

Week 3: Esther Chose Courage Esther 2:2-18; 4:5-17; 5:1-14; 7:10; 8:8-17

The king chose Esther to be the new queen. Esther's cousin, Mordecai, told her not to tell anyone that she was a Jew. Haman, one of the king's leaders, wrote a law to kill the Jews. Mordecai told Esther to ask the king for help.

If Esther went to the king without being called, he might kill her. But Mordecai said, "God may have planned for you to be queen so you could help your people." Esther asked the Jews to pray and not eat for three days. Then she went to the king. The king held out his scepter, which meant that Esther was welcome to come before him. Esther invited the king and Haman to a special meal. Esther told the king that Haman wanted to kill her people. The king punished Haman and made a new law that was good for the Jewish people. Mordecai became a leader for the king.

LIVE IT OUT



God has a plan for your preschooler's life, just as He had a plan for Esther. Esther became queen, and God planned for her to help her people. The Bible teaches us how to live by trusting God. Help your child wrap a paper towel with aluminum foil. Crumble a ball of foil and tape it on the top. Then play a game of Hold the Scepter. The person holding the scepter gets to be the king or queen and tells the other people a fun action to do (such as marching in place or singing a song). Only the person holding the scepter can talk. After you play the game, talk about what makes kings and queens important. Then talk to them about how the Bible teaches us how to live like Esther by being courageous.

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CORE CONCEPT

BIBLE

God's DESIGN for the Bible

- How did Esther show courage?
- What gave her courage?
- What makes a person courageous?
- How does the Bible help us to live courageously?



Life Point: The Bible teaches people how to live.

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The king chose Esther as his new queen. She was a Jew. Her cousin, Mordecai, told her not to tell anyone. Haman, planned to kill the Jewish people. Mordecai begged Esther to go to the king to help her people. Esther was afraid to go to the king. If she went without an invitation, she could be killed. Mordecai said, "Perhaps you were made queen for this time." Esther told Mordecai to tell the Jews to fast for three days. On the third day Esther went to the king. The king stretched out his scepter to Esther. Esther invited the king and Haman to a banquet. "Please spare the lives of my people. Haman wants to kill the Jews!" The king was angry and had Haman killed. He promoted Mordecai. The people were happy and celebrated all across the whole land.

CORE CONCEPT

BIBLE

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- What is one way that you have read in the Bible about how we are to live?
- Read Psalm 1. How does this Psalm tell us we are to live?
- Discuss as a family how our lesson applies to our lives today.



LIVE IT OUT



Has your child ever had to be courageous? Many men and women in the Bible had to be courageous to follow God. Esther was faced with a decision to keep quiet or to go to the king unannounced. She chose to go to the king even if that meant she could lose her life. Play the game would you rather with your child with the statements below. Talk to them about how God gives us choices in life. We have big choices and also small ones; this game is a fun and silly way to talk about the choices that we make everyday.

Would you rather...

1. Swim with sharks or race a cheetah
2. Meet a famous athlete or meet a famous actor/actress
3. Race an Olympian or power walk the mall
4. Square dance or sing to 1,000 people
5. Courageously ask the principal of your school for something or stay silent.

Esther was given the choice to go before the king in hopes that her people would be saved. The Bible teaches us how to live and gives us direction when we are faced with choices.

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