

CORONATION PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

If the hat fits!

Hats often tell us what job someone does but is a king or queen just about wearing a crown? Do you choose to be a king or queen, or are you chosen? This assembly explores these themes and helps primary-aged children understand the coronation of King Charles III.

Hats

Enter the assembly wearing a silly/distinctive hat... the sillier the better!

Greet the children.

Enthusiastically tell the children that you are delighted and excited to be with them.

DO NOT MENTION THE HAT but make sure they notice it.

Wait for them to comment.

If they don't, comment on what they are wearing and how smart they look.

When they notice your hat pretend to be surprised/be a little dismissive...
'Oh yes, my hat!'

Tell them that it's your new assembly hat that you wear because you do assemblies. It helps you to get into the 'assembly zone'.

Don't worry if they laugh.

If The Hat Fits

Explain that today you want them to think about hats. Hats can sometimes tell us things about a person. They can be part of a uniform and tell us what job or hobby a person has.

Explain that you are going to show the children some pictures of people wearing hats. Can they tell you the job they do?

Alternatives

Divide the children into two teams and run this as a quiz.

Take hats out of a bag and invite the children to wear them and guess who would wear them.

Possible hats – Builder, Nurse, Firefighter, Police, Chef, Pirate, Cricket Helmet/ American Football, Palace Guard, Beefeater, King/Queen...

Key Question

Does wearing the hat make the person a nurse/builder/police officer?

Keep the crown (king/queen separate for now).

NO!

So, if it's not the hat, what is it?

What makes someone a nurse/builder/police officer/cricket player?

Take ideas such as:

Is it training, hard work, what they know, or the skills they have? Do they have to apply for the job or are they chosen?

Maybe they choose people in school. Do they choose people who will be a good friend and play fairly during playtime; people who will represent the class well on a school council; people who dance for a dancing competition; or people that play a sport well for a team?

Choosing a King or Queen

Key Question

What About A Crown?

How does someone get to be king or queen?

Do they choose to be king or queen or are they chosen?

Is it the same as for a police officer/chef/nurse/builder or is it different?

Take ideas

The children might think that wearing a crown makes someone a king or queen. Explain that it doesn't. Kings and queens are also chosen, they have to have the right skills and learn how to do the job.

Do kings and queens have to apply for the job?

Take ideas.

No, you become a king or a queen because of the family you are born into.

When you are born into a royal family, you learn how to do the job as you grow up. It's not all crowns, palaces and fancy clothes.

Being a king or a queen is about serving the country and people. Have they seen pictures of King Charles on the news visiting people in hospitals, in schools, in towns and cities, giving talks and encouraging people?

Coronations – Giving Kings and Queens Their Crown

King Charles III is part of the history of kings and queens in this country.

On 6th May he will be crowned King. He became King Charles when his mum, Queen Elizabeth, died last September; but his coronation on 6th May is when he will wear the crown for the first time, and this celebrates him becoming King Charles III.

King Charles will be crowned in a big church called Westminster Abbey, during a special service called a Coronation. The Coronation service shows that King Charles has been chosen by God to be king and to serve the country and people. If you watch the coronation or see any photos, many will highlight how kings and queens in the past have been crowned, and show that King Charles needs God to help him be king.

Use the PowerPoint slides to help you explain the following ideas.

Promises

King Charles will make promises about the sort of king he will be and will ask God to help him keep his promises.

Anointing

Special prayers will be said, asking God to bless King Charles and help him to be a good king. If you watch the coronation or see pictures, you might hear that King Charles will take off his fine robes and wear a plain white one. He will then have special, blessed (prayed over) oil put on his head in the shape of a cross. This is to show that King Charles is an ordinary person, like you and me, and needs God's help to be king. The cross is special to Christians. It reminds them of the cross that Jesus, who they believe is the king of the whole world, died on.

Special Objects

King Charles will be given special objects to hold to show that he is king:

An orb – A golden ball with a cross on the top. The ball stands for the world and the cross is a reminder that to Christians Jesus is king of the world and King Charles is King with Jesus' help. *Can they see the ball and the cross in the picture?*

A sceptre – Like a special stick. This has a cross on it too. *Can they see it?*

The crown – A crown full of jewels will be put on King Charles's head for the first time. The crown has a cross at the top in the centre. *Maybe they can see it in the picture?*

Perhaps they have heard people say, 'God save the King'. In a way, this is a prayer asking God to help King Charles.

When King Charles is given the crown, this is the coronation that we see. When he is prayed over with the special oil that's like God giving him his crown.

As King, King Charles will be a leader of Christians in this country. Christians believe that Jesus is the king of the whole world. If they watch the coronation or see pictures, they will see people from all across the world and from other religions too. King Charles wants to serve everyone whatever religion or race you are from.

So, sometimes when we wear a hat it shows the job or role we have been chosen to do. People are often chosen to do a job, they have to learn how to do jobs, they have to have the right skills and be willing to work hard. It's the same with King Charles III. He has spent his whole life learning how to be king and he believes he has been chosen by God who will also help him to be a good king.

Maybe they want to say, 'God save the King' now?

Lots of people say it as just words, but for some people, it's a prayer asking God to help the king. It's up to them if they say it and how they choose to say it.

'God save the King'.