

Parent Activity · 1-4 August 15/16, 2020 Use this guide to help your family learn more about God.

First, watch this video:

Then, follow up with the activity below!

MEMORY VERSE

"Lord, You are great. You are really worthy of praise.
No one can completely understand how great You are." Psalm 145:3, NIrV

LIFE APP

CREATIVITY: Imagining what you could do because you were made in God's image

BIBLE STORY

Esther (Book of Esther)

BOTTOM LINE

God created you for a purpose.

ACTIVITY: Created for a Purpose

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper/Cardboard, Paint, Items to use in Paint WHAT YOU DO: Read Bible story passages: Book of Esther

- Set out the supplies. Pour small portions of paint onto plates
- Press an object into the paint, then onto the paper-making a print. Similar to a stamp
- Have everyone design their own paper however they'd like to

Talk about the Bible Story:

- Esther became queen in a unique way! Esther was Jewish-the Jewish people are often referred to as God's people. Her cousin Mordecai raised her as his own daughter
- The King of Persia-King Xerxes held a contest for the most beautiful women in the land to become his new queen. Esther participated and won! But there was a problem-do you remember what the problem was? (King Xerxes didn't know his new queen was from a Jewish family) Another problem was that Haman (one of King Xerxes' workers) was angry at the Jewish people, because they wouldn't bow to him. So Haman had King Xerxes create an announcement to destroy ALL the Jewish people in the land
- Ester was AFRAID to ask King Xerxes to save the Jewish people-her people. Mordecai
 encouraged Ester-saying that he believed the whole reason God had allowed Ester to
 become queen was so she could save God's people. So Ester agreed to ask! King
 Xerxes agreed to save the Jewish people, and he was mad at Haman for wanting to kill
 the Jewish people
- God gave Esther a special job to do, in a land that was far away from her home. he gave her the chance to help her people when no one else could. When the time was right, she used her creativity to convince King Xerxes to save the Jewish people. God created Esther with a purpose-and HE has a purpose for you too!

PRAYER

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, Thank You so much for the story of Esther. It reminds us that You have an amazing plan and purpose for our lives, and that we can trust you no matter what! Please, help us to use everything You've given us to do what You want. We love you, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."