

Parent Guide

PreK: May 10

BIBLE STORY:
Esther: Esther 2:2-8:17

KEY QUESTION AND BOTTOM LINE:
Who loves you? God loves you!

BIBLE STORY & SONG

WHAT YOU NEED: <https://vimeo.com/415632114>

ACTIVITY: ACT IT OUT

WHAT YOU NEED: yourself or action figures

WHAT YOU DO & SAY: "Let's act out our Bible story." (assign parts) "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!"

ACTIVITY: KING MAY I?

WHAT YOU NEED: A hallway or outside.

WHAT YOU DO: Have the children line up horizontally at one end of hallway or across the yard. Give children a number and a movement to do. Example: three jumps. Before the child moves asked them to say, "King May I?" Say, "Yes, you may" and have the child do the movements. Repeat 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.



ACTIVITY: STORY RETELL

"Our Bible story today was about a girl named, Esther. Esther was chosen to be a queen, but it meant she had to leave her family. It was hard. Then one day she had the chance to help her family, but it meant she had to ask the king for help. That was hard, too.

"Esther had to remember that God loved her and had a plan for her. When she did, it helped her follow God's plan.

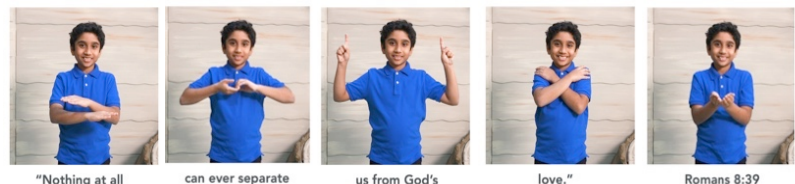
"And guess what? God loves you and has a plan for you, too! God loves (name of child) and has a plan for (him or her). God loves (name of child) and has a plan for (him or her)." (Continue with each child.)

Tell me: "Who loves you?"

Family all together: "God loves me!"

MEMORY VERSE: "Yes! God loves you SO much, nothing at all can ever separate you from His love. God's love will always be with you. And the Bible verse we are learning will help us remember that!" (Use the pictures below for motions.)

PRAYER: "Dear God, thank You for loving us. It feels so good to know that You care about every part of our life and that You planned good things for us. Thank You for the plans You have for each one of us. Your plan is the BEST plan because You love us, and we can trust Your plan for us. YOU are such a good God! We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."



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Romans 8:39