

PARENT GUIDE

PRESCHOOL – MAY 10

MEMORY VERSE

**"Nothing at all can ever separate us
from God's love."
(Romans 8:39)**

KEY QUESTION & BOTTOM LINE

God loves me.

FAMILY TIME – KING, MAY I?

Have all family members line up horizontally at a starting line. Start with one person and give them a number and a movement to do. Example: three jumps. Before they move asked them to say, "King May I?" Say, "Yes, you may" and have them do the movements. Repeat with all of the other family members with different numbers and movements. Examples of movements: Jumps, baby steps, marching, one leg hops, giant steps, and walking on tippy toes. Try to keep the numbers under five. After the Activity: "Great job playing 'King, May I!' Today, in our Bible story, we will hear an awesome story all about how a woman asked a king a very important question.

ACTIVITY – ACT IT OUT

WHAT YOU DO:

Assign the parts of Queen Esther, the king, and Mordecai to the three people (you can do more than one character if needed or grab some stuffed animals & use them!) You or another adult should play Haman. Act out the story as you retell it.

During the Activity: "Haman had a very mean plan. He did not love God. He wanted to be mean to Queen Esther's friends and family who loved God. (Have the person playing Haman look mean.) Queen Esther was very worried. She wanted to talk to the king and ask him for help (point to queen and king), but she was afraid that he would be mad at her. So, she talked to her friend Mordecai. (Have the Esther and Mordecai stand next to each other.) Mordecai told her that God had a plan for her and it was to help her friends and family. Queen Esther knew that God had a plan for her! She went to talk to the king about helping her friends and family! (Have the Esther walk to the king.) The king said, 'YES!' (Have the king give a thumbs up.) Queen Esther followed God's plan!"

After the Activity: "God has a plan for all of us! Just like He had a plan for Esther! God loves you and has a plan for you! Who loves you? [Bottom Line] God loves me!"



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BIBLE STORY

Today's true story from the Bible begins with a queen named, Esther! Esther loved God. She knew that God loved her and had a plan for her. Next in the story is a man named Haman. Haman worked for the king but he did NOT love God. In fact, Haman had a plan to do something very mean to Esther's family. One day, Haman told the king that he should get rid of a whole group of people! Doesn't that sound terrible?

When Esther heard this, she was SO upset. The king didn't know that the people Haman wanted to get rid of were Queen Esther's friends and family! They loved God just like she did. Oh, no! That's so sad. Everyone, show me your best sad face.

What should she do? Esther was scared that if she went to the king, he might get mad at her. But then her cousin Mordecai came to tell her something. Mordecai reminded Esther that God loved her and had a plan for her. She could trust God. 'God loves you, Esther,' Mordecai said. 'You're special. You were made for this!'

So, Esther trusted God's plan. She went to the king and asked him to save her friends and family. And guess what? The king said, 'Yes!' Hurray! Way to go, Esther. God had a plan for Esther and God has a plan for you because God LOVES you. Tell me, who loves you? GOD LOVES YOU!

PRAYER

"God, You are such a good God! Thank You for Your plan for Esther. Thank You for the plans You have for each one of us. Your plan is the BEST plan because You love us! And we love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."