



## Mini Page Heroes: Jane Addams



### Mini Quote:

“Action is indeed the sole medium of expression for ethics.” (Ethics is knowing right from wrong.)

— Jane Addams

You’ve probably heard of Mother Teresa, the Roman Catholic nun who devoted her life to helping the world’s poor people.

But did you know that more than 100 years ago, an American-born woman did the same?

In 1979, Mother Teresa (an honorary U.S. citizen) won the Nobel Peace Prize. She followed in the footsteps of the first American woman ever to be awarded that prize — Jane Addams.

### Principles into action

While visiting in Europe in 1887 and 1888, Jane Addams learned of a program in which educated young men moved into a poor section of London and offered classes and activities to people right in their neighborhoods. She thought it was such a great idea that she brought it home and founded Hull-House in the slums of Chicago.



Children in an art class at Hull-House.

### Hull-House

In a huge old mansion, surrounded by the crowded homes of poor immigrants, Jane Addams and her friends taught their neighbors

job skills, cared for their children, started a kindergarten and formed a boys club (known as the Young Heroes Club). Addams and other women volunteers served about 2,000 people a week, offering food, friendship, financial help and education.

### Working for peace

Another cause that called Addams to action was world peace, especially as World War I began.

She was the founder and first president of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). Just as she worked hard at Hull-House to help the poor, she worked hard to promote world harmony.



Jane Addams, center, with Emmeline Pethick-Lawrence (left) and Alice Thacher Post as they left for the 1915 International Congress of Women in the Netherlands. At the meeting, Addams was chosen president of the International Committee of Women for a Permanent Peace, which later became the WILPF.

### Peace and justice in books

Because Jane also wrote numerous books, each year the Jane Addams Children’s Book Awards honor children’s books that promote peace and social justice.

We think you will find these books to be great reading. Some of the award-winning books are biographies of heroes, some are stories of young people struggling for freedom, and many are stories of incredible courage.

You can check out the list of award-winning books here: [bit.ly/2g0H9VD](http://bit.ly/2g0H9VD).

### A memorable life

Jane Addams died in Chicago in May 1935. She was 74 years old. She is buried in her hometown of Cedarville, Illinois.



### Resources



This issue of Mini Page Heroes is based on a chapter from “50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet” by Dennis Denenberg and Lorraine Roscoe. To order the book, go to [heroes4us.com](http://heroes4us.com) and click on “50 American Heroes Book” and “Order a Book.”

### On the web:

- [hullhousemuseum.org](http://hullhousemuseum.org)
- [bit.ly/2g0LE2y](http://bit.ly/2g0LE2y)

### At the library:

- “Jane Addams: A Life of Cooperation” by Ann-Marie Kishel
- “Jane Addams: Champion of Democracy” by Judith Bloom Fradin and Dennis Brindell Fradin

### Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of Jane Addams are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



- ADDAMS, AWARD, BOOK, CHICAGO, CLASS, HOUSE, HULL, ILLINOIS, JANE, JUSTICE, LONDON, NOBEL, PEACE, POOR, PRIZE, SKILLS, VOLUNTEERS, WOMEN.

S K I L L S I O N I L L I P R  
 U H U L L G S D U R W F U E J  
 W P N P J E Z I R P E O F A M  
 Q O L O N D O N P A B S M C Y  
 V O G A C I H C S G W M U E U  
 N R F A I A D D A M S A P O N  
 O J Q S R E E T N U L O V Q H  
 B I A N H L H N J T C L A S S  
 E D E N B O O K T D D Z K O S  
 L K J S E E J U S T I C E X Q

### Cook's Corner

#### Crispy Sugared Wonton Ice Cream Sandwiches

##### You'll need:

- Cooking spray (preferably butter-flavored)
- 16 wonton wrappers
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 2 cups light Neapolitan ice cream, softened
- 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar



##### What to do:

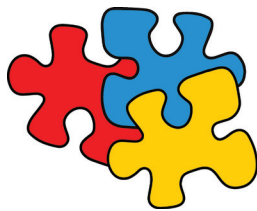
1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Coat large baking sheet with cooking spray.
2. Arrange wonton wrappers on baking sheet. Spray surface of wontons with cooking spray and sprinkle granulated sugar over top.
3. Bake for 6 to 8 minutes, or until wontons are golden brown. Let cool slightly.
4. Spoon ice cream onto 8 of the wontons. Top with remaining 8 wontons, making sandwiches. Sift confectioners' sugar over top and serve or freeze. Makes 8.

Adapted from “The Robin Takes 5 Cookbook for Busy Families” with permission from Andrews McMeel Publishing ([andrewsmcmeel.com](http://andrewsmcmeel.com)).

\* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

### Puzzling

Unscramble the words below that remind us of giving to others.



- tcahiry \_\_\_\_\_
- evcseir \_\_\_\_\_
- sinoism \_\_\_\_\_
- mcnytiuom \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: charity, service, mission, community.

### Mini Jokes



Ellen: How would you describe a mean and nasty pig?  
Evan: Dis-pig-able!

### Eco Note



The largest earthworm ever found in Britain has wiggled its way into the record books. Named Dave by the suburban Liverpool family that found it, the 15.7-inch worm was as large as a small snake.

adapted with permission from Earthweek.com

### Thank You



The Mini Page thanks Dennis Denenberg, former teacher, principal, superintendent and university professor, and Lorraine Roscoe, a champion of heroes of every kind, for help with this issue.

### Teachers:

For standards-based activities to accompany this feature, visit: [bbs.amuniversal.com/teaching\\_guides.html](http://bbs.amuniversal.com/teaching_guides.html)

Books from The Mini Page are wonderful resources and make great gifts! See all of our Mini Page products at [MiniPageBooks.com](http://MiniPageBooks.com), or call 844-426-1256 for more information. Mail payment to: Andrews McMeel Universal, Mini Page Books, 1130 Walnut, Kansas City, MO 64106. Include \$4.00 shipping and handling per order.



\$9.95

\$15.99