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ELEMENTARY LESSON

Bible Story

Esther—For Such a Time as This

Watch the following video:

Superbook: Esther—For Such a Time as This

Memory Verses

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another."

I John 3:11

Big Idea

God will provide courage to do the right thing.

Family Questions

- 1. What was the story about today?
- 2. Why was Joy afraid she would be kicked out of the club? Why didn't the club president want the new girl to become a member? Have you ever felt pressured not to be friends with somebody
- 3. Should we dislike people just because they act or look different than we do? Answer: God tells us in I Samuel 16:7, "The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."
- 4. If you were Esther, how would you feel about risking your life to see the king? What did Esther ask the Jewish people to do? Read Esther 4:16
- 5. One person can make a big difference! What happened when Joy told the club she wanted the new girl to join? Instead of fearing people, what should we do? Read Proverbs 29:25
- 6. Has God put you in a place where you can help others by doing the right thing? Read Philippians 4:13
- 7. The king may have thought he was choosing Esther to be queen because she was so pretty, but why do you think she was really chosen?

 Read Romans 8:28

Wrap Up

Esther knew she had to do something to save her people—but what? She must have prayed during the three days she fasted. She must have asked God to show her how to do what was right. Then, she trusted God to do His part and acted! Just like Esther, we can ask God for wisdom and then trust Him and obey Him!

The Bible also tells us that God sent Jesus to earth and that Jesus has ALL God's WISDOM. He died and rose again to save ALL of us from sin and death! So, right now, if we have a big problem or a small one, we can ask God for wisdom and know Jesus is with us!

Prayer

Heavenly Father, you created everyone. Help me to see people the way you see them, and to love them the way you do. Help me to remember to ask you for wisdom for all my big and small problems. Help me to follow the wonderful path that you have for my life. Amen.

PRESCHOOL LESSON

Bible Story: Esther—The Brave and Beautiful Queen

Watch the following video together: • The Bible App for Kids—The Brave and Beautiful Queen

Your kids can also enjoy having the Bible story read to them by Shannon Roberts. Story

Memory Verse

"Be strong and brave. I will be with you everywhere you go." **Joshua 1:9**

Family Questions:

- 1. Who was the Bible story about and what happened in the story?
- 2. What was the Preschool Big Idea? *Answer: We can do what is right, even when we're afraid.*
- 3. How can I be brave? Answer: God makes me brave.
- 4. What did the picture passes mean?
 - Night light—God is the only one that makes us brave.
 - Cape—God is always with us. He makes us strong so we can do brave things everyday.
 - Medal—We do a great job for Jesus when we show our friends that He is the one who makes us brave.
- 5. When is God with us? Answer: All the time!
- 6. What can we do when we feel afraid? Answer: Pray

Explore God's Big Story

Even though Esther was scared, God used her to save His people. God loved Esther and made her a special purpose. God loves each of us and has a purpose for us, too.

Prayer

Dear God, even when I am scared, I can know that you are in control of everything. Help me to be brave like Esther. Help me fulfill your plan for my life, too. Amen

