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2 CHRONICLES 32:8, NLT

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BOTTOM LINE

God is always with you.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

The toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the story and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos.

The toddler curriculum is designed to be used in conjunction with the monthly crawler curriculum. Feel free to use both in your toddler classrooms.

STORY TIME:

- Tell It

CRAFT TIME:

- Crown of Esther
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STORY TIME

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story. Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

WHAT YOU NEED: Preschool Bible

LEADER: "Hello, friends. I'm so glad to see you today. Join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (*hold up the Bible*) is about a woman named Esther.

"Esther was a woman who loved God very much. She was picked by the king to be his queen. The king was so happy he got to marry Esther. But one of his workers named Haman was not nice and was planning to hurt Esther's family and friends. He wanted the King to get rid of a whole group of people—God's people! Esther was so upset. She couldn't let this happen! Esther was one of God's people and loved God with her whole heart.

"Going to talk to the king about this was very scary! Esther knew that God was with her, and He could help her be strong. So Esther asked the king to save her family and friends. The king said yes! The king would save them! Yay! God was always with Esther and helped her be strong. God can help you be strong, too, because **God is always with you.**"



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CRAFT TIME

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

WHAT YOU NEED: "Crown of Esther" Activity Page; cardstock; yellow dot markers; wet wipes; and a pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Crown of Esther" on cardstock, one per child. Write child's name on their paper.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Have children dot marker the entire crown.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Today, we heard a story about a woman named Esther who became the queen. Kings and queens wear crowns on their head. Let's fill in your crown with the dot marker. (Pause.) Good job!

"Esther knew that God was always with her and helped her be strong. God can help you be strong too, because **God is always with you.**"