

# Queen Elizabeth II – The Queen Who Chose To Serve

ASSEMBLY  
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REMEMBRANCE

Do Great Things for God

## Queen Elizabeth II



*The Queen Who Chose to Serve*

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## Welcome and Preparation

*Greet the children as you normally do in your setting.*

*There are four quotes at the end of the book. Write these out and ask a member of staff to choose four children to read the quotes. Have a brief practice with them, if possible, but if not, read through their lines with them as the other children come into the assembly and tell them when you will call on them to read.*

*On the last page of the story, after the quotes, make this minor amendment to the text:*

**On 6 February 2022, the princess who never expected to be queen had been our Queen for 70 years. She was the longest-ruling British queen or king, ever.**

**For Queen Elizabeth II, Jesus Christ was her ‘Saviour’ and her ‘anchor’. She chose to serve him all of her life.**

## Introduction

**Say:**

In the summer we had the Jubilee Celebration for Queen Elizabeth II – we were celebrating her being our queen for 70 years! Sadly, as we all know, she died last week (*adjust as necessary depending on when you deliver your assembly*). She was 96 years old and while we all knew that she was getting older, and that she would die some day, we still found the news a bit of a surprise – maybe even a shock. Most of us never met

Queen Elizabeth, but somehow, she was part of our lives and part of the world that we live in. When someone dies, we may feel sad because the person is no longer with us. We may even feel sad about someone whom we never met dying– like the Queen. Taking time to remember the life of the person who has died can sometimes help us feel better. And so, today, we are going to remember the life of Elizabeth II.



Instead of a story from the Bible, today we are going to read, ‘The Queen Who Chose to Serve.’

*Read ‘The Queen Who Chose to Serve’. Power point of slides of illustrations from the book are available for free at [Queen Elizabeth II, by Alison Mitchell, Emma Randall | The Good Book Company](#) (See above for amendment in text.)*

**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:

Queen Elizabeth II chose to serve both God and her people. Her Christian faith helped her be a good queen and helped her in difficult times or when she was sad. She read her Bible every day, and she asked others to pray for her and with her. Christians believe that praying is simply talking to God. Christians also believe that God hears our prayers.

## Prayer intro

### Say:

I'm going to leave a quiet space for the next few moments where you can close your eyes and talk to God quietly inside your head, or whisper into your hand. Or, you can sit quietly and think about Queen Elizabeth II and how she chose to serve others.

*(Give the children a longer space of silence today – 20 seconds, or even more.)*

## Prayer

### Say:

Dear God, thank you for hearing our prayers. Thank you for the life of Queen Elizabeth II. Please be with her family at this sad time and especially her son Charles, our new king – King Charles III.



### Extras

There are free biography worksheets available for schools to download at [Queen Elizabeth II, by Alison Mitchell, Emma Randall | The Good Book Company](#) (scroll down toward the bottom of the page).

There is one for ages 4–7 and another for ages 8–11. You may want to share this information with your school/s – maybe even print off a sample of each worksheet.





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