

**FOR ALL
AGE GROUPS**

HER WORDS OF WISDOM



GET INVOLVED



20 MINUTES



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TO GO**

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During her 70 years on the throne, the Queen gave many speeches and broadcasts to the nation. Her speeches were often filled with guidance and encouragement to her people. Explore her many words of wisdom and consider how we can continue to live our lives using that wisdom.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ▶ Her Words of Wisdom Quotes Sheet

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THEME: SHAPING OUR WORLD



LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to download and print the Her Words of Wisdom quote sheet and cut these into the 5 individual quotes.



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GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 During her life, HM The Queen gave many important speeches and broadcasts to the nation. Her speeches were often reported around the world and many of her radio and TV broadcasts were watched by millions of people.
- 2 As head of the country and the Commonwealth, her words mattered to so many people and she therefore chose them very carefully. What she said had an impact and made people think.
- 3 Split into pairs or small groups and give each pair/group one or two of the quotes from the Her Words of Wisdom quotes sheet. These quotes are all from speeches the Queen made during her lifetime.
- 4 Challenge the young people to consider some of the following questions
 - What do you think the Queen was trying to say in this quote?
 - How do you think she wanted us to live our lives, based on this quote?
 - What steps and changes could we take to better live out her words of wisdom in our own lives? What difference would that make?
- 5 If working in pairs / small groups then come back together and let everyone share their thoughts on the quote(s) they were working on. Encourage young people to share and discuss as openly as they can.
- 6 Once discussions have finished, conclude by encouraging the group to remember some of the Queen's words of wisdom as they continue their everyday lives. Whilst Queen Elizabeth II may no longer be with us, her legacy lives on and we are all part of that legacy. One of the best ways we can remember and honour the Queen is the way we live our lives, being good citizens of the country she dedicated her entire life to.



IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Is there a project, campaign or act of kindness you could do as a group that puts one of the Queen's quotes into action?



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Talking about the loss of the Queen may be upsetting for some children. Make sure to approach the topic sensitively and be prepared to respond should a child become upset. Some resources to support children, young people and leaders can be found at <https://www.childbereavementuk.org>

“When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future.”

“It’s worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change.”

“We may hold different points of view but it is in times of stress and difficulty that we most need to remember that we have much more in common than there is dividing us.”

“Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.”

"If we resolve to be considerate and to help our neighbours; to make friends with people of different races and religions; and, as our Lord said, to look to our own faults before we criticise others, we will be keeping faith with those who fought so doggedly in the past for their belief in freedom, peace and human decency.”