



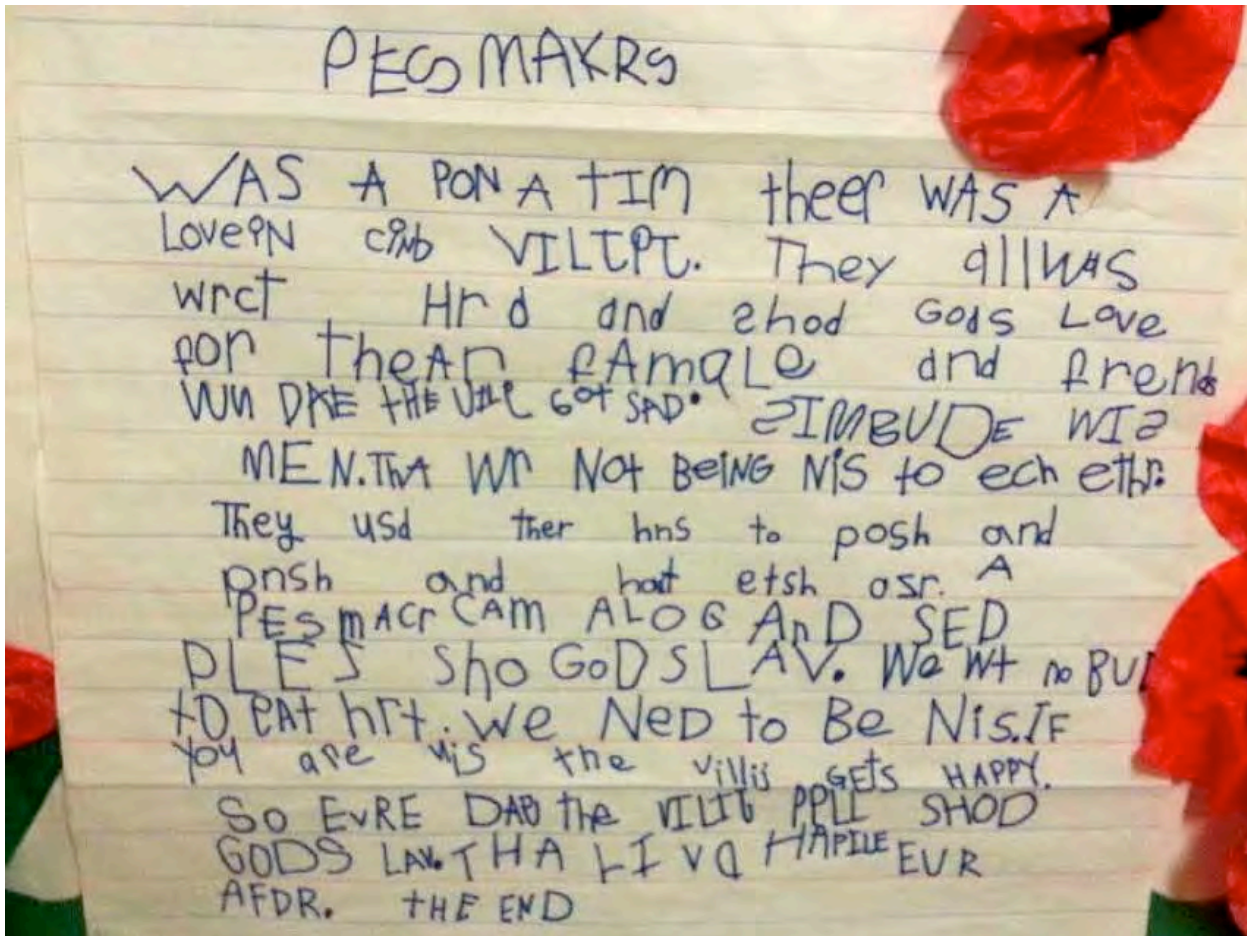
Teacher Tips & Lesson Plans  
 Peace Tips & Poetry Links  
 Shared by Lulu Cerone



Are you Peace Certification Program Participant(s) (yes X no \_\_\_)  
 Season Winter Year 2013  
 Is plan related to an outreach activity created by Mattie's Foundation?  
 (yes X no \_\_\_)  
 (If yes, which one: **2013 Peace Tree & Poetry**)

The information on the next page is shared by Lulu Cerone.

Lulu is a Three Dot Dash "Global Teen Leader" and a teen who participated in the Teen Peace Journey Program with Mattie's Foundation. In addition, her peace project, LemonAID Warriors, is Peace Certified by Mattie's Foundation. Although she has moved beyond her initial projects as a GTL and Teen Peace Ambassador for Mattie's Foundation, Lulu continues to spread hope and peace and Mattie's message through her own peace project, and by encouraging teachers and students to participate in our Outreach Activities. Here is an example of how Lulu (from California) inspired a teacher (in Canada).



## **Intro Letter:**

December 2013

Hello Jeni,

Back in November, I asked my Canadian LemonAID Warriors to make ornaments for Mattie's Peace Tree. Declan, my youngest warrior, and his mom approached his kindergarten teacher, who was excited to participate and went out and got Heart Songs. The book immediately inspired a class writing project so I'm sharing it with you.

I am still waiting for the ornaments and I was hoping to send them to you along with this amazing writing project. But now I'm nervous that the ornaments might not happen. SO...I am sending you the writing project on its own.

Below is Jill's description of how the story came to be. Then there's the writing project. And then there's the translation. For fun, try to decipher the original writing project before you read the translation. It's so hilarious and cute.

Enjoy, Jeni!!!!

Love, Lulu

## **Activity Process:**

*Jill: In November, I asked Declan's Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Bertin, if the class could do ornaments for Mattie's peace tree. She said yes but they would do them closer to Christmas.*

*That week she was talking to the class about Remembrance Day and the peace keeping role the Canadian Armed Forces plays in the world.*

*This reminded Declan of a peacemaker he had heard about before through Lulu and her LemonAID Warrior's club. "Mattie Steptastic" -- He was close enough to remind the teacher of Mattie Stepanek and the Heartsongs book she had on the shelf.*

*Mrs. Bertin began reading some of Mattie's poems to the class and they were inspired to write a story of their own to honor the Veterans that would be visiting their class. Each child in the class contributed a sentence to the story and the results were brilliant.*

*Mattie's message of peace and showing God's love has had a very deep and powerful impact on the kids and teachers at Declan's school.*

*Thanks to Jeni for making sure his message is heard. We'll do our best to keep it going.*

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## Our Peace Story

Once upon a time there was a loving kind village.

They always worked hard and showed God's love for their family and friends.

One day the village got sad. Somebody was mean.

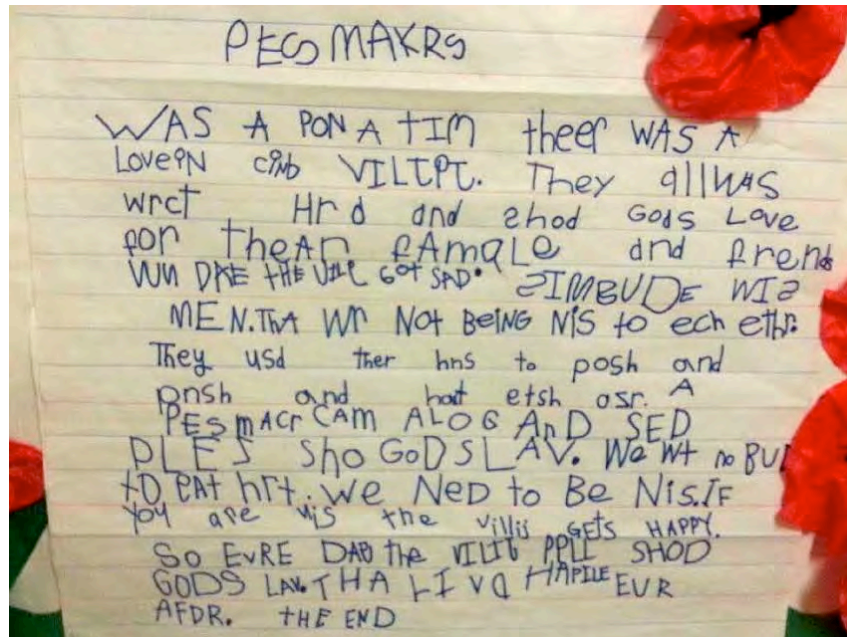
They were not being nice. They used their hands to push and punch and hurt each other.

A peacemaker came along and said please show God's love. We want nobody to get hurt. We need to be nice. If you are nice the village gets happy.

So everyday the village people showed God's love.

They lived happily ever after.

**The end.**



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## The School's Peace Tree 2013



This is my Canadian LemonAID Warrior's version of Mattie's Peace Tree.

I sent them the ornament template and instructions to the school in Oakville, Ontario, so you can have Canada represented. The school admin staff loved the idea of the ornaments and they got all excited to have the grade 3-6 classes participate. The principal sent this and said she was very excited to show their Peace Tree. She was so proud of it and said they have read Mattie's poetry during morning announcements to celebrate the season of "peace and joy".

I am very happy that Mattie's words were read to 3rd through 6th graders every day this month in Canada.

Love,  
Lulu