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# THE KING'S CORONATION

multi-sensory story



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by Bag Books

*(Please see the information below about preparing items for this story)*

- Action**            **“I am so excited”, hailed Chris, “We’re going to have a special Bank Holiday for the King’s Coronation. THREE WHOLE DAYS! .... YESSS!”**  
*Raise the listener’s arms alternately, counting to three, with the fourth as a cheer on “Yesss!”*
- Action**            **“What’s a Coronation?” Tyrone asked, frowning.**  
*Rub their temples with your forefingers and make the Makaton sign for ‘What?’ while you speak.*
- No Action**        **“Well,” said Chris, “when our Queen died, Prince Charles – her eldest son – became our King. He’s called King Charles the Third.”**
- Crown (DIY)**        **“Soon, he will wear a very special crown.”**  
*Placed handmade crown onto the listener’s head*
- Action**            **“He has been waiting to be our King for a LONG time.”**  
*Stretch the listener’s arms out as far as possible to indicate the length of time.*
- No Action**        **“Let’s join the celebrations and plan some fun activities together.”**
- No Action**        **On Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, Chris and Tyrone sat together to watch the procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey on the TV.**
- Invitation (DIY)**    **“Two thousand people have been invited”, said Chris.**  
*Unfold Royal invitation*
- Plastic Cups**        **“Listen to the six Windsor Grey horses pulling the Diamond Jubilee State Coach.” Said Tyrone.**  
**“Clip-clop, clip-clop, clip-clop.”**  
*Help them to hold something in their hands to bang two items together six times.*
- Flower Scent**        **Westminster Abbey looked MAGNIFICENT and was full of beautiful flowers.**  
*Place flowers or alternative scent under the listener’s nose.*

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- Bunting (DIY)**      **On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, it was time to party. A huge Coronation Concert was being held at Windsor Castle.**  
"Let's decorate our OWN castle!" said Chris.  
*Use handmade bunting*
- Action (Music)**      **Then they both danced, listening to Chris's favourite music.**  
*Play music on your device (iPad, Alexa, Phone, etc).*
- Action**      **"Today is also The Coronation Big Lunch", cheered Tyrone, excitedly patting his stomach.**  
*Gently pat the listener's stomach.*
- Food – taste or smell**      **And together, they made their favourite picnic just in time for Jay and Laura to join them from around the corner.**  
*Choose from Royal recipes or the listener's preferred food.*
- Two Chopsticks**      **On Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, communities came together for The Big Help Out. Chris and Tyrone could hear their friend Julie knitting an ice cream for Bag Books in the community garden.**  
*Touch two chopsticks together to imitate 'the click-clack sound of knitting needles.*
- Action**      **"Wow, Julie," called Tyrone, "that ice cream looks good enough to eat!"**  
**"Come on, Chris. Let's help out TOO."**  
*Makaton sign for 'To Help'.*
- Action (Music)**      **"Let's go and help Luis clean up the community garden."**  
*Play the sound of a lawnmower*
- Action**      **"What a super long weekend this has been", said Chris.**  
**"One I shall ALWAYS remember," replied Tyrone, "thank you for sharing it with me!"**  
*Pat the listener gently on the back or shake hands.*
- Action (Music)**      **Then everyone raised their drinks, made a toast, then proclaimed: "GOD...SAVE...OUR...KING!"**  
*Play the British National Anthem and clink plastic mugs together.*

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## Items needed for this story:

- Crown:** Source a crown or make one from scratch from cardboard.  
Optional: listener can work with you to create a DIY crown.
- Invitation:** Print off the 'invitation' and fold it in half.  
<https://assets-coronation.ams3.digitaloceanspaces.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/FA-07.pdf>  
Optional: write the listener's name/s inside the invitation.
- Plastic Cups:** Any mug or cup will work, including ceramic if appropriate.
- Flower Scent:** Source fresh flowers or use perfume or potpourri to imitate the smell of flowers.
- Horse Sound:** Any object, including hands, can be used to create this.  
Plastic cups also work well.
- Bunting:** Print or make paper bunting, or use generic bunting.  
<https://assets-coronation.ams3.digitaloceanspaces.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Coronation-Emblem-Bunting-English.pdf>  
Optional: listeners can paint the bunting red, white and blue.
- Favourite Music:** Curate your own music or use the Official Coronation Playlist on Spotify:  
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/1ICJ7YSSgojZwz79h8bXer?si=20b037412cfd4acc/>
- Favourite Food:** Prepare from the official Coronation Royal Recipes list or use the listener's preferred food. <https://www.royal.uk/the-coronation-quiche/>
- Chopsticks:** Knitting Needles sound. Can be substituted for sticks or pencils (or knitting needles, if available!)
- Lawnmower:** Sound available via YouTube:  
<https://youtu.be/BcxeZ4Wwdn0/>
- Music:** Sound available via YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0a5KcGHwnzA/>

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