

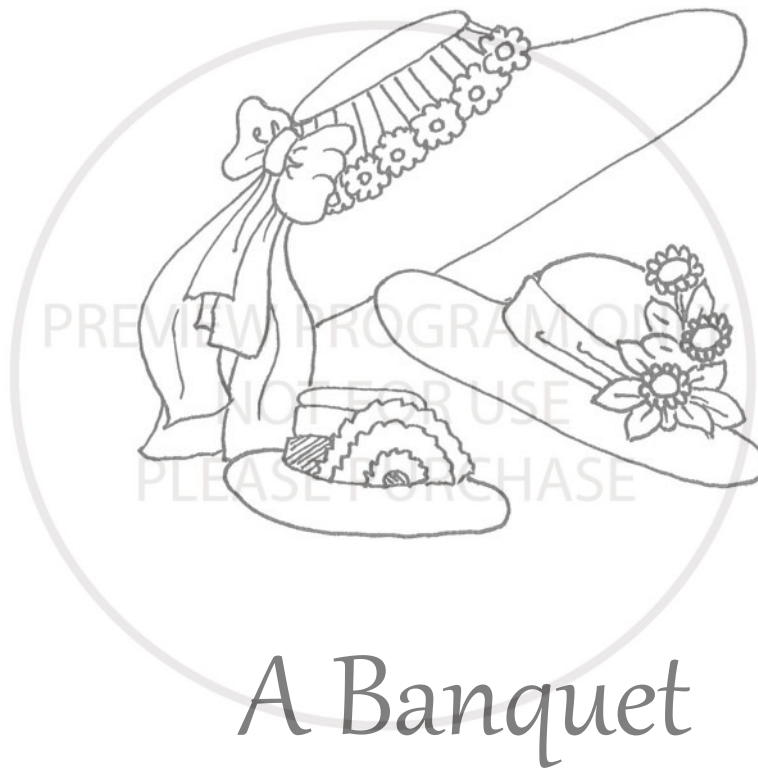
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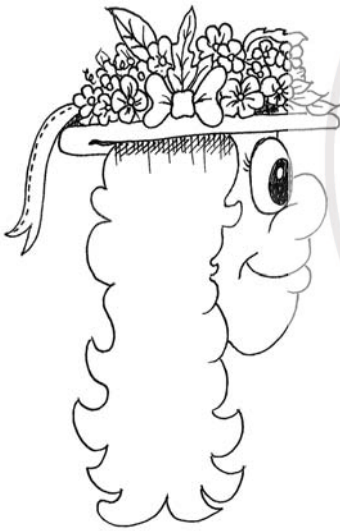
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*“...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, longsuffering, gentleness,
goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:
against such there is no law.”*

Galatians 5:22-23 KJV

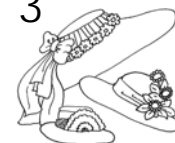
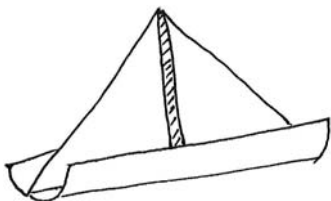
‘Hang on to your hat’!

It's a Spring Banquet with 'Hat-I-Tude'.

Make A Happy Memory!

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Now 'Hat's' A Party!

"I began wearing hats as a young lawyer because it helped me establish my professional identity. Before that, whenever I was at a meeting, someone would ask me to get coffee."

~Bella Abzug

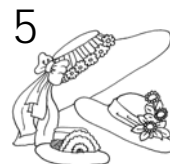
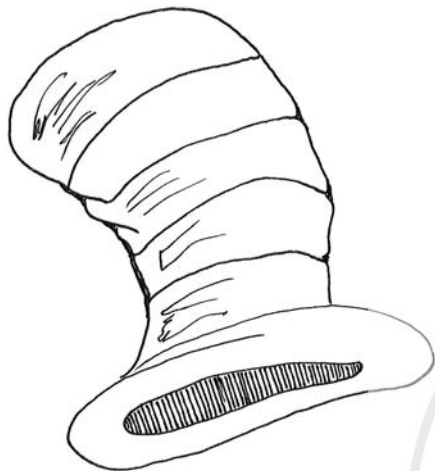
Follow our tips and add your creative touches to make 'Hat's Enough' a unique event that will be remembered for years. Manage arrangements and then develop the delightful 'Hat-Titude' theme.

*From the first moment your committee meets
until the last note of music
and the final crystal cup is tucked away,
capture the imagination of every girl
from three to ninety three! ...or ninety four!
Smiles and sweet tears
are proof that your gathering has been a success.*

*Attitude is a little thing
That makes a big difference.*

Prepare A Banquet Before Them!

A banquet is a party with food as the main attraction. Add a program, a speaker or local entertainment. The occasion is comfortable and social. The most popular tradition is the *Mother and Daughter Banquet*. There are other occasions when banquets are enjoyable. Evening events, women's programs, holiday gatherings, annual retreats, summer picnics and even father and child banquets.



...Or Create An Informal Gathering

A *Party* is a fun and games event where people mix for sparkling conversation, good food and laughter. Parties tend to be informal and hosts do not go to extra trouble to decorate. Sometimes parties do not have to be planned at all.

While party games were once wildly popular, there are groups who do not enjoy a lot of organized activity. Create a highly enjoyable experience. The activities should fit the needs of the guests.

A larger party requires detailed planning to handle the program, publicity, decorating, refreshments and clean up. It's a great party if you create your own fun and then remember the event fondly.

Pay Attention to Details

Often the smallest detail makes the biggest impression. Wild flowers on a table, small table gifts for each guest, background music, greeters at the door and other thoughtful gestures make individuals feel welcome, special and pampered.



Practice Christian Hospitality

Help guests grow in their understanding of the Lord. Everyone should be giving affection and receiving love from other Christians in the family of God. Begin friendly conversations, avoid gossip or mean spirited comments.

Set Realistic Goals

What do you want to happen during the hours your guests are with you? Be specific! Plans in this workbook are complete. Adapt details to fit your needs. Add creative ideas and change activities as desired.

Organize

Make changes at the beginning of the planning process. Write down exactly what will happen and when jobs must be completed. Do not leave organization to the last minute.

Work With A Team

Choose a small leadership team to complete advance arrangements. The team may be as few as two or as large as ten or more. Divide assignments between team members. Trust them to complete their tasks. While specific jobs may be divided, one person should be in charge to keep the whole affair moving smoothly.



Purchase Supplies As Needed

Stay within the limit of the banquet budget. Keep expense records. Use the church tax exemption number.

Practice A Positive Approach

Maintain a light and happy atmosphere during the planning process. If your attitude is right the rest of your team will catch the spirit. After all, this is a party!



Pray!

Pray for the event, the team and the guests. Pray as a team. Take each detail before the Lord and then-Relax

Set Up

Provide adequate time to set up tables, decorations, props and food. Reserve the church for the entire day. Sometimes room arrangements take place a day before the party.

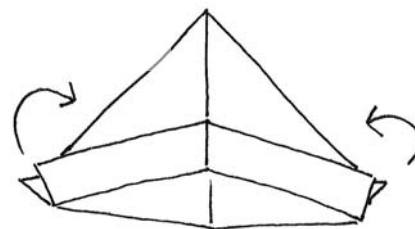
Say Thank You

The behind-the-scenes team is the core of this event. Take time to write thank you notes, call and give small thank you gifts. Recognize your team publically at the banquet.

Clean Up

When the event is over, clean up begins. The party is not complete until the church is in order. Encourage the team to remove their props immediately. Stay to help with kitchen clean up.

Notes:



Sparkling Guest Speaker

"I'm here for the fun!"

*"I will boast of all His kindness to me."
Psalm 34:2*

Invite A Speaker

Invite a guest to share inspirational thoughts. When scheduling a speaker, consider reducing program segments this program provides that are best performed by the guests themselves. The speaker should conclude the evening festivities.

The Perfect Person

A good speaker makes a faith connection with the group. Choose the speaker from a list of possibilities suggested by friends, relatives, pastor, other churches, community groups or national organizations.

Consider The Cost

Ask the speaker if there is a set fee. If not, give a generous monetary gift including traveling costs. Think about the time they invest in preparation, travel and presentation.



Specific Instructions

Send a letter, make a telephone call and stay in contact through the internet. Include highway directions, arrival time, group size, time limit, lodging information and specific personal details.

Tell the guest speaker the program theme. Include details of what you would like her talk to include. Make contact periodically until the speaker travels to the event.

Care and Feeding

It is disquieting for a guest to enter a room of strangers, be expected to speak about personal and spiritual issues and leave still feeling as if everyone is a stranger.

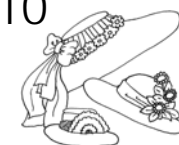
Assign a pre-arranged hostess "friend" to handle introductions, sit and converse with the guest at dinner to give the speaker a sense of belonging.

Include expenses from the time the speaker leaves home until she returns. If more meals are required, host or pay accordingly.

After The Banquet

Pay promptly. Stay with the guest speaker until she leaves to return home. Thank that person from your heart and follow up with a handwritten thank you note!

Notes:



Publicity!

*“Laugh all you want.
I look good in this hat
and I know it.”*

Let's face it, you need enthusiastic guests. Do your best to convince them it will be a unique experience in fine dining and entertainment. They must not miss it! Go the extra mile to publicize.



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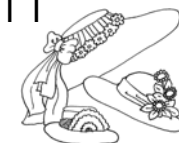
God Is In The Details

Invitations, posters, registration forms, programs, handouts and centerpieces should relate to your theme. Use the same colors, scripture, picture or logo on every piece of publicity.

Invite Every Gal!

Send invitations. If this is a community wide event, place posters in local restaurants, business offices. Insert invitations in the Sunday morning worship folder and in the monthly church newsletter.

Fun Tip: *One of the best places to put posters is in the Ladies Room at church and in community businesses. If a local business hesitates to put yet another community event poster in their window, suggest their ladies room as a great “out of the way” place!*



Add Some Fun! Ask guests to wear their favorite beautiful, sporty or outrageous hat. It's okay if they don't, but those who join in the fun will add 'hat-titude' to the event!

Create Buzz!

Involve lots of people in the planning stages. They don't have to be on the team but delegate tasks or small parts. Ask as many people as possible to participate in the formal program.

Everyone who is involved will attend and will be more likely to talk about the event and invite others. Many hands make light work. Cut stress with more help.

Even More Fun!

Let guests know if prizes will be awarded for various games. 'Gossip' about program and food to create excitement. Enjoy the company of friends.

Be Creative!

When the banquet is around Mother's Day, advertise the event to men of the church that the cost of this event is a great Mother's Day gift they can give their wives and mothers and daughters. Find creative ways to make your banquet a "gift" to women and girls who want to attend.

Notes:



Decorate...



Hat's Beautiful!

*"Finally...whatever is...lovely
-think about such things."
Philippians 4:8*

Choose The Best and Leave The Rest!

Create a 'world' filled with...**HATS!** Guests should immediately see and feel the feminine hat theme. Discuss decoration at the beginning of the planning process. We offer many suggestions to get you started. Trust your own creativity and make your 'Hat's Enough' banquet amazing! Choose the best of our ideas and leave the rest for another day.

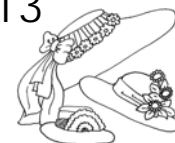
How Complicated Is This Going to Be?

This spring banquet can be simple or over the top beautiful. Give artistic, visually creative people the responsibility to turn the room into a work of art. If no one comes forward, decorate simply at each table. You cannot go wrong! Make it fun!



What Should Be Decorated?

Decorate tables with centerpieces and color co-ordinated related items. Consider decorating the welcome table, entry door, stage area and each corner.



Tasteful Elegance

Remember: Less is more. Do not clutter with an overabundance of 'stuff'. Choose a few unique accessories to make the tables and room come to life.

Decorate

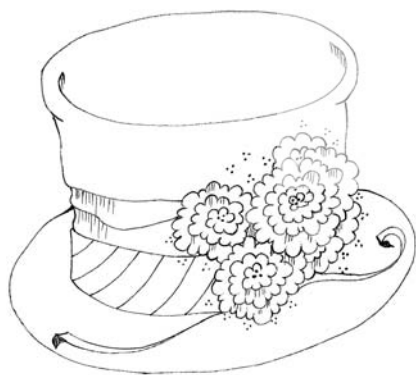
Everything in the room, from table decorations to staging displays, should feature the hat theme. Individual local events will look different depending upon items available.

The best fun is when guests arrive and the hat theme comes to life with table elegance, games, speakers, prizes and music! Allow guests to view the table decorations before they are seated.

Simplicity

Keep it simple. The task will be easier and the result will be a delight to the eye. Become familiar with the available space and set up accordingly. Use color, sparkle and light to its' best advantage.

Table Ideas



Collect as many different hats as possible. Place one or two hats in the center of each table. If antique hat boxes are available, place the hat on top of the box. Add accessories. Consider decorating options based on available items.

COLOR: Choose coordinating colors for a basic foundation. This can be as bright as neon orange or as restrained as ivory or white. Print programs in the same color or a complimentary color. Add sparkle with candles, balloons, crystal glasses and color coordinated napkins.



BEAUTIFUL TOUCHES: Make tables interesting by adding small personal touches that catch the eye. It could be antique crystal candlesticks with bows, figurines in hats, old eyeglasses, gloves, scarves or live flowers. Fly balloons high over each table in bunches.

MORE FUN IDEAS: Add one artificial flower on top of the napkin setting. For a touch of whimsy wrap a beaded bracelet around the napkin. Make small paper hats in bright colored paper. Place one small hat at each plate.

FORGET THE CLUTTER: Use items sparingly. Don't try to do it all on each table!

Table Centerpiece Ideas



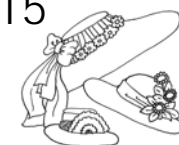
ELEGANT HATS: Check out the local theater wardrobe room, Good Will shop or closet to find old hats. The hats can be from any era. They can be a delightful variety of Victorian, mid 20th century and modern hats. Sport caps, work hats, nurse's caps and others look great when gathered in the area. One or two hats placed in the center of each table with a few interesting accessories around them looks great.

CONTEMPORARY STUNNER: Arrange three tall glass vases for each table. Square or rectangle shapes are great but use what is available. Spray paint tree twigs white and stick them in vases that have been half filled with white salt or sand. Fold small triangle shaped paper hats in various colors and place them on the twigs.

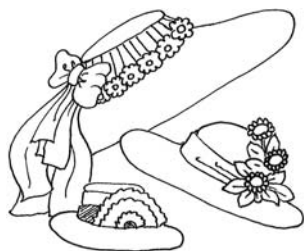
BALLOON BLAST: Fly color coordinated balloons high from the centers of each table. The entire room will look festive as guests enter. Fill the floor with balloons. Don't worry, balloons move easily as people walk. The more balloons on the floor, the better the effect.

DESSERT TOWER: The centerpiece of each table can become dessert! Bake round layer cakes and decorate them to resemble top hats. The cakes should serve the number of people at each table.

Notes:



Banquet Room



*The tables are the featured 'stars' of the party.
Add accessories as available.*

Program Props

If props are needed, they should be set up for the after dinner program. See the program for prop information. Sometimes nothing is needed.

Vintage Hat Stands: Borrow as many old free standing hat stands as possible. Place them across the stage. Place hats of all kinds on the stands. The more varied the better. Hang a sign on one stand: HOME IS WHERE YOU HANG YOUR HAT!

Lighting: Between the hat stands, place a variety of cozy floor lights to feature the hats with light.

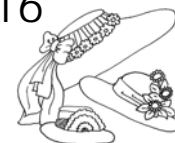
Photo Booth

Want some laughter filled entertainment? Collect interesting hats, long necklaces, gloves and scarves. Decorate a simple background and provide chairs or a bench in the scene. Gather anything crazy and fun to wear.

Photographer: Ask one person to take digital pictures. Guests may use their own cameras and cell phones to take pictures. Guests have their pictures taken alone or in groupings of their choice. They can choose whatever items they want to wear or may use the hat they wear to the event. Make photos available as desired.

Then.....LISTEN TO THE LAUGHTER AND WATCH THE SMILES!!!

So Fun!



Art Supplies, Decorations, Small Gifts

Shop craft and party stores, discount stores and rummage shops. Make table decorations, programs and table gifts. Check the internet for affordable, interesting items.

Creative Table Favor and Dessert: Make chocolate chip cookies and display them at each place setting in old teacups and saucers. These old cups and saucers can be collected from Good Will, Salvation Army and donated by friends. To make the many varieties of cups and saucers look similar, attach a large bow to the handle of each cup. The cup and saucer become the take home favor of the event.



Option

*Place each dessert inside a clear glass canning jar.
Trim the top of each jar with a ribbon and bow.
Tuck a fancy chocolate lollipop into each ribbon.*

Take home gifts are always a popular 'ooo-ahh' factor for any banquet!

Door Prizes: Ask businesses and restaurants to donate gifts or gift cards. Buy dollar items like picture frames, note holders, lamps, cosmetic bags, pill organizers, key chains, potted plants, candles and costume jewelry to give away if playing table games. Don't forget to provide something fun for the littlest gals....stuffed animals, coloring books or fingernail polish!

Put everyone's banquet ticket in a large fish bowl and draw their tickets at random. They may come and choose a gift or the gifts can be numbers and given away in order of the drawing.



Catalog Stuff

Check out Oriental Trading Company. They offer a wide variety of wonderful gifts, decorations and supplies! www.orientaltrading.com

Gifts and accessories also available at www.currentcatalog.com

Check out fun decorations at: www.Shindigz.com

Don't forget deals on www.ebay.com and www.amazon.com



*“Women who love hats don't get jealous.
It makes them happy to see a hat
that looks good on someone else.
Women who wear hats know who they are.”
~ Anonymous*



And So We Begin....

Hat's Enough!

A Banquet With Hat-I-Tude

*"My soul will be satisfied with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you."*

Psalm 63:5

Consider crowd psychology

Everyone enjoys an event where people are talking and laughing, light and temperature are controlled, music sets the mood, strangers are new friends and tables are inviting. No one enjoys going to a party where people remain strangers, little conversation occurs and a subdued mood becomes awkward.

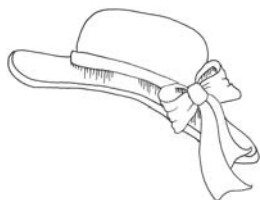
When the First Person Arrives,

The Party Has Started

Greet guests cordially, give name tags and direct them to the party area. Encourage guests to browse the table decorations as the crowd gathers. Help them choose a seat or find their assigned table. Point out rest rooms and conveniences. Keep guests out of the kitchen!!!



Get Acquainted



Put people at ease with generous hospitality and smiles. Get acquainted with simple table activities. Place conversation starters under a few plates. Scatter pens or pencils and place paper puzzles or short games in obvious places so guests can work together to win a table prize.

Getting Together

Help the guests "sense the whole". Enthusiastic group singing encourages togetherness. Play a few table games as ice breakers.

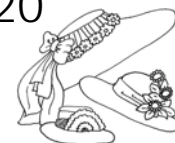
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Small Groups

Place guests in small groups and offer opportunities to make more intimate contact with others. Devise an activity that could be done in pairs or fours.

Alternate The Pace

Activities may be interactive or quiet. Create activities requiring a mental challenge with pencil and paper, group skits and some activities for the whole group.



Build Toward A Conclusion

Complete exciting activities just before dinner. Continue the fun after the meal. Add spiritually inspirational thoughts near the end.

Close With A Group Activity

End the event with a whole group activity. It could be singing or an inspirational spiritual closing with a serious skit or talk, songs, hymns, praise choruses, sharing and a benediction featuring a fellowship prayer circle.

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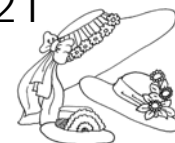
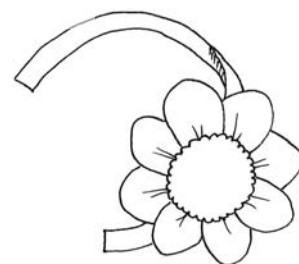
Clean Up

Leave the church cleaner than you found it. Often those enjoying the fun are asked to help clean up. That can be fun and don't forget, "Many hands make light work".

*Keep the music playing through clean up.
Take a moment to sing and dance with other workers!*

Notes:

*"Nobody's last words were
'I had too much fun.' "*
~ Evelyn Beilenson



A Warm Welcome!

"He who is of a merry heart has a continual feast."

Proverbs 15:15b

Serve a delicious chilled punch while guests gather, coats are removed and table seating is confirmed.

Make this a delightful formal treat by serving the delicious cold beverage in crystal punch bowls with crystal cups. Consider serving mini appetizers on beautiful plates. Add colorful beverage napkins.

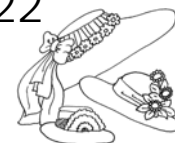
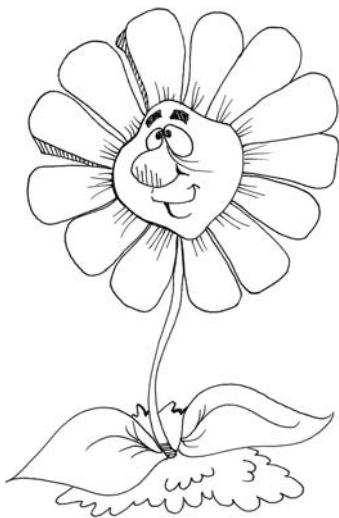
Play soft background music. Encourage guests to enter the banquet area where they move from table to table and enjoy the decorations and staged displays.

Raspberry Sherbet Pink Punch

- 1 can frozen pink lemonade concentrate
- 2 ½ cans water
- 2 liter Sprite
- 1 container of raspberry sherbet

1. In a pitcher, combine pink lemonade concentrate and cans of water.
2. Freeze for about 4 hours until slushy.
3. In the pitcher, add the lemons and thick layer of raspberry sherbet.
4. Pour Sprite over top of sherbet and stir just a bit so it gets nice and frothy on top.
5. Serve immediately

Choose appetizers that fit your group.
Because guests may be standing while juggling a beverage and appetizer, prepare finger foods.
Use one of our suggestions or create your own appetizer.



Fresh Fruit 'Cupcake'

Choose a variety of fresh fruits cut into small portions and placed in a doubled cupcake liner. The best fruit can be picked up with fingers for easy eating. Include a mixture of apple slice, cherry, diced cantaloupe, mini pineapple slice, banana, strawberries, blueberries.

Yummy Fruit Dip: 8 oz. Whipped Topping, 3 oz. Cream cheese, 7 oz. Marshmallow creme. Spoon into bottom of liner and fill with fruit.

Nuts And Bolts Party Mix

| | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 C. Corn Chex | 2 C. Rice Chex | 2 C. Cheerios |
| 2 C. Thin pretzels | 2 C. Blanched peanuts | |
| 3 T. Salad oil | 10 T. Butter | 4 T. Worcestershire Sauce |
| ½ t. seasoned salt | ½ t. garlic powder | |

Oven: 225 degrees In baking dish, mix cereals, pretzels, peanuts together; set aside. On medium heat blend oil, butter, sauce, salt, garlic until butter is melted and spices are blended in. Pour seasoning mixture over cereal mixture and stir until completely coated with seasoning.

Bake 1 ½ hours, stirring every 20 minutes to make sure it does not burn. Remove from oven and cool completely before storing in an airtight container. Fill doubled cupcake liners with individual portions of the Party Mix before guests arrive.

Crunchy Veggie Treat

Cut mini celery, cucumber slices, broccoli, cauliflower, asparagus, dilly beans and carrot sticks that fit into doubled cupcake liners. Spoon Ranch Dip into the liners before placing veggies on top. Choose veggies that can be cut into small pieces for easy dipping.

Ham and Turkey Roll Ups

Roll deli ham and turkey and place upright in ranch dip with parsley or celery tops for garnish.

Shrimp

Spoon cocktail sauce into liner and place one shrimp on top. Option: For children, consider one chicken nugget on top of ketchup.

Fish Stick

Tartar sauce and one fish stick cut in half with carrot stick and mini dill pickle slice.



Mexican Fun

Fill cup with refried beans, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes and top with sour cream. No spoon, just dip with the taco chips.

Pretzel Fun

Mini pretzels with mustard sauce.

Boneless Wings

Spoon a little bit of BBQ Sauce into liner and top with one or two boneless chicken wings.

Chili Cups

Spoon Chili into small plastic cups and top with two Ritz Crackers. Sour cream on top.

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Mm, Good!

Now Hat's A Meal!

"Happiness is like jam: You can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself."

"Also my bread that I gave you—I fed you with fine flour and oil and honey—you set before them for a pleasing aroma; and so it was, declares the Lord God."

Ezekiel 16:19

Choose food your group enjoys and will remember fondly! We make suggestions but you know your group best.

Plan Accordingly!

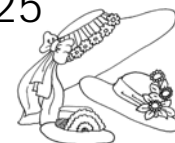
Assign a kitchen team to prepare the meal. Since this is a special event for the gals, it doesn't seem fair to ask them to cook their own food. Ask the men of the church to cook and serve or consider hiring local caterers! Ask a local Boy Scout troop to help serve the meal. They often look for community projects.

How about decking out the servers in large newspaper folded hats? The paper hats can be trimmed or left in original colors. OR, let the servers choose their own interesting hat!

What Should We Eat?

Here are a few menu options to get you started. Consider the cost, the theme, the effort involved to make the food and the tastes of the group.

*Create a separate menu for children under age 12.
Communicate the child friendly choices
when guests are making their reservations.*



Chicken

Cream of Broccoli Soup
Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable of Choice Cornbread Muffins/Butter
Tossed Salad/Dressing
Dessert: Apple Cobbler

Pork

Won Ton Soup
Roast Pork or Stuffed Pork Chops
Rice Pilaf
Vegetable of Choice Muffins/Butter
Tossed Salad/Dressing
Dessert: Cupcakes or Variety of Cakes

Beef

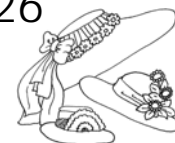
Beef Broth Vegetable Soup W/Shredded Cheese
Swiss Steak and Mushroom Gravy
Hot Buttered Noodles
Vegetable of Choice Cornbread Muffins/Butter
Tossed Salad/Dressing
Dessert: Variety of Pies with Vanilla Ice Cream

Fish

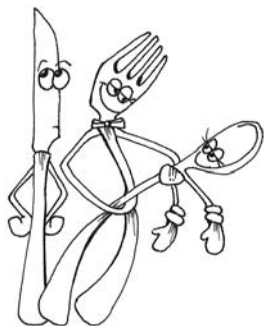
French Onion Soup W/Cheese
Light White fish: Haddock and Tartar Sauce
Baked Potato With Sour Cream and Butter
Vegetable of Choice Dinner Rolls/Butter
Tossed Salad/Dressing
Dessert: Ice Cream Sundaes



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Dessert: Where It's Hat!



Mississippi Mud Pie!

This is absolutely delicious! A true winner!

FIRST LAYER: 1 C. Chopped Nuts, 1 stick butter, 1 C flour.
Mix together and spread in bottom of pie plate, bake 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes. COOL.

SECOND LAYER: 1 (8 oz.) Cream cheese (softened),
1 C. Cool whip, 1 C. Powdered sugar. Use mixer to blend well.
Spread over cooled First layer.

THIRD LAYER: 3 C. Milk. 1 small box instant chocolate pudding,
1 small box instant vanilla pudding. Using mixer, blend all together until thick and
spread over Second layer.

FOURTH LAYER: Top with Cool Whip. Drizzle with chocolate
and sprinkle more chopped nuts.

Sit back and wait for the oo's, aah's and compliments.

Strawberry Delight

Make an angel food cake. Add fresh strawberries and real whipping cream.
Garnish with Cut Strawberry!

Homemade Cookies and Ice Cream

Make your favorite cookie recipe. Chocolate Chip is a traditional favorite!
Depending on cookie size, serve one or two on a plate with scoop of vanilla
ice cream.

Ice Cream Sundae

Serve ice cream in a small glass bowl. Top with real strawberries (or fruit of
choice), hot fudge, whipped cream, cherry.



Cheesecake

Make your favorite cheesecake recipe and use fruit of choice for topping.

Cupcakes

Bake your favorite cupcakes in colorful liners, frost with your favorite frosting and top with silk flower or soft chocolate candy bite.

Mandarin Orange Jello Delight

Orange Jello, canned Mandarin Oranges

Make Orange Jello using canned oranges juice as portion of liquid. Mix in Mandarin Oranges and chill until set. Cut into squares, add a few orange slices on the side and top with whipping cream.

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“Now Hat’s Delicious!”





Children's Menu Choices

Sometimes children do not enjoy the delicious foods adults anticipate eating. Consider a Children's Dinner Menu at a lesser cost.

Children's Menu #1

- Chicken Nuggets W/Ketchup
- Jello Cubes French Fries
- Cold Drink Dessert

Children's Menu #2

- Hamburger on Toasted Bun W/Ketchup and Pickle
- Macaroni and Cheese Celery Sticks
- Apple Slices Cold Drink Dessert

Children's Menu #3

- Hot Dog on Bun - Choice of Toppings
- Tater Tots Fruit Cup
- Cold Drink Dessert

*“Trust in the Lord and do good;
 so shall you dwell in the land
 and truly you shall be fed.”
 Psalm 37:2*



Strawberry Pink Sparkle Cake

Consider making one delicious cake for table centerpieces. This recipe is amazing and should be a hit with most guests. However, any favorite cake flavors work great! Add a lovely, antique cake server with bow, antique cake plates and a candle to make the table glow.

1 box angel food cake mix (baked) 1 C. Boiling water
 1 small package strawberry Jello 1 lb. Frozen sliced strawberries
 ½ pint whipping cream 2 T. Sugar Red food coloring

Make cake and cool completely. Dissolve Jello in water, add frozen strawberries, stirring to break apart. Place cake, widest side down on serving plate. Cut a 1" layer off top of cake and set aside.

Gently hollow out the cake to make a shell to be filled with mixture by cutting within 1" from the sides and 1" from the bottom, gently pulling out the cake and breaking into small pieces.

Mix the cake pieces with the strawberry mixture and pour back into cake shell. Put top back on cake. Whip cream until thick, stir in sugar and food coloring until pink. Spread over entire cake. Decorate with strawberries if desired. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.

Notes:



Brunch Buffet

If your gathering is a brunch, make simple foods. Consider Egg and Ham with Cheese casseroles, fresh fruit cups, and french toast and sausage with syrup.



Just Desserts

If organizing an elegant after dinner evening, consider a variety of desserts. From chocolate to spice to apple cobblers to whatever your group dreams up will be an event your gals will not forget.



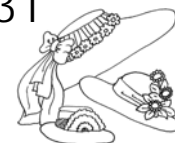
Mug And Muffin

An afternoon gathering for tea and coffee and delicious muffins is always popular. Consider making several delicious muffin recipes and offering creative toppings to try: honey, real butter, peanut butter, cream cheese and others. Add sweet cupcakes for dessert.



Pie and Coffee

Everyone loves a delicious piece of pie. Make them or buy them. You can't go wrong! Add ice cream and whipped topping.



Cakes Galore!

Cakes are the glorious dessert of choice at any event.

So many choices!

So many options!

1. Bake a variety of cakes and decorate them with thick, creamy frosting in every flavor possible.
2. Choose one or two flavors and decorate them with colorful frosting or in the colors chosen as table colors.
3. Frost all cakes identically and top with fresh flower petals, small plastic hats (or other party item) or sprinkles.
4. Decide whether the cakes will be homemade or provided by a local bakery with that professional touch of frosting and decoration.

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Healthy Options

Provide simple angel food cake topped with strawberries or a small dish of fresh fruit or a similar choice for those who may suffer from diabetes or other health risk. Find out before the event if this option is necessary. Sometimes guests will just say 'no thank you'.

Consider a few choices like spice, carrot or a gourmet recipe found online at one of the many dessert web sites.

Notes:



Music...

Hat's Entertainment!

"Sing unto the Lord a new song!"

Psalm 147:1

Play pre recorded background music. Non vocals are best when mixed with party conversation. Christian CD's, Broadway show tunes, classical music, soft jazz or Disney music. Excellent Christian jazz and Christian Big Band music is available online.

If your community has amateur/professional musicians willing to perform, ask them to be part of the festivities. Think about asking a violinist, guitarist, harpist, pianist or ensemble to perform as guests arrive and as they enjoy dinner.



Sing fun songs and familiar Christian choruses after dinner.
Ask a pianist to accompany the group.
Choose familiar songs.

Praise And Worship Songs

Sing a few contemporary Praise and Worship songs that are familiar and popular with your group. Sprinkle music through the program whenever you desire to take a short break.



Group Song Suggestions

Here are lyrics to familiar song melodies. Sheet music can be obtained online or, if the tune is familiar, may be sung a capella. Check www.musicnotes.com for piano sheet music at a good price.

On The Sunny Side Of The Street

Grab your coat and get your **hat**
Leave your worries on the doorstep
Life can be so sweet
On the sunny side of the street.

Can't you hear the pitter-pat
And that happy tune is your step
Life can be complete
On the sunny side of the street.

I used to walk in the shade
with my blues on parade
But I'm not afraid--this rover's crossed over.

If I never had a cent
I'd be rich as Rockefeller
Gold dust at my feet
On the sunny side of the street.



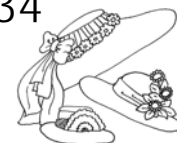
In Your Easter Bonnet

In your Easter bonnet--with all the frills upon it,
You'll be the grandest lady--in the Easter Parade!

I'll be all in clover, and when they look you over
I'll be the proudest fella in the Easter Parade!

On the Avenue, Fifth Avenue the photographers will snap us
and you'll find that you're in the rotogravure.

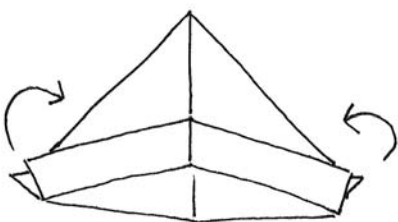
*Oh, I could write a sonnet about your Easter bonnet
and of the girl I'm taking to the Easter parade!*



Make A Memory

Keepsake Program

“You cannot hide in a hat; you will be noticed! To men, you become a lady for whom they rush to open doors. To women, you become an inspiration, reminding them that they have a closet full of hats they have not had the courage to wear.”



Offer a “take home” keepsake in the form of a printed program.

While not necessary, it is a nice addition to the banquet event.

COVER

Use card stock. Make copies on the church printer/copier. Artwork may consist of a simple hat graphic and the name of the event.

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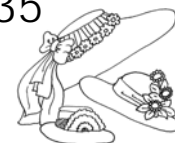
If desired, add an interesting item to the cover. Consider a real button, length of ribbon and bow, small paper folded hat in contrasting color, colorful sticker or other available item. Hot glue the item in place as needed.

PRINTED INFORMATION

Include the menu, committee members, kitchen crew and servers. Add song lyrics, artistic touches, poetry, Bible verse and the title of each program segment.

Be Creative!

This is an opportunity to create a lovely keepsake to be treasured in scrapbooks and memory trunks for many years. Take time to design a piece worthy of the occasion.



Welcome The Guests...

Hat's Enough!

A Banquet With Hat-I-Tude!

*"Today I will be happier
than a bird with a french fry."*

Seat guests informally at prearranged tables.
Be sure families and friends sit together.

Encourage guests to get to know
one another by playing table games.
Guests may team up to answer the questions.

Furnish small prizes for each successful group.
Prizes may be Hershey Kisses,
Mini candy bars or other tiny treat.

Give the prizes to the guests as they win.
Secret: Let EVERYONE win at least once!



Use games we suggest

or find games you enjoy.

Copy as many as desired on paper.



Tray Game

Place common items on a large tray. Cover the tray with a towel. Carry it to each table where the guests view the items for one minute. Cover the tray and move on. Their task is to write down as many of the items as possible in a numbered list. This can be accomplished as a table team or individually. Give a small prize to each winner.



Alphabet Name Game

Each guest prints the alphabet down the left side of a piece of paper. They choose one letter of the alphabet to print next to the letter A. Whichever letter they choose, they continue to print the alphabet from that point, in order, to the end. Once they have their two letters side by side, the Alphabet Name Game begins.

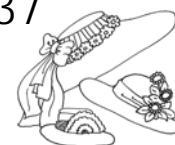
Example: A E (Albert Einstein)

The game player thinks of a person, famous or non famous, who has those initials. They write the person's name next to the letter. Each full name is worth 1 point. The players with the most points win small prizes at the end. The most anyone can earn is 26 points, of course.

Hats, Hats, Hats! Words, Words, Words!

Make copies of the game we provide and let the group fill in as many words as possible. Offer prizes to top winners. The secret key:

- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. Chef | 11. Scarf |
| 2. Wedding Veil | 12. Straw hat |
| 3. Sombrero | 13. Top hat |
| 4. Cloche | 14. Fedora |
| 5. Beanie | 15. Cowboy Hat |
| 6. Easter Bonnet | 16. Ski Hat |
| 7. Baseball Cap | 17. Derby |
| 8. Helmet | 18. Tiara |
| 9. Pith Helmet | |
| 10. Beret | |





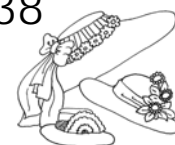
Hats, Hats, Hats!

Words, Words, Words!

1. Fehc _____
2. Ediwngn live _____
3. Eroosmb _____
4. Ecolhc _____
5. Eenba _____
6. Eersat onenobt _____
7. Ababslel acp _____
8. Elhtme _____
9. Thip meeth _____
10. Treeb _____
11. Fracs _____
12. Thatwrass _____
13. Tthapo _____
14. Arodfe _____
15. Bwocoy tha _____
16. kis ath _____
17. Reydb _____
18. Aairt _____



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Hats

Enough!

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A Banquet With Hat-1-Tude

*“There’s just something special
about a woman in a hat.”*



Tips For A Great Program!

*Program segments may be used any way desired.
Ask gals of all ages to participate. No Memorization.
Eliminate segments you cannot use!*

Make as many printed copies as needed from the Master Copy.
Do not give the program to any church or group without
permission from CLOSE ENCOUNTERS MINISTRIES.

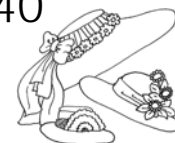
If a speaker has been invited, consider using a few
of these theme related segments instead of all of them.
Consider time limitations.

Encourage each speaker to communicate clearly.
Provide microphones.

No rehearsal is necessary.
The participants follow directions in their segment.
The program comes together on the spot.

Confirm involvement with each person
before the event to be sure each one is coming.

Adapt the material as desired.
Add material of your choice as available.
Enjoy the humor and inspiration of each segment!



Put On Your Thinking Cap!

Just for fun add some unique hat activities that will make your event unique. Think of fun people who will enjoy putting together one or two options. Here are a few options!

Hat Contest

Give prizes for the most unusual, prettiest, most creative, etc.

Hat Parade

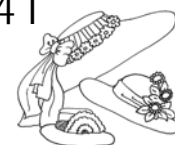
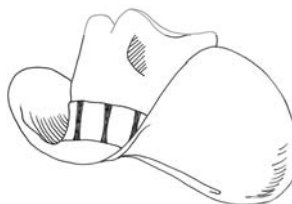
Ask the gals to model their hats. Make up a little narration for each.

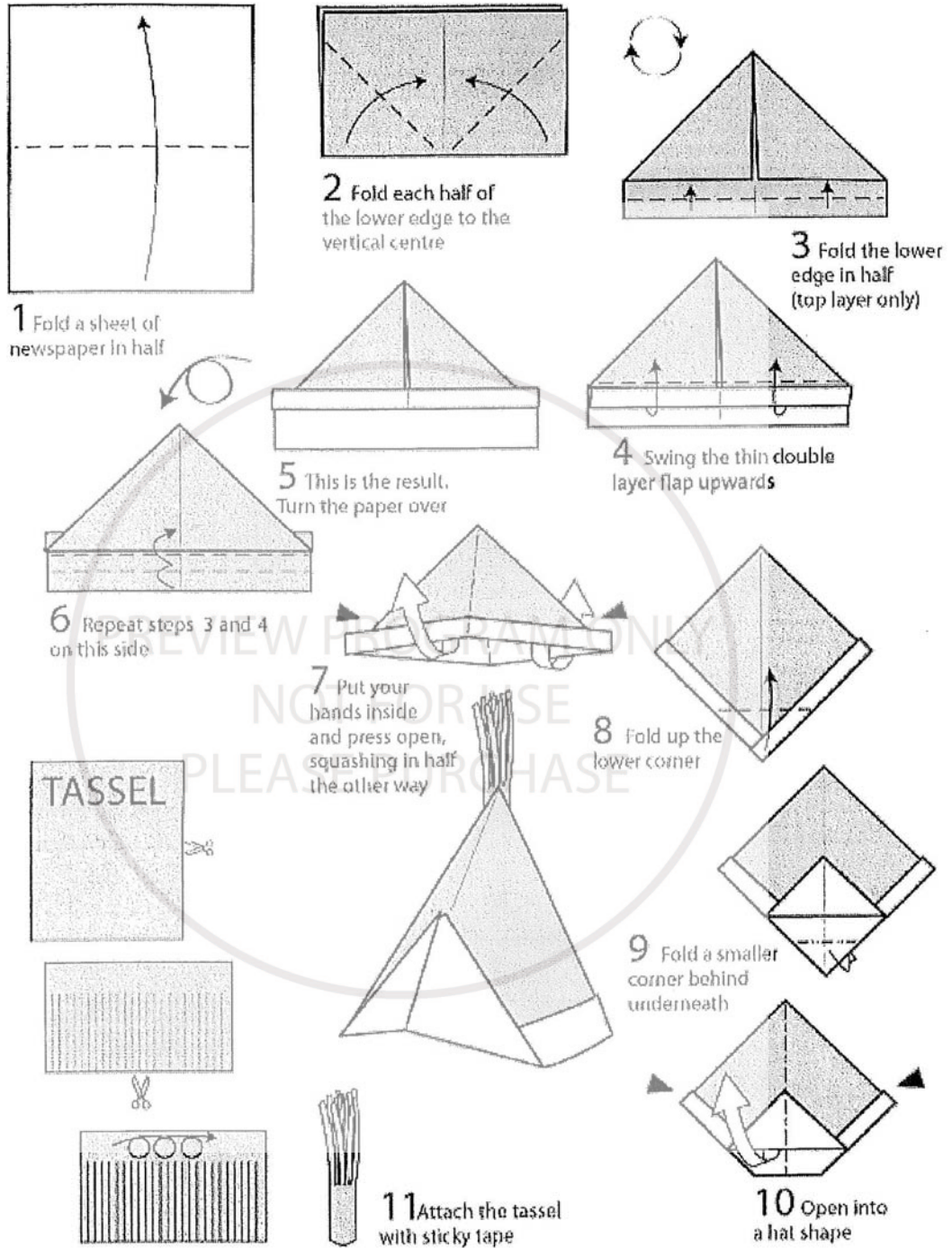
Complete A Hat Craft

Provide straw hats, silk flowers, ribbons, etc.

Hat Box Decoupage Craft

Provide mini boxes (www.orientaltrading.com), printed paper to decoupage, wrapping paper, modge podge, etc.





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Hats Enough

A Banquet With Hat-I-Tude

At A Glance

A Warm Welcome: Hor d'oeuvres
Background Music and Games

Pre Dinner Introduction:
Come With The Right Hat-I-Tude

Hat's Enough Banquet!

Mmm, Delicious!

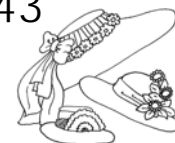
After Dinner Introduction: Hat's A Start
Hats Off To Mothers
Perfect Love~Wedding Veil

Joy In A Bonnet ~ Baby Bonnet
Peace and Quiet ~ Ear Muffs
The Patient Gardener ~ Gardener's Hat

Kind Heart ~ Nurse's Cap
Thank Goodness ~ The Good Princess
You Gotta Believe ~ Grandma's Sunday Hat

A Gentle Wind ~ How To Make A Daisy Chain
Self Control ~ Baseball For Girls

Conclusion ~ Hat's Enough



Pre Dinner Introduction:

Come With The Right Hat-I-Tude!

One person wearing a hat.

Welcome to 'Hat's Enough...A Banquet With Hat-I-Tude'. Let's put on the right hat-i-tude and leave with a new attitude. When a woman puts on a hat, a transformation takes place: She accents her femininity. She stands tall with shoulders back even when her derriere is clothed in jeans or slacks. A woman in a hat has self confidence.

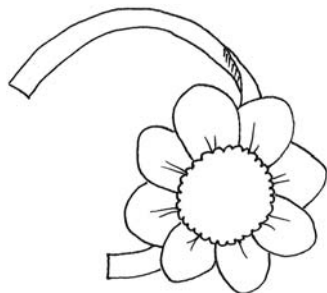
Hats define us. They show off our best features and hide our faults. In this new era, women often leave the hat at home in the closet thinking we will be laughed at or will make a huge fashion mistake. Don't listen to that nagging 'voice'. Rummage through that old closet and pull out your favorite hats, caps and scarves. Wear them with confidence and pride. Become the fashion statement you have always desired to be.

A hat won't make you happy. Happiness comes from within. It is the relationship between you and God that brings ultimate joy. If you stay close to Jesus, it will not matter whether you wear a bejeweled tiara or a ragged straw hat. Jesus guarantees happiness deep down inside where it really counts. Whatever you wear on your head is only the cherry on top!

Think about these special 'hat-i-tudes'. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control; against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23) Now isn't that something to put in your hat to think about?

We have planned a wonderful event and want you to join in with complete abandon! Enjoy your meal. It is time to get a 'new hat-i-tude'.

Prayer For The Meal



After Dinner Introduction:

Hat's A Start!



One person may read this segment or it can be divided between two people. Wear hats!

Wearing a hat is like medicine for the soul. The hat is the expression of who you are as a woman in every moment. The hat is your dream of who you can be. The hat expresses the different parts of who you are. With the wave of the hat, voila! You are mysterious...now, you are sexy...now, proper...now, playful!

It is very much the same with a woman's attitude. Paul listed the attitudes we commonly call the 'fruit of the Spirit' that occur when we live God's way. Let's take a look the list again, only in more descriptive, 'live it this way', kind of language.

What happens when we live God's way? We wear a new attitude, a new hat. With the wave of an attitude others see Christ in us!

LOVE: Affection for others

JOY: Exuberance about life

PEACE: Serenity

PATIENCE: Willingness to stick to it

KINDNESS: A sense of compassion in the heart

GOODNESS: Conviction that a basic holiness permeates people

FAITH: We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments

GENTLENESS: Not forcing our way in life

SELF CONTROL: Directing our energies wisely

There is not one law against these attitudes because everyone understands them to be terrific. God's attitudes guarantee that we live life on a 'top hat' kind of level.

Let's take a look at a few 'Hat-I-Tudes' that could change our lives.



Hats Off To Mothers

*READER: The youngest girl possible who can read the poem.
She is wearing a hat.
Poem may be divided between several young girls!*

My mommy's a nurse who fixes and patches
All of my hurts and my sores
and my scratches.

My mother's a chef who fixes each dinner
Fit for a king—a blue ribbon winner!

My mom's a chauffeur
who drives pretty slow
But gets me to places where I need to go.

My mom's a detective,
and no one is greater
At getting the truth from me sooner or later.

My mommy's a gardener and works really hard,
Planting and weeding and grooming our year.

My mother's a maid—at least that's what she said
'Cause she cleans up the house and makes every bed.

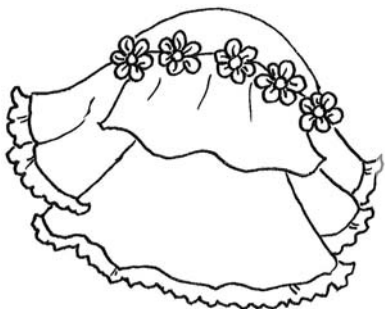
My mother's an angel—a queen in disguise—
Who teaches the gospel with tears in her eyes.

Today take these hats off and please wear no other.
Let me do your work to show
I LOVE YOU, MOTHER!



Perfect Love!

Wedding Veil



*TWO READERS: One young person wearing a wedding veil.
One older person wearing a wedding veil.
Wedding Dresses not required.*

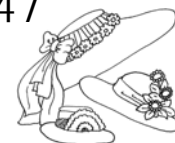
Young Bride: (Confidently) I understand love completely. I know all about it. Why, the moment I put on my wedding veil, I said to myself, "Self! Now this is love!" I'm in love! I found the perfect husband. He is tall and strong and handsome.

Older Bride: (Smiling) You THINK you found the perfect husband but that man was taken long ago. I found him myself. When I first set eyes on him, he was under the hood of an old, broken down car. He wore a dirty cap backwards and wiped his oiled hands on a rag. I fell in love the moment he stuck his head out of the hood of that car and said, "Hand me that wrench, honey."

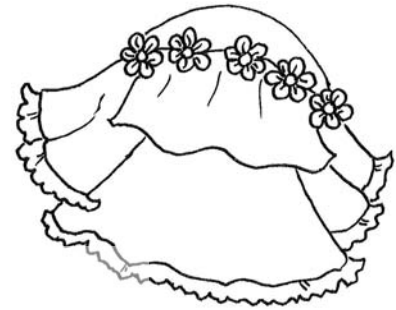
Young: Ew, really? That doesn't sound very romantic.

Older: Oh, but it was. He had deep brown eyes and messy hair. He smiled at me and I knew in that moment that I would wear a wedding veil one day and he would be the man standing next to me. There was something about him that told me he was funny, dependable, hard working. He winked at me like he really thought I was great.

Young: Love. I talk big but sometimes I do wonder if I understand this 'love' thing. I mean, I want a big wedding with flowers and bridesmaids and a big cake. I want to walk down the aisle with everyone looking at me. I want to dance the night away. I want....I want.... a wedding.



Older: But that's not really love. I've seen love in action. Love is when there is no money for gifts and he picks you up and whisks you away for a walk by the river. Love is when you burn the pork chops and he eats them anyway. Love is when you have the flu and he holds your head in the bathroom. Love is when....



Young: Oh, now I understand! Love is when you iron his shirts and he says 'thanks' on his way out the door. Love is when he makes the coffee and serves it to you in bed with the morning paper. Love is standing together at the bus stop on a rainy afternoon without an umbrella, laughing.

Older: Love is an attitude. God created us to love one another in good times and bad times. We find just the right person at just the right time. This veil is more than a hat. It's a promise. It's a promise that love is going to last though all the struggles of life. We don't fully understand that on our wedding day when we marry the perfect man. We just want....

TOGETHER:a wedding.

Older: It's after that day that we learn the true meaning of love.

Young: I have a lot to learn about love, don't I?

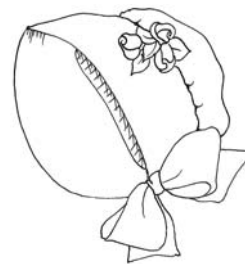
Older: Yes you do but I cannot tell you how much fun you are going to have along the way as you learn to love that perfect man. I know. I did it too. It's all in the attitude when you take off the wedding veil.

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Joy In A Baby Bonnet

*One young mother
carrying a real baby in a bonnet*



Joy is an attitude I don't think of very often. Life is busy. There is laundry to do, cooking, cleaning, shopping. I get so busy I forget to stop for joy. If I admit it to myself, God wants me to feel joy. He said so. If I live God's way, it's an automatic gift from Him. It's in the fruit of the Spirit list. You remember; Love, JOY! It's the second reward God gives me. I grab joy so seldom.

The only time I think of joy is when I take a moment to tie my baby's bonnet under her chin. In that moment, that precious moment, I look in her eyes and see God's face. I feel her skin and know God's touch. I tuck her locks of hair under the bonnet and know I am loved because she is in my life.

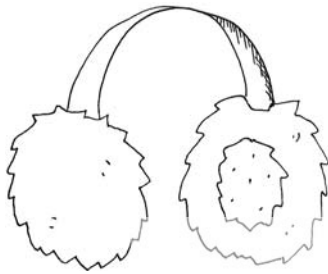
Joy. I know it when I feel it. Joy kind of bubbles up in my chest and wiggles in my heart. I feel like my heart is too big for my body. I smile. I may hug someone. I may even jump up and down. Then it goes away. Until the next time.

I wonder what it would be like to feel joy all the time, every minute of the day. It could be that I wouldn't be able to stand it. Joy is such a powerful attitude I might just jump right out of my skin. Maybe it's just as well that I save my joy for the small moments like putting a bonnet on my baby.

It occurs to me that when I get to Heaven I will finally feel absolute joy, abandoned joy, amazing joy. Until that day, a baby in a bonnet will have to do. It's a great attitude!

EXIT





Peace And Quiet!

Ear Muffs

One person with ear muffs

I don't want to insult you but you people drive me crazy! I just get myself into a place of quietness and what do you do? You call me on the phone.

(In whiny voice) "Can you come over to church to help with the fund raiser?" "We need someone to lead the food committee." "Give us a hand with Vacation Bible School." "Pastor says you are perfect for the choir."

I'm tired of saying yes. I'm tired of saying no. I'm just tired. I need a little PEACE and quiet! Can we agree to give me peace and quiet? Come on, raise your right hand and repeat after me:

I, (Insert Your Name Here), do hereby promise,
to give (Insert Personal Name Here), PEACE!

I promise, to give time, silence,
smiles only, for a period of one month.

I will recognize peace,
As an important fruit of the Spirit.

I do solemnly promise,
To keep my promise!
Amen.

I added the 'amen' so you know I really mean it. Thank you. I feel more peaceful already. I didn't really mean you drive me crazy. All of you are my friends. I'm just overwhelmed.



(PUT ON EAR MUFFS) Look what I got for Christmas. Ear Muffs. I get at least one gift of ear muffs every year. People immediately see that I need a sense of quiet separation every once in awhile. Try it yourself. Muffle the sounds of the crowd. (Sigh), It is very peaceful in here. I can't hear you at all.

There are many benefits to seeking peace. It is so important that we hear about it throughout God's Word. And, if that's not enough, I challenge you to try living without peace. It's awful! Can't sleep, can't eat, rude, fearful...I hate it. How do people live without peace?

May of us take peace for granted these days. I used to be guilty of this until I lost my last pair of ear muffs. All the craziness of the world crashed in and before I knew it I was one of those rotten attitude people honking at the drivers around me and shouting unspeakable things through closed car windows.

And then! Then I recalled Jesus saying that if anyone would come to Him they would receive peace. Suddenly I understood the importance of the attitude of peace.

Peace brings freedom that we crave,
From great stress, it shall save.
One main thing, it does assure,
We'll feel at ease and secure.

Peace brings friendliness and joy,
It is sacred, not a toy.
Rooted deeply in respect,
Justice something, must protect.

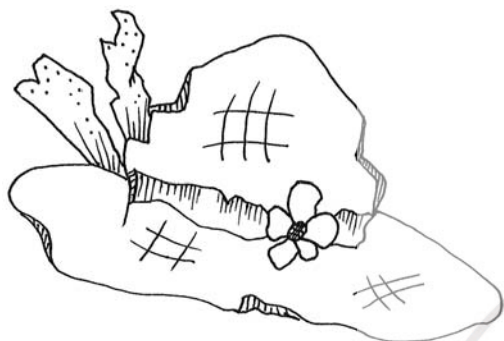
Peace brings us tranquility,
Along with much needed stability.
Sense of quiet and goodwill,
Peace is serene and very still.

Everyone! Take a deep breath. (Audience breathes.) Now, don't we all feel more peaceful? Just in case you don't, the next time you are at the store, buy some earmuffs! It will definitely change your attitude!



The Patient Gardener!

Gardener's Hat



*Two back fence friends wear old garden hats.
Option: Carry rake, wear garden gloves
Enter from opposite sides of the room.*

Garden Friend #1: Hello Friend! I saw you over the fence. Working in the garden today, huh?

Garden Friend #2: (Exhausted) Yeah. I've been weeding and watering and weeding and watering.

#1: (Excited) Me too! Isn't it fun? You know what they say, "A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except learning how to grow in rows." I just play in the dirt and call it gardening! I live in the garden and I just sleep in the house!

#2: Very funny. I work so hard for so little. It takes forever for anything to grow. Work, work, work. Weed, weed, weed.

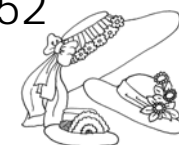
#1: Oh come on. WORK is for people who don't know how to garden. Gardeners know all the dirt! Why try to explain miracles to your kids when you can just have them plant a garden. Have a little patience. Patience is a virtue, you know. Patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

#2: I see you out here every day. Playing music, watering, weeding, singing, talking to yourself. And look at that garden! It's beautiful. My garden, on the other hand, is the scraggly, pathetic path to nowhere.

#1: Well, Your mind is a garden. Your thoughts are the seeds. You can grow flowers or you can grow weeds. So if you hate it, Quit!

#2: Quit! I can't quit. I need the vegetables to feed my family. I have to make that garden grow. Quit! Not possible.

#1: Then you only have one solution.



#2: I'm all ears. What is your solution?

#1: It's my requirement for any garden. I must be a "Patient Gardener". Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant. Be patient.

#2: You are so happy in your garden. I think it is work and you look at it with great expectation.

#1: We have been back fence neighbors for a long time. One of the pleasures of being a gardener comes from the enjoyment you get looking at other people's yards.

#2: Don't look over your back fence. I don't give much enjoyment.

#1: If I grow a tomato, I enjoy every step in the process from planting the seed indoors to watching it sprout, tending the flowers and finally seeing the wee green tomato. The best part is the night I pick the fresh, ripe red tomato and slice it for dinner. Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes. That's the reward for patience.

#2: Have you seen my tomatoes? Tiny, green and falling on the ground. I don't have the patience to figure out what to do.

#1: Let's get those babies off the ground. I have just the tomato cages for you. I love this! Gardener helping gardener! Keep calm and garden on.

#2: Do you think I can grow 'patience' in my garden?

#1: Some wise person said, "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow".

#2: This old garden hat has a lot to keep tucked inside. Anything else I should know?

#1: I know something that might help. We need new hats! There is nothing like a new garden hat to make a delightful sunny day. Oh, and I might have forgotten one little ingredient every patient gardener knows.

#2: What is that?

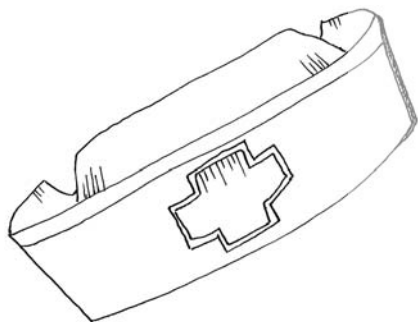
#1: A lot of Prayer!



Kind Heart

Nurses' Cap

Nursing Is A Work of HEART.



One person wearing a nurse's cap

There are full size patterns on the internet.
Make from posterboard for each 'nurse'.

If nurses have their caps, display them or wear them.

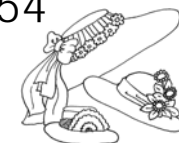
OPTION: If several RN's are available, ask all of them to participate. Divide the speaking parts between them.

I am a nurse. Nursing caps were originally used by Florence Nightingale in the 1800's. The white cap was worn to show the first nurses worked in service of caring for the sick. Even if nurses don't wear caps anymore, in our hearts those imaginary caps are firmly in place.

I am a nurse. My first lesson in nursing did not come from a nursing class. I opened the pages of the New Testament and ran my finger along verses to find the fruit of the Spirit. There it was, listed in plain and simple language, **KINDNESS**. I can only be kind when I am following God's plan.

I am a nurse. Nurses dispense comfort, compassion and **kindness** without a prescription. Kindness involves loving people more than they deserve. Everyone responds to kindness.

I am a nurse. A nurse knows that every day we will touch a life or a life will touch ours. Treat every patient as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them care, **kindness** and understanding with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same.



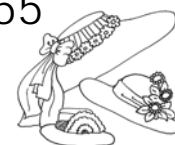
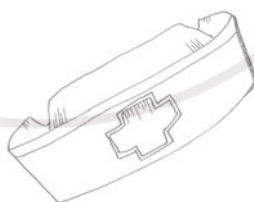
I am a nurse. Dear Patient: I am not telling you it's going to be easy, I'm telling you it's going to be worth it. Sometimes I have to hurt people and they don't like that. Shots with sharp needles, moving broken bones, tending stitches. I have to be **kind** enough to hurt my patients.

I am a nurse. **Kindness** is a virtue. I start the 'kindness train' right away. I don't wait for my patients to be kind to me. I hop aboard and with a hearty hello I let them know I'm the conductor of how their day will end. It is like medicine to their soul if they let it work. They may forget my name but they will never forget how I made them feel.

I am a nurse. I have a medical prescription for you. Be **kind** whenever possible and it is always possible. If we all do random acts of kindness daily, we might set the world in the right direction. Kindness is not a sign of weakness. Kindness is the master key that opens every heart. Start with "I care, I understand and I'm here for you."

I am a nurse. Every time you see a nurse's cap think **Kindness!** It's one of the best things God thought of when He created us. By the way, be nice to me. I may be your nurse someday!

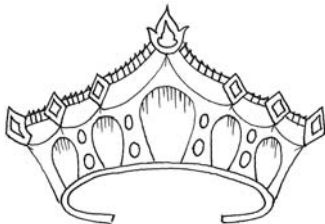
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Thank Goodness!

The Good Princess

The Good Princess and The Tiara



*One person wearing a tiara: Princess
One person/no hat: Friend*

Princess: (Bowing slightly) Welcome to my kingdom. I am the **GOOD** Princess of Everything. You may applaud politely.

Friend: (Sarcastically, To Audience) Trust me, she IS the Princess of Everything. The rule is "if you wear the tiara you get to be Queen".

Princess: (Offended) Wait one little minute, friend. You make it sound like I am not a **GOOD** person. That tone seems to imply I'm a little full of myself or snooty or...or, Heaven forbid, mean!

Friend: Well, if the tiara fits....

Princess: Enough! The real rule is "Never make a Princess angry".

Friend: Oo, I'm shaking in my shoes. Remember, I know you deep down inside. I know the real 'you'. The 'you' under the crown.

Princess: Then you know how hard it is to be a **GOOD** leader. If I show any weakness, my kingdom could fall apart. You don't know how hard it is to wear a crown.

Friend: I'd like to give it a try. I'm just a commoner with flights of fancy. I would be a **GOOD** princess. I would show kindness everywhere in the kingdom. I would give every subject everything they ask for from the bottom of my **GOOD** heart.

Princess: Let me warn you, it is difficult to be 'good'. I want to believe that people desire the best for everyone they come in contact with but sometimes all I see is selfishness. God's Word says we can see life through the eyes of **GOODNESS** when we desire God's Spirit.



Friend: Let me try! Let me wear your tiara. Gimme', gimme'!

Princess: Well...if you feel you are up to it... (Remove tiara and 'crown' friend.)

Friend: (Stand straighter, act regally, bow slightly) I feel like a princess already. (To audience) Welcome to my kingdom. I am the **GOOD** Princess of Everything. You may applaud politely.

Princess: Hold it! This is how I got in trouble. You sound a little full of yourself or snooty or...or, Heaven forbid, mean!

Friend: Let me try again. (To audience) To all who need money, just ask and I will give you what you need! (To princess) How was that? Pretty GOOD, huh?

Princess: GOOD thought but where is this generous money gift going to come from?

Friend: The treasury. I'm sure there is more than enough to share.

Princess: Let me show you the bottom line in the kingdom's bank account. (Show secret piece of paper.)

Friend: Oops! (To audience) Let me revise that! I am filled with GOODNESS and offer great sympathy when you cannot pay your bills. (To Princess) How's that?

Princess: Your heart is in the right place but I plan to be out of town when the crowds riot at the palace.

Friend: Ok, here's a GOOD thing. (To audience) Dear people of my GOOD Kingdom, I, your GOOD Princess of Everything, will open the gates of all the grocery stores. Take all the food you need. Put it to GOOD use.

Princess: Hold it! (Grab crown, put on head quickly, To audience) I would hold off on that, dear subjects. As much as we would like to give you all the available food, we must save enough for the cold winter months. (Put crown back on friend's head.)



Friend: Oops, I didn't think of that. Here's one! (To audience) Dear GOOD people of the kingdom, Let me offer you the gift of my time. I will spend as many hours with you as you need to work on your problems. (To Princess) You can't argue with that one. It's a GOOD use of time, doesn't cost any treasury gold and I'll get to know my subjects.

Princess: One slight problem. While you are being everyone's GOOD friend, who will be handling the business of the Kingdom? Who will sign the royal decrees? Who will meet the business people? Who will handle the common GOOD?

Friend: Um, you?

Princess: Not without the crown! I have no power. (Bowing to Friend) You are the GOOD leader now.

Friend: It IS very difficult to be GOOD. I want to follow God's path. I need some practice before I am let loose on the kingdom. Maybe being a GOOD friend is better than being the Princess. Would you like to have your tiara? (Place tiara on head of Princess.)

Princess: God promises that He will teach us to be good. It's the work of His Spirit. Here is the Word of God spoken to those who love them: "I remain confident that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord." (Psalm 27:13-14)

Friend: See? That's why you are the Princess of Everything and I'm your GOOD friend.

EXIT



You Gotta Believe! Grandma's Sunday Hat

*One Grandma wearing a hat
One young girl without a hat*

Girl: I love your Sunday hat, Gramma.



Grandma: Thank you! I like it too. I have had it so long that it is now called 'vintage'. That's a fancy way of saying 'old'.

Girl: You're not old!

Grandma: I agree. I am not old. It's just the hat that is old...I mean, vintage.

Girl: I don't wear a hat to church. Why do you wear a hat?

Grandma: I think it is just a habit these days. There was a time when everyone wore hats to church. It was in fashion. My friends wore church hats, my mother wore a hat and my sisters wore hats.

Girl: Is God upset if you don't wear a hat?

Grandma: Oh no, child! God is more interested in my **FAITH** than in my fashion. I learned long ago that faith in Jesus is why I go to church. How about you?

Girl: Me? I go to church because you and mom tell me I have to go. I kind of like hats. I'd wear one if you let me pick it out.

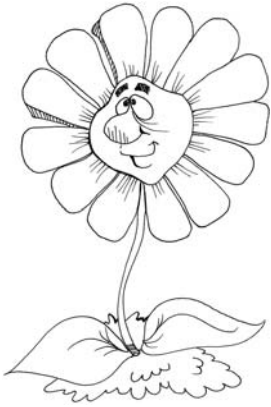
Grandma: Hat or no hat, you need to figure out real reason you go to church on Sundays. Let's talk.

Girl: Am I in trouble? I can answer any Sunday School question. The answer is always "Jesus".

Grandma: What is faith?

Girl: Jesus.





Grandma: Do you have faith?

Girl: Jesus.

Grandma: Let's begin again. We believe Jesus because we have FAITH! Faith is believing in something you cannot see. Faith is complete trust in God because we believe what the Bible says about Him. Now. What is faith?

Girl: Jesus.

Grandma: (Sigh) Is there something I'm missing?

Girl: Jesus.

Grandma: I think I'll take my Sunday hat and go home. I think there's some prayer time with your name on it in my near future.

Girl: Never fear, Gramma. We come to church to grow our FAITH. I know that love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and FAITH are the spiritual gifts we Christians get for following God's path. You have taught me well. I love teasing you...and your Sunday hat!

Grandma: Teasing me or making fun of my Sunday hat?

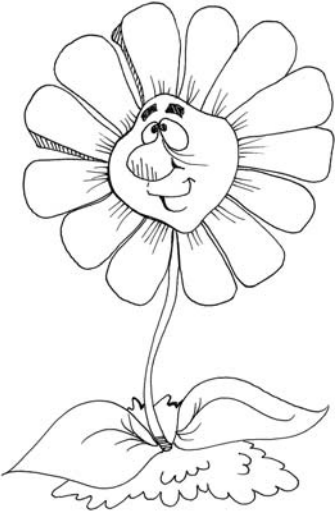
Girl: I have FAITH that for the rest of my life I will remember your Sunday hat. Let's go out for dinner! Your treat, Grandma.

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A Gentle Wind How To Make A Daisy Chain

One Person Wearing Daisy chain crown in her hair.



*See, the grass is full of stars,
Fallen in their brightness;
Hearts they have of shining gold,
Rays of shining whiteness.*

*Buttercups have honeyed hearts,
Bees they love the clover,
But I love the daisies' dance
All the meadow over.*

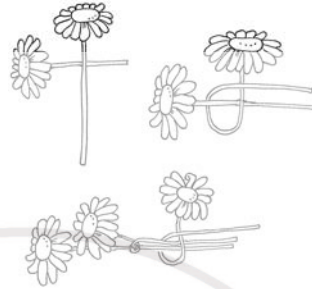
*Blow, O blow, you happy winds,
Singing summer's praises,
Up the field and down the field
A-dancing with the daisies.*

-Marjorie Pickthall

This is an optional fun Demonstration segment to teach guests how to make their own old fashioned Daisy Ring. Give each person a printed copy of the directions. Demonstrate the process.



Supplies: a large bunch of daisies or dandelions (@ 25 and that includes extras for error) or mixture of flowers. Purchase these the day of the banquet from your local grocery store or flower shop. If the weather is right and flowers are blooming, visit a nearby field and pick your own. Bring many more flowers than will be used in case of wilting or breakage. Choose inexpensive flowers.



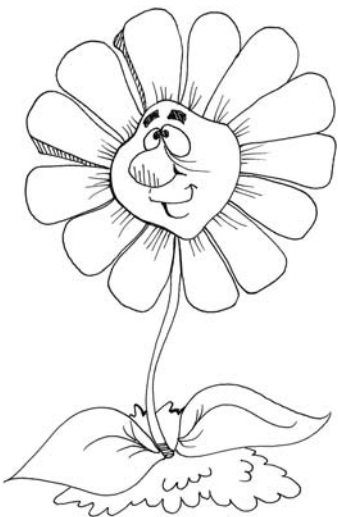
TIP: Before the event, watch YouTube videos that will help to see and learn the process of making a chain. If that is not possible, just show one or two simple options as printed.

How To Make A Simple Daisy Chain

1. Pick or buy flowers, making sure to leave length on the stem. Using a fingernail or the end of scissors, carefully pierce the end of the stem.
2. Thread the end of another flower into the hole. If the stems are very long, you can intertwine them to make the crown more secure.
3. Repeat until you have the desired length, filling in with as many flowers as are available at the moment.
4. Trim off each stem and length as much as possible. Leave enough space between the hole and the end of the stem so the hole doesn't open up.
5. To finish off the daisy chain crown, make a small hole in the stem below the first flower.
6. Insert the end of the chain into the hole and wear! When picked fresh, the Daisy Chain should last many hours.

This gentle activity does your heart good!





How To Make A Flower Head Wreath

There is something gentle, sweet and girlish about a flower head wreath. Wildflower wreaths are delightful. No! They are NOT weeds, they are God's beautiful creation in the wild.

Supplies: Bag ties from bread bags or freezer bags or pipe cleaners or string. Thin wire shaped into a circle. Fresh or fake flowers, greenery, ribbon.

1. Place flowers facing outward on the wire circle.
2. Wind the stems of the flowers and greenery around the wire.
3. Keep in place by twisting a bag tie (pipe cleaner or string) around the flowers. Repeat until the wire is covered in flowers and greenery.
4. Finish the wreath by winding ribbon around the wreath, and letting long ribbon float down the back with a bow.

What a beautifully gentle wreath to wear anytime!

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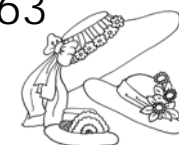
The next time you are picnicking in a mossy meadow filled with daisies, dandelions and other glorious flowers, pick a bunch and make your own beautiful flower crown. If you are like me, every time you have flowers in your hand you think, "Now, how do you do that again?" Who needs diamonds or pearls when you can make beautiful jewelry from flowers you find growing in your yard. Let's learn! **(Show and Tell!)**

Jesus hardly ever described Himself but you might like to hear a little of what He shared: "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me because I am **meek (gentle) and humble of heart.**" (Matthew 11:28)

He didn't ask us to learn big things. He asked us to look at Him and learn to be gentle, learn to be humble. There are so many things Jesus could have pointed us to in His personality.

He could have said, "Learn of me because I am strong and mighty. I am God. I am Creator. I can heal. I can raise the dead. I can feed the hungry. I can provide for the poor. I can rescue your soul. I can give you Heaven." He didn't mention that.

He pointed to the two qualities He possessed that were 'servant' attitudes. Gentleness and Humility. When you make and wear a daisy chain, let it remind you that Jesus is gentle with us. It is more than a hat. It is a crown!



Self Control

Baseball for Girls!

Two or more people wearing baseball caps.

Option: Carry bats and gloves

(Assign paragraphs to each speaker.)

This one's for all the Sporty Girls! The baseball players who wear pink. We don't look like we play the game. We're not fast around the bases. We have a hard time finding the ball with the bat but we are baseball players. Mostly, we love to wear baseball caps!



1. Baseball is the only sport where the team that is winning must continue to play the game. Baseball forces the winning team to continue to pitch and play defense. No game is over until the final out is made. Some games continue for many hours. Until finally one team wins.

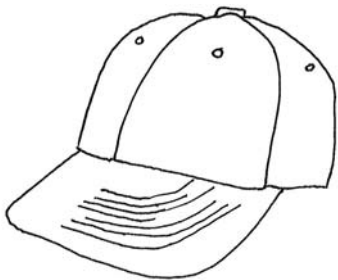
There is no 'quit' in baseball and there is no 'quit' in the Christian life. We are given enough self control to keep the game going. Christians 'keep on keeping on'.

2. There is no clock in baseball so as long as a team is willing to fight, they are still in the game.

Did you ever watch a losing team come back to win at the last moment? Now that is exciting! That's like the Christian. We can forget what we're about and yet come back in the final inning to win in the end. It's never over 'til it's over.

3. Teams trade players. That means there is always hope that my pathetic, poor team has a chance to get a great baseball star to light up the field.

Hope! I like that quality of faith in Christ. Everything can go wrong but the new season provides hope.



4. Baseball has a great Hall of Fame. They appreciate the greatest players and they never forget their contribution.

Christians have a great Hall of Fame. Have you read the stories of faith heroes in Hebrews? Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, David. We have not forgotten those who have come before us.

5. Baseball's All-Star game is more than just another celebrity weekend like other sports. Both teams must play defense or they won't get through an inning.

God never lets us 'sit out' the All-Star game. To Him, we are all stars!

6. Winter baseball meetings are exciting and the fans get excited for opening day.

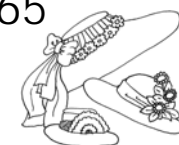
Our opening day is the day we meet Jesus face to face. We are meeting at church to get ready to go.

7. 162 games make a season. Seven months of baseball fun. It's such a daily thing. We get to cheer every single day!

Faith in Christ is such a daily thing. If we're not cheering every single day, we are playing the game wrong.

8. History is made every season. No matter what, we are guaranteed to see a player reach a milestone in his career every season.

I'm a Christian player. I reach milestones every season of my life. I make history in Heaven. I have a feeling angels cheer when I hit a home run.



9. Baseball has the best fans in the world! Where else can you go to find fans of a team that has not won in 100 years? Go Chicago Cubs!

Jesus has the best fans in the world! Whether we win or lose in this life, we are winners to Him. He's in the stands cheering us on, making us run the best bases of our lives. He is there when we win and he is there when we lose. Go Cubs!

The Bible says we are to practice self control! Proverbs 29:11 says, *"A fool always loses his temper, but a wise man holds it back."* Self control is given to us as a fruit of God's Spirit. It is a reward! A Trophy! It's like winning The World Series!

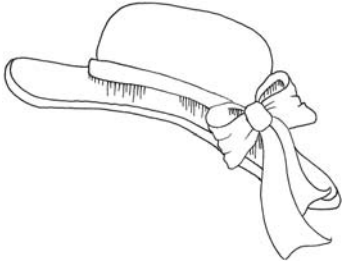
It takes discipline and self control to play baseball good enough to win the World Series. It takes self control to live the Christian life but it's worth it all when we get to the Heaven Series and win the trophy.



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Conclusion

Hat's Enough!



*One person concludes the program
Option: Two people may speak*

Hat's Enough! Hopefully you have seen the spiritual thread weaving through our fun theme. Each hat highlights a reward we are given for following God's path. And wasn't it fun?

Wearing a hat is like having a baby or a puppy; everyone stops to coo and talk about it. A hat is a flag, a shield, a bit of armor, and the badge of femininity. A hat is the difference between wearing clothes and wearing a costume; it's the difference between being dressed and being dressed UP. It's the difference between looking normal and looking your best. A hat is to be stylish in, to glow under, to flirt beneath, to make all others jealous.

Saying you don't look good in a hat is like saying you don't look good in shoes. We just know inside that we are queens and these are the crowns we wear. So many hats and only one head! Leave everyone wondering which is the more interesting piece of work...you or your hat.

Who are the women who wear hats. Generally, they are women of great confidence. When they visit someone in the hospital they park their car in the tow away zone. It is always there when they return for it.

Their hair is always long enough on the sides to pull back and secure without little pieces standing out over their ears like Howdy Doody. They love blueberries and they never stain their teeth.

They have two children: a boy and a girl who are not allowed to watch television. Their husbands recite them poetry that doesn't rhyme. They are the first to wear white shoes in the spring. The family dog wears braces for an over bite.



I know I am generalizing, but I'm bitter. In my heart, I know there is much to admire about a woman wearing a hat knowing that she attracts the attention of every eye and can still walk like a person.

That brings us to the real reason we gather at this event, to remind ourselves that as women, we are God's delight. He created us and rewards us for a life well lived.

The fruit of the Spirit is:

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faith

Gentleness

Self Control.

Against such there is no law.

Close In Prayer

Lord, help me find my joy in You. Help me to feel that the fruit of the Spirit comes from living my life fully alive, following You, blessing others, loving You.

In Jesus' Name. Amen

