

Queen Poshyposh

Props – in a props box, in order

- Chair draped in cloth, crown, cloak
- Fan, shoe brush, nail buffer, grapes etc & scroll
- Snotty grotty handkerchiefs (green/ yellow pen on tissues)

Characters

- King/Queen Poshyposh – preferably the minister
- Servants – six or so children chosen beforehand, each with tissue
- Narrator – with mic for self / Queen / servants

Narr: In today's reading (Jn 13:1-2), Jesus acted out a parable about serving.

If he had told the parable as a story, it might have gone something like this:

Once upon a time there was a king/queen called King/Queen Poshyposh.

[Insert name of minister], could you come and play Queen Posyposh, please?

Now, Queen Poshyposh had some servants. Could the servants come up?

[Give out props and assign jobs.]

You guide her to the throne. You can help her with her cloak. You give her the crown. Here's a brush, you polish her shoes. You can do her nails. You fan her. You feed her some grapes *[etc.]*

And one day, a servant handed the Queen a scroll, which the Queen read out.
[Queen reads. Narrator holds mic for Queen and servants.]

[Servants say "yuk" etc when snotty grotty handkerchiefs are mentioned and "hooray" when Queen has to do job. Queen collects tissues.]

[Narrator collects tissues in props box. All line up.]

[Narrator steps forward.]

And Jesus might have finished his parable by saying:

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

[All bow.]

Proclamation Number 483

Let it be known in all the realm that I,
King/Queen Poshyposh the Third,
do command the following job for today:

To collect all the snotty grotty handkerchiefs.

servants say: urgh, that's the worst job, yuk!

Silence! I have not finished.

And I further command that the servant to be
charged with this, the most disgusting and
yucksome of jobs is ...

Wait for it ...

King/Queen Poshyposh - Me!

Oh, really?

Right. OK then.

Remove cloak and crown, collect tissues, pulling a disgusted face.

At the end, please line up and say together:

***For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.***

Then take a bow. Thank you!

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