

Queen Elizabeth II – The Queen Who Chose To Serve

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Queen Elizabeth II



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Welcome and Preparation

Greet the children as you normally do in your setting.

Say:

This morning we are going to read a story about a queen. I need everyone's help with this. Every time you hear the word 'queen,' I want you to raise your hands like this (hands out in front, palms facing each other, like you are holding a crown) and pretend you are putting a crown on your head. Let's have a practise. Now remember, crowns are very heavy. Put on your crown again like it is weighty.

Well, done. Let's get started now.

Introduction

Before the assembly, give out the four quotes of the queen, (which can be found toward the end of the book) to four different children to read out at the appropriate time in the story. Have a quick practice with them before the other children arrive.

Say:

Today we're going to hear all about our queen. Does anyone know her name? (take answers from the children) That's right—her name is Queen Elizabeth II. She's had an amazing and unexpected life, serving and helping others. But, it hasn't always been easy. I wonder what has helped her when things have been difficult? Let's see what we can learn about her when we read this book – *Queen Elizabeth II – The Queen Who Chose To Serve*.



Story

Read *Queen Elizabeth II – The Queen Who Chose To Serve* (Power Point slides are available at www.thegoodbook.co.uk/queen-illustrations)

Say:

Our story has come to an end. It's time to stop and think for a moment. Put your hands in your lap and take a deep breath, in ... and out.

Quiet moment to reflect and wonder

Say:

It's not easy being Queen, is it? It's a big responsibility! However, Queen Elizabeth II has found great strength in her Christian faith. She treasures her copy of the Bible, which she received at her coronation, and she's even asked people to pray for her. This has helped her serve others, even when times have been difficult.

I wonder what helps you when things are hard, or you need to make a decision? (pause a few moments) I wonder if there a book you like to read or a person you can talk to that you find helpful? Let's think about that for a moment.

Give the children time to reflect. Starting with 10, silently count back slowly to 1.

Prayer intro

Say:

Now I'm going to say a prayer. If you want to make it your prayer, say, 'Amen' (which means, 'I agree') at the end after me. (If not, you can sit quietly and think about what you've heard today.)*

* Use bracketed words in schools where appropriate

Prayer

Say:

Dear God,

Thank you for Queen Elizabeth II and for the ways she has helped and served others. She has trusted you throughout her reign even when it wasn't easy, and I ask that you help me trust you too.

Amen

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