

Kingdom Capers

Play It | Entertain the Royals

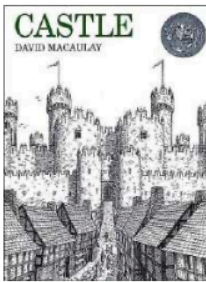


In medieval days, jesters often entertained the royals. Children can make jester hats like the one below, put on a jester then put together a performance of “Jokes from the Jester” for the family.

Royal Jokes:

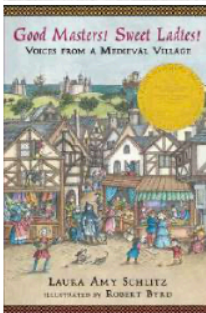
- Where did the jesters go? *To have their funny bones tickled.*
 - Why were the early days of history called the dark ages? *Because there were so many knights!*
 - Why did Arthur have a round table? *So no one could corner him.*
 - Who invented King Arthur’s round table? *Sir Cunference !*
 - What was Camelot ? *A place where people parked their camels.*
 - What was Camelot famous for? *Its knight life.*
 - When a knight in armor was killed in battle, what sign was put on his grave? *Rust in peace.*
 - What king invented fractions? *Henry the 1/8.*
- Which king invented the fireplace? *Alfred the Grate.*
 - Edward the Black Prince had a son who became king. What was his name? *Old King Coal.*

Read It | Kingdom Diversions



There are many ways people entertained themselves in medieval kingdoms. From dancing, to joking, to crafting, there was always something to do. Read these books with your family to explore different kingdoms, castles, villages, and the people who lived there. If you can’t access any books on these subjects, make up your own kingdom and decide who will rule the kingdom and under what rules!

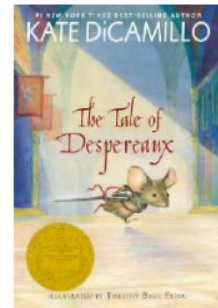
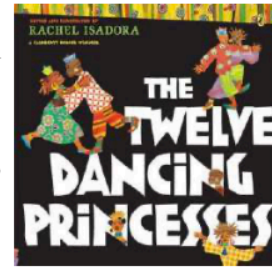
Castle by David Macaulay



The Twelve Dancing Princesses retold and illustrated by Rachel Isadora

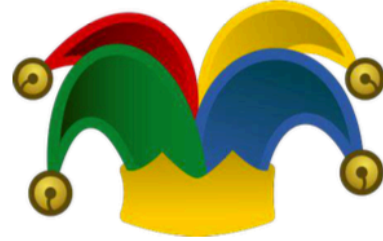
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village by Laura Amy Schlitz, illustrated by Robert Byrd

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Timothy Basil Ering



Write It | Court Entertainer

Imagine living in a kingdom and being a court entertainer. What would your act be? Singing, dancing, juggling, painting, comedy? Write all about your life as a court entertainer and the act you perform to entertain the royal family.



Make It | Jester's Hat

What you need:

- grocery bag
- scissors
- pencil
- tape, glue, stapler
- poster paint, watercolors, crayons or markers

What you do:

- Cut a slit up the side of the grocery bag.
- Cut away the bottom of the bag to form a rectangle about 12–13" high.
- Fold up the bottom of the bag to form a 2" band.
- Draw petal shapes like a jester's hat.
- Use poster paint, watercolors, crayons or markers to color both sides of the petals in alternating colors.
- Cut the petal shapes around the top of the bag.
- When the paint is dry, glue cotton balls at the tops of the petals.
- Adjust the size of the hat to the child's head with a stapler (staple ends on the outside so staples won't snag hair).

Cook It | Baked Pears

Ingredients:

- 3 Pears
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar

How To:

1. Preheat the oven to 400F.
2. Half & core pears
3. Bake in a glass dish at for 35 minutes
4. Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar and serve!



History Bit: This recipe comes from 14th century France, Chiquart's "On Cookery". Baked pears were believed to have medicinal properties and were often given to the ill. (<https://www.justapinch.com/recipes/dessert/fruit-dessert/baked-pears-a-medieval-treat.html?r=3>)