

**FOR ALL  
AGE GROUPS**

# THANK YOU MA'AM



**GET CREATIVE**



**20 MINUTES**



**IN THE  
CUPBOARD**



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## AIM

Provide children and young people with an opportunity to reflect and give thanks for the significant contribution HM Queen Elizabeth II gave to our country, the Commonwealth and beyond.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- › Lining Paper / Large Mount Board or Similar
- › Pens & Colouring Pens
- › Glue / Tape
- › Post-it Notes

# GET CREATIVE: THANK YOU MA'AM

THEME: ARTY & CRAFTY



## LEADER PREPARATION

You'll need to find something for the collage to be created on. Ideally this should be large enough for the number of children and young people who will be contributing to it. If you are unable to find anything, then a wall or noticeboard could also work.



**Download Did You Know: HM Queen Elizabeth II Facts Fact Sheet**



## GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 Start by talking to the children and young people about what they know about the Queen. Let them share information and talk freely about the life of the Queen. This will help set the scene for the activity, but also provide the group with a valuable opportunity to express their feelings and talk about this significant moment in history.
- 2 Share some of the 'Did You Know Facts' from our downloadable sheet. These should help further explore the significant contribution the Queen made to the life of our country.
- 3 Having spent time appreciating the decades of service the Queen gave, encourage children and young people to now spend time giving thanks for the life of the Queen, by creating a 'Thank You Ma'am' collage.
- 4 Provide the group with squares of paper or post-it notes (or similar) and pens, pencils, paints etc. Encourage everyone to think about a message of thanks they would like to add to the collage to express their thanks for the Queen and her life.
- 5 This might be in the form of writing a message or prayer, drawing a picture, writing down some key words of how they will remember the Queen or colouring in some printed images. You may also want to print some images of the Queen throughout her life to add the collage.
- 6 Children and young people can then create the collage by adding their message / image to the lining paper / mount board / wall. If possible, try to complete this activity with all age groups, creating one collective collage of thanks from children and young people of all ages.
- 7 Once created, this might make a nice display for within your Church's building as a point of reflection over the coming weeks and for other parts of the community to add to.
- 8 Please share a photo of your 'Thank You Ma'am' collage with us at The Boys' Brigade, so we can then display these online to help share the thanks of BB members across the UK & RoI. You can upload your image to our Book of Condolence at <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/hm-the-queen>



### 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>

# DID YOU KNOW: HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II FACTS

The Queen reigned for **70 years and 214 days**. This made her the longest reigning monarch in British history and the second longest anywhere in the world.

The Queen became Queen when she was just **25 years old**.

The Queen had **two birthdays** each year. Her actual birthday was on 21<sup>st</sup> April and her 'Official Birthday' took place in June when the weather is better.

During her time on the throne, the Queen had **15 Prime Ministers**. Her first was Winston Churchill. The Queen held weekly audiences with her Prime Ministers.

The Queen visited **110 countries** in all corners of the world. It made her the most travelled King or Queen in British history.

Overall the Queen had **24 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren**. She had four children, eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

The Queen made **69 Christmas broadcasts**, her first in 1952. Her first TV broadcast was in 1957. She gave a Christmas broadcast every year except in 1969.

The Queen was **Patron to The Boys' Brigade for 70 years**. During that time thousands of young people earned The Queens' Badge, which is named after her.

During her lifetime, the Queen owned more than **30 corgis**. Her first corgi was given to her aged 18, by her father the King, and named her Susan. Since then many of her dogs have been descendants of her first dog Susan.

**The image of the Queen on our coins was updated five times** during her lifetime. The most current portrait of her was produced in 2015. Did you know that each King or Queen faces in the opposite direction to the one before? The Queen's father George VI faced left, so Elizabeth II faced right. It is expected that King Charles III will face left.



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