

Esther Saved Her People- May Wk 5- Elementary

Bible Passage:

Esther

STORY POINT:

God made Esther a queen to protect His people.

Key Passage:

Jeremiah 29:11- For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Big Picture Question:

Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in heaven and earth.

Watch the Bible story video “Esther Saved Her People” posted May 31st on

www.theparksa.org/family-lessons/

Family Discussion Questions:

- What secret did Esther keep from the king? (*She was a Jew, Esth. 2:10*)
- Why was Mordecai upset? (*He learned that Haman planned to kill all the Jews, Esth. 4:1-3*)
- What could have happened to Esther as a result of her going before the king uninvited? (*She could have been put to death, Esth. 4:11*)
- Why do you think Esther was willing to die to save her people? *Help the kids see that Esther understood that she had been made queen for this reason. She understood that God was working through her life and spent days fasting and praying about the issue. God gave her courage to stand up for her people.*
- Esther spoke up for her people. Who speaks up for us today? *Explain that when we trust in Jesus, He speaks to God the Father on our behalf. When we are joined to Jesus, He gives us His perfect righteousness and obedience. (Heb. 7:25)*
- How can you speak up for a friend in need? *Guide kids to think about situations where they may see people being mistreated, such as bullying at school. Remind them that God has commanded us to treat everyone with love and to protect those in need. Brainstorm things they could say to help others.*
- Say •**God made Esther a queen to protect His people** from Haman’s evil plan. Like Haman, Satan wants to ruin God’s plan and destroy believers. Satan thought he had won when Jesus died on the cross, but God raised Jesus from the dead and defeated Satan once and for all. All who believe in Jesus are rescued from sin and death.

Family Activities:

Option 1: Host a dinner party

Invite the kids to throw a pretend dinner party. Allow them to set the table with the plates and utensils. They may also distribute food.

Say • If you could invite anyone you want to your dinner party, whom would you invite? What would you talk about? Do you think you would invite your greatest enemy? Today we'll hear how Queen Esther hosted a dinner party for the king, and she invited her enemy. Let's find out more!

Option 2: Queen (or king) for a day

Invite the kids to sit in a circle. The first kid will say, "If I were queen (or king) for a day I would _____," and complete the sentence with one thing she would do if she were a queen. The next kid will say the same phrase and repeat what the first kid said as well.

Say • It might be fun to imagine what we would do if we were kings and queens. People naturally want to be in control. Sometimes it's hard to realize that we're ultimately not in control at all! ***God is in control of everything in heaven and on earth.*** We'll hear a story about Queen Esther today. Her people were in danger, and God had put her in a place to help them. God was in control of the situation, but He still called Esther to step out in faith.