

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

We can trust Jesus because He is the way, the truth, and the life.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Life doesn't always move in the direction we hoped, and often our own plans to steer it in another direction fail. We are to live lives of constant trust in God, and that is no more evident than in those moments when life takes an unexpected turn. We can be sure of this: Jesus is for us, He is with us, and no matter what we face, He brings us to the Father.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Esther 2:2-18; 3:8-13; 4:5-17; 5:1-8; 7:1-10; 8

Live It Out: Review the Bible story, telling your child how Esther made the right choice and helped her people. Affirm your child when you notice him making right choices this week.

The king of Persia chose Esther to be his queen. Esther was a Jewish girl who lived with her cousin Mordecai.

Haman hated Mordecai and the Jewish people. He wanted to hurt the Jews.

"Ask the king to help us," Mordecai told Esther. "Tell him you are Jewish and that Haman wants to hurt us."

Esther knew that if she went to the king without being asked, she could be in trouble. Esther asked the Jews to pray for her for three days.

Esther went to the king who was happy to see her. Esther invited him to a special dinner, and the king listened to what she wanted. He helped Esther and Mordecai. The king punished Haman. God helped Esther and her people to be safe.

KIDS

Scripture: Esther 2:2-18; 3:8-13; 4:5-17; 5:1-8; 7:1-10; 8

Live It Out: Remind your child that Esther stood up for what was right. Help your child think of ways she could do the same. Pray for your child to follow God.

King Ahasuerus chose Esther as his new queen. Esther did not tell that she was a Jew.

Haman, a king's official, had a plan to destroy the Jews. When Mordecai heard of the plan, he asked Esther to save her people.

Esther asked that all the Jews fast and pray with her for three days. Esther dressed in her royal robes. When the king saw her, he extended the gold scepter. Esther invited the king and Haman to a banquet she had prepared. The king asked her what she wanted. She invited them to a banquet the next day.

The next day, Esther asked the king to spare the lives of her and the other Jews. The king was angry with Haman and ordered him punished.

The king honored and promoted Mordecai. The Jewish people celebrated across the land.

STUDENTS

Scripture: John 13:36-14:6

- When are you tempted to trust too much in your own abilities?
- How should it affect our perspective to know that Jesus is coming for His followers?
- Why do some people react negatively to the truth that Jesus is the only way to God?

Live It Out: Saving faith can be defined as trusting Jesus in ways that lead to obedience. We can never obey God well enough to earn His favor. However, Jesus lived a righteous life of perfect obedience, and if we trust Him for salvation, God restores our relationship with Him.

We can trust Jesus because He is absolutely trustworthy. Further, as Jesus's followers, we are called to reflect His nature through being trustworthy ourselves. How are you living so that others trust you? With your student, consider how you can both improve in earning others' trust. Remember, trust isn't earned in a day or a week, but over long periods of time.