



Liber Regalis, about 1382

Under 11 activity – Christianity in 10 objects

What do you think is happening in the picture in this book?

Who do you think the various people are?

The words on the page are written in Latin. What event do you think they might be explaining?



Written hundreds of years ago, the Liber Regalis is a very special and important book. It contains instructions for carrying out coronations. A coronation is when a monarch is crowned. It was important that the instructions were written down as a coronation ceremony can take hours.

Talk with others

This special book isn't just filled with writing. The Liber Regalis is also filled with beautiful images to match what's written. Here's an image of a coronation: what might the different people be thinking and feeling?



Activity: Try out this instruction-writing challenge

Draw a picture of a crown or another object.

- Write some instructions for drawing your crown.
- Find a partner and ask them to follow your instructions without showing them your picture.
- Do your pictures look similar?
- How could you improve your instructions? What would make them clearer? What details can you add?
- How can you make sure that everyone who follows them gets a similar result?



Recipe books often have pictures of a final dish next to the written instructions. Display your picture and improved instructions together.

Does putting the image and words together help someone to create a more accurate final picture?

Extension

Even though the Liber Regalis is full of detailed instructions of how to carry out coronations, there have been many mishaps during these special days in the past.

At Queen's Victoria's coronation, the coronation ring was painfully squeezed onto the wrong finger. Lord Rolls rolled down the stairs after trying to bow to the young queen. A bishop got confused and told Queen Victoria that the ceremony had finished, she left her seat only to discover that he'd made a mistake. Even though her coronation didn't go according to plan, when Queen Victoria wrote about her coronation day in her diary, she still said it was 'the proudest of my life'.

Pretend you are Queen Victoria and create a diary entry about her coronation. You could write something, create a video diary and dress up as Queen Victoria or even create a visual diary with pictures.

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