laughter.

Flag Gently wave the Union Jack flag in front of the listener, brushing it against their hands or cheeks. Alternatively, they can wave the flag.

Page 2 For many years, the world was at war, and people felt very worried. But then, on May 8th, 80 years ago, the news came—THE WAR IS OVER!! Everyone began hugging each other.

Action Storyteller to cheer and gently squeeze the shoulders of the listener

Page 3 The Prime Minister, a man named Winston Churchill, stood on a big balcony and told the nation, “This is your victory!” People clapped, cheered, and listened to his voice on the radio.

YouTube clip Play a short clip of Churchill’s speech:
http://youtu.be/q_G8YYuk2Zk?si=t8j7GmZe4PL1S2k7 Credit: British Pathé

Page 4 In every town and village, long tables were set up outside. Neighbours brought sandwiches, cakes, and biscuits to share. There were plates piled high with treats, and everyone sat together, laughing and talking.

Food Choose a food to smell or taste – maybe a cake or food of your choice.

Page 5 Children played hopscotch, skipped with ropes, and ran around laughing. They made paper hats and wore them for fun!

Paper Hat Make a simple paper hat and place on the listener’s head (if comfortable) or let them feel the texture of the paper, crinkling it in their hands. If they enjoy movement, gently tap their hands to the rhythm of a skipping game.

Page 6 The sound of music filled the streets! People played their favourite musical instrument, and the radio played cheerful songs. Soldiers and families danced, clapped, and they all sang together.

Music or YouTube clip Play musical instrument. Encourage gentle movements to mimic the rhythm of dancing. Could also play 1940 music
<http://youtu.be/xPXwkWVEllw?si=tL6QRaYd9B8FljCZ> Credit: The78Prof

Page 7	Red, white, and blue bunting hung between the houses, fluttering in the breeze. It decorated the streets with wonderful colour.
<i>Bunting</i>	<i>Allow the listener touch and feel the fabric, brushing it over their hands, arms, or cheeks. Wave it gently to mimic the movement of bunting in the breeze.</i>
Page 8	As evening fell, the night sky was filled with fireworks—BANG! CRACKLE! BOOM! The fireworks shone bright in red, white, and blue, lighting up the faces of happy families everywhere.
<i>Foil</i>	<i>Crinkle the foil with the listener to represent the sound of fireworks. Alternatively use different tinsel to quickly move around the group.</i>
Page 9	As the night came to an end, people sat together, feeling safe, happy, and grateful. They had been through very hard times, but now there was peace. Families hugged each other, and the country was happy again.
<i>Blanket</i>	<i>Wrap the listener in a soft blanket for comfort or give them a warm hand squeeze to symbolise closeness and peace.</i>
Page 10	Now it is time for us to celebrate! Let us wave our flag one more time and say, ... “Hooray for VE Day!”
<i>Flag</i>	<i>Gently wave the flag in front of the listener, brushing it against their hands or cheeks. Alternatively, they can wave the flag.</i>
Page 11	VE Day was a day of joy, togetherness, and hope. Today, we remember it as a time when the world came together to celebrate peace.

Items Needed

- Union Jack Flag
- Audio clip
- Food item (e.g. cake, biscuit, sandwich)
- Paper & hat
- Musical instrument or speaker
- Fabric bunting
- Tin foil or tinsel
- Soft blanket

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