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Session Title	**Celebrating Children’s Day with Fun and Learning!**
Objective	• **To help children understand the significance of Children’s Day and its connection to their own importance.** • To recognize and appreciate Jawaharlal Nehru’s contributions to children. • To celebrate the day with hands-on, creative activities related to Children’s Day.
Topics/Concept	• Why do we celebrate Children’s Day? • Jawaharlal Nehru’s love for children. • Fun, creative activities related to Children’s Day.
Material Required	• A4 sheets of paper for making caps. • Crayons, markers, and colored paper. • Craft materials (glue, scissors) for making a rose. • Pictures of Jawaharlal Nehru for reference. • Flashcards or images with "Children’s Day" related themes.

Session Plan 90 Min

Intro Activity

Introduction to Children’s Day

- Greet the kids with excitement and start the session by asking, “Do you know why we celebrate Children’s Day?”
- Briefly explain:

- Children’s Day is a special day to celebrate children, their happiness, and their importance.
- We celebrate Children’s Day on November 14th, because it’s the birthday of Jawaharlal Nehru, India’s first Prime Minister, who loved children very much and believed in their well-being.

2. Who Was Jawaharlal Nehru?

- Show pictures of Jawaharlal Nehru and share some simple facts about him:
  - “Jawaharlal Nehru always thought about children. He was a leader who loved seeing children smile and grow happily. That’s why his birthday is now celebrated as Children’s Day.”
  - You can also mention how Nehru was often seen wearing a white cap, which became a symbol of his love for children.

Main Topic/ Activity

Making Jawaharlal Nehru’s Cap

Why the cap?

- Explain to the children: “Jawaharlal Nehru wore a special white cap. Let’s make our own Nehru caps to remember him!”

How to Make the Cap:

1. **Step 1: Give each child an A4 sheet of paper.**
2. **Step 2: Help them fold the paper to make a cone (cap shape).**
3. **Step 3: Allow the kids to decorate the cap with crayons, markers, or stickers.**
4. **Step 4: Once the caps are ready, the kids can wear them and feel connected to the theme of Children’s Day. (You can take a group photo of the kids in their caps!)**

2. Crafting the Rose Flower for Nehru’s Pocket

Why a Rose?

- Explain that Jawaharlal Nehru always kept a rose in his pocket. The rose represented his love for children. Today, we'll make a rose to remember him

How to Make the Rose:

1. **Step 1: Give the children a piece of colored tissue paper (red or pink).**
2. **Step 2: Guide them to fold the paper in an accordion fashion and then roll it to form the flower petals.**
3. **Step 3: Add a green stem (either using green paper or a stick).**
4. **Step 4: Once the rose is ready, let them place it on their cap or keep it as a keepsake.**

Interactive Activity - Children's Day Song

1. "Children's Day" Song

- Teach the children a simple song for Children's Day. Here's an example:

Children's Day Song
"We are the children, happy and bright,
Celebrating today, with all our might!
Children's Day, a day for me,
To smile and be happy, just wait and see!"

- You can create simple hand gestures or dance moves to go along with the song to keep the kids engaged!

Wrap-Up and Reflection

1. Discuss Children's Day

- Ask the children:
  - "Why do you think Children's Day is special for you?"
  - "What did you like the most about today's activities?"

- “What would you like to do for other children around you?”
- This encourages children to reflect on the meaning of the day and how it makes them feel special.

2. Relaxing and Recalling the Day

- End with a short reflection where kids can share their thoughts. You can ask them to look at their rose or cap and say something they liked about the activity. It could be simple like, “I liked making the cap!” or “I learned about Nehru!

Expected Learning Outcome:

Knowledge building-

- Students will understand the significance of Children’s Day and its connection to Jawaharlal Nehru.
- They will learn about Nehru's love for children and his efforts to make them happy.

Skill Building-

- Crafting skills through making the cap and rose.
- Fine motor skills enhanced by drawing and coloring.

Confidence Building:

- Increased self-esteem and confidence from creating something special for Children’s Day.
- Encouraged creativity through storytelling, singing, and art.

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