

Queen for a Day

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Pre-preparations:

- Announce ahead of time that each woman is to come dressed appropriately for the theme
- Numerous small prizes so that each lady gets a little gift of appreciation
- Small tiaras for each lady
- A large crown, sash, and white gloves for the 'Queen for a day'
- Sash for each of the three runners up, and the following: mirror and brush, towel and jug, note pad and pen (to be used in poem "Ladies in Waiting")

Preparations:

- As each woman arrives, give each one a small tiara
- Ask each woman to write their name on a piece of paper for prize draws throughout the program
- Have tables set with very fancy decorations

Song Suggestions:

Crown Him with many crowns (Salvation Army Songbook 156)
Jesus shall reign where're the sun (Salvation Army Songbook 160)
Rejoice, the Lord is King (Salvation Army Songbook 164)
When He cometh (Salvation Army Songbook 852)

Introduction:

In Canada we celebrate Queen Victoria's birthday on the last Monday on or before May 24th weekend. While we did not have the privilege of being born into royalty, today we celebrate each other and treat each other as royalty.

Queen for a Day:

Give each woman a ballot to vote for who should be queen
After votes are tallied, ask all to stand as the official crowning is done.

Poem: She's a Queen

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1. Born of royal blood,
Into the family of God
- She's a queen;
A woman of great worth,
Placed upon this earth,
- She's a queen.

2. Who can behold
Her beauty untold
- She's a queen;
In His likeness she lives
With His love she gives,
- She's a queen.

Ladies in Waiting:

Choose from the ballots—the second, third and fourth runners up to be the ladies in waiting. Give each one a sash, along with the following: give one a mirror and brush, give another a towel and water jug, give another a note pad and pen.

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1st Runner up - Show mirror and brush

See here, my dears
I help the queen to look her very best;
I brush her locks and smooth her frocks
So she looks better than the rest.

2nd Runner up - Show towel and water jug

See here, my dears
I help the queen to be so very clean
I scrub her down and shine her crown
So she always takes on a gleam.

3rd Runner up - Show note pad and pen

See here, my dears
I help the queen to write a note each day
I listen a lot and note her plot
This is what she has to say:

Queen - Comes to forefront to give message

See here, my dears,
I am the queen but don't you curtsy or bow
Unless it is before the Lord
- He's in our presence now.



Scripture Reading: Psalm 95: 1-7

Chorus: *Come let us worship and bow down*

Devotions: The Qualities of a Queen

What qualities are needed to be successful in the role of Queen? This answer varies depending on which historical queen we describe:

1. Queen Elizabeth I - strong, wise, courageous, intelligent, virtuous, caring
1. Queen Victoria - compassionate, humble, intelligent, sense of duty, generosity
3. Queen Elizabeth II - dedication to duty, intelligent, determination, honesty

Let's look for a few moments at the qualities portrayed in the Biblical queen, Queen Esther. Esther is a young, beautiful, Jewish woman who entered the court of the powerful King Xerxes of Persia at a time when the Jews were in exile in Babylon. Her guardian, Uncle Mordacai, told her to keep it a secret that she was Jewish. After Esther became queen, the evil courtier Haman decides to trick King Xerxes into declaring a death sentence upon all the Jews in the kingdom. Mordacai learns about the plot, and tells Esther who, in turn, decides to confront the king about the plot and begs for mercy for her people. She puts herself at personal risk in approaching the king in this manner, and in the process she also reveals her true nationality. Due to Esther's faith in God, courage, resourcefulness, and wise handling of the situation, Haman ends up being hung on the gallows and the Jews are saved from death.

What lessons can we learn from the story of Queen Esther?

1. God does not only use the great and mighty, but also the least likely and obscure people for His purposes.
2. God can use young women, just as well as He can use young men like David, to bring about His purposes.
3. Serving God and fulfilling the role He has for you is possible even when many around you do not serve God.

We don't have to be born into a royal family to possess the qualities of a queen. When we allow God to direct our lives, He will help us to develop qualities that He can use for His purposes in life. Let us place ourselves in His hands, and allow Him to mold us to become a queen, not only for a day, but for everyday that we live.



Chorus: *Use me Lord, use me for your glory*

Game: **Pin the crown on the Queen** (see pictures at end of program)
Using picture of woman's head, the objective is to put the crown in place, while blindfolded; the one closest to the correct position is the winner.

Game:

Name the Queen

The chosen queen who is at the school party _____

The queen who always made a big deal out of everything _____

The queen that is a plant _____

The queen that lives in a hive _____

The queen in Alice in Wonderland _____

The queen made famous by ABBA _____

The queen who looks outstanding _____

The queen who likes winter _____

The queen born on May 24 _____

Prom Queen, Drama Queen, Queen Anne's Lace, Queen Bee, Queen of Hearts, Dancing Queen, Beauty Queen, Snow Queen, Queen Victoria





