

Today's Suggested Schedule—August 2020, Week 3

Today's Bible Story: This Is Me (Esther) • *Esther*

Today's Bottom Line: God created you for a purpose.

Monthly 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)

Monthly Life App: Creativity—Imagining what you could do because you're made in God's image

Basic Truth: I can trust God no matter what.

Digging In: Review the Bible Story, Memorize the Verse, and Pray Together

Feel free to use these as you are able. You can do all of them, you can spread them out throughout the week when you're having God time with your child, or just do one or two that you feel like will be most helpful for your child.

1. Courage

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

What You Need: Plastic utensils, paper scraps, yarn scraps, safety scissors, googly-eye stickers, markers, adhesive putty or tape

What You Do:

- Give your kid two utensils.
- Set out the supplies and encourage them to use them to create “Esther” and “King Xerxes” puppets.
- They can cut paper crowns and robes, and add googly eyes, yarn hair, and other details.
- If you provided adhesive putty, give them small bits to attach their crowns, clothes, and hair to the sporks or spoons.
- As they create, ask guiding questions to review the story. Try to touch on the following points:
 - Esther was from a Jewish family. One day, King Xerxes chose Esther to be his queen.
 - When Mordecai, Esther's cousin, wouldn't bow down to Haman, Haman was so angry that he made a terrible plan to destroy all the Jews.
 - When Mordecai learned of Haman's plan, he told Esther that God had made her queen for a purpose.
 - Even though it wasn't safe, Esther went to the king and invited him to a banquet.
 - At a second banquet, Esther told the king about Haman's evil plan and asked the king to save her people.
- Lead them to use their puppets to reenact the Bible story with you.

What You Say:

“How do you think Esther felt when she went to see King Xerxes? (*Scared, nervous*) Even though Esther was probably scared, she had the courage to go to the king and ask Him to keep her people safe. She had courage because she knew God, and she knew that God had created her for a purpose.

[Bottom Line] “**God created you for a purpose**, too. You’ll probably never be a king or a queen, but every day you can do what God wants you to do. You can be kind to other kids at school. You can speak up when someone is being mean to someone else. You can encourage your friends when they’re sad. And You can tell others about Jesus. Just like God created Esther for a purpose, **[Bottom Line]** **God created you for a purpose.**”

2. Pray and Dismiss

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect: An activity that creates space for personal processing and application

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Use the conversation below as a guide to lead your child into prayer.

What You Say:

[Bottom Line] “**God created you for a purpose.** You’ll probably never be a real king or a queen, but every day you can do what God wants you to do. Just like God created Esther for a purpose, **[Bottom Line]** **God created you for a purpose**, too. Let’s pray.”

Lead kids in prayer, thanking God that He has a purpose for each kid. Ask Him to help both you and your kid have the courage to do what He wants you to do. Thank Him for His love and praise him for His greatness.