

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 3, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

We can be confident knowing God is always at work, no matter our situation.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: In the story of Esther, we see a young woman faced with risking her life to speak up for her people. She didn't volunteer to be queen, but God placed her there for a reason. We see how Esther's position, courage, and even fear became part of something bigger than herself. When we don't understand why we're in a certain place or season, God is already at work and may be calling us to trust Him and act.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

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; 7-8

Live It Out: Read the Bible story. Talk about the words right and wrong. Say that Esther did what was right and showed love to God. Give some examples of right and wrong choices.

Esther was a Jewish girl. Mordecai was her cousin. The king chose Esther as his queen.

Haman, one of the king's helpers, did not like Mordecai or the Jewish people. Haman wanted to hurt Mordecai and all the Jews.

Mordecai asked Esther to go to the king to tell about Haman's plans. 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. Then God helped Esther to be brave and talk to the king.

Esther went to see the king, and he 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 for trying to hurt the Jews.

God helped Esther and her people to be safe. The people celebrated in all their cities.

KIDS

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

Live It Out: Is your child able to defend her beliefs in difficult situations? Explain that she can be like Esther and trust God to help her through difficult times.

Esther, a young Jewish woman, became the new queen of Persia. No one knew she was a Jew. Haman, a king's official, did not like the Jews. Haman had a plan to kill the Jews. Mordecai heard and told Esther about Haman's plan. Mordecai asked her to go to the king.

Esther knew that if she went to the king, she could be killed. Esther asked the Jews to pray for her for three days, then she would go to the king.

Esther went to the king. He greeted her and asked what she wanted. Esther invited the king and Haman to a banquet. The king was pleased and agreed that they would come.

At the banquet the king asked Esther what she wanted. Esther answered, "Please spare my life and the lives of my people from Haman's evil plan. He wants to kill the Jews." The king was angry and had Haman killed.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Esther 2:8-9, 15-18; 3:8-13; 5:7-8

- Like Esther, have you ever been placed in a situation that felt random or out of your control?
- When you're faced with unfair treatment or pressure to compromise your values, how do you respond?
- Where in your life might you need to slow down and trust God's timing?

Live It Out: We live in a society that often seeks control and immediate answers. It can be tough to trust God's timing and have confidence that He's working, even when it feels like things are out of our hands. As a family this week, discuss how you can go against cultural norms and trust God's timing and know that He's working. What are some practical ways you can trust Him?