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## Blessed Are Who?

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## Day One: Esther the Courageous Queen

**Key Beatitude:** Blessed are **the merciful**, for they will receive mercy.

**Bible Passage:** Esther 1-10

**Art Overview:** Today the kids will make and decorate crowns using paper plates and decide what they are the queen of, just like Esther is the queen of courage.

**Learning Objective:** Jesus' kingdom is like a place where everyone is queen or king of something. Everyone has a special gift that they are great at sharing and are free to share it. Those gifts and those people are valuable and unique treasures like a crown.

### Project: Queen Crowns

Adapted from First Palette ([www.firstpalette.com/craft/paper-plate-crown.html](http://www.firstpalette.com/craft/paper-plate-crown.html))

#### Supplies Needed:

- Paper Plate (at least 1 per kid)
- Scissors
- Glue (Elmer's-style)
- Small Assorted Decorations: buttons, stickers, sequins, plastic gems, small pompoms, little bows, ribbons, foam or fabric shapes, glitter glue, etc.
- Tempera or Poster Paint (optional)
- Paint Brushes (optional)



#### Questions to ask the kids while you're creating together:

- What is something that you are really good at? *For example, riding a bike, reading, cleaning up messes, making things, etc.*
- What's an example of a fun time you did one of these things?



- How can you make sure others can do these things too? *For example, by teaching someone or donating a bike or book.*

### Project Instructions:

1. Give each kid an ordinary paper plate.



2. Paint the plate the color of your choice. Yellow, gold, or silver are good choices for a queen's crown. You will need to paint each side and let it dry one at a time. You can use sunlight or a fan to help the paint dry faster (but don't let it blow away!).

Some kids might prefer to paint their crown with many colors. It's up to you whether the kids can do that, but creative expression is always good.





3. Once the paint is dry on both sides, carefully fold the paper plate in half.



4. Starting at the center of the bottom of your folded plate, draw three equally spaced lines out towards the sides of the plate. The lines should stop at least one inch before the edge of the plate.





5. With the plate still folded, carefully cut along these lines. Make sure to stop at least one inch before the edge of the plate. (If kids have trouble cutting the plate while it is folded, you can have them draw lines on both sides and cut an unfolded plate.)
6. Also cut along the crease from the fold, making sure to stop one inch before the edge of the plate.



7. Place the paper plate bottom side up. Carefully fold up the wedges to transform the plate into a crown.





8. Decorate your crown with glitter glue, stickers, plastic gems, sequins, buttons, felt or fabric shapes, foam or paper shapes, small pompoms, or any fun materials you come up with.  
After the glue dries, your crown will be ready to wear.

