



CityKids Lesson and Resources - May 24, 2020

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP VIDEO - TO WATCH DURING WORSHIP

Weekly worship video link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBqheKM8ckxPBdlQzSa_kkMiq8aOhCAuH

THIS WEEK'S VIDEO - TO WATCH DURING THE SERMON

Weekly video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q94wBYdMwtE>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - TO BE USED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK:

- **FOR ESTHER, WHAT DID IT MEAN TO BE BRAVE?**

To be brave is to be ready to face and endure danger or pain or to endure unpleasant conditions or behavior without showing fear. This is especially true when you are being brave to protect someone other than yourself. Both Mordecai and Esther had to be brave in the face of Haman's threats. They both knew they could lose their lives. But they did the right thing and all the Jews throughout the kingdom were saved because of their bravery (Esther 4:16).

 - [Esther 4:16](#)
- **IN THE STORY OF ESTHER, HAMAN WAS IDOLIZED. WHAT IS AN IDOL?**

Anything that becomes more important to us than our relationship with God is called an "idol." This is not just a statue made of stone, wood, or metal like the idols of the Old Testament. Anything that takes first place in our life is a spiritual idol. Jesus said that the greatest commandment is, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). The Ten Commandments teach a similar truth: "You must not have any other god but me. You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods" (Exodus 20:3-5). Because Mordecai loved God, he refused to bow down to Haman, even if it meant losing his life. There are times when we have to be brave, like Mordecai was, in order to do the right thing in life.



- [Matthew 22:37](#)
- [Exodus 20:3-5](#)

- **WHY DID ESTHER DO THE RIGHT THING?**

God wants His children to always do the right thing. Esther had to do the right thing and speak up for Israel even when the leaders, like Haman, were doing the wrong thing. The Bible says, "Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it" (James 4:17). The good news is that when we ask God for help, He sends the Holy Spirit to give us courage so that we can be brave. It might be hard to do what is right, but it is always the best thing to do -- and many times, it is easier in the long run.

- [James 4:17](#)

- **IN ESTHER'S STORY, WHERE DO WE SEE REAPING AND SOWING?**

Both Mordecai and Haman represent examples of reaping and sowing. Haman tricked the king in an attempt to kill all of the Jews. Ultimately, Haman was executed for his trickery. On the other hand, Mordecai honored the one true God. As a result, Esther appointed Mordecai to be in charge of Haman's property (Esther 8:1-2). The king also took off his signet ring—which he had taken back from Haman—and gave it to Mordecai.

When a farmer plants a seed in the ground, he "sows" that seed. He knows that if he plants the seed in good ground and if it gets plenty of water and sunlight, it will sprout and grow into a healthy plant. In the same way, if we "sow" a seed with our words, either good or bad, we will reap the fruit of that seed. So if we sow kindness and love, we will reap love from others. If we sow anger, we will reap mean behavior from others. The Bible makes it clear: "Don't be misled--you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant" (Galatians 6:7). But if we do what God wants us to do, sowing good seeds to others, then we will be blessed with good things: "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up" (Galatians 6:9).

- [Esther 8:1-2](#)
- [Galatians 6:7](#)
- [Galatians 6:9](#)

- **DOES GOD HEAR OUR PRAYERS?**

God hears us and will always rescue those who love Him, just as He rescued Mordecai and the Jews in the story of Esther (Esther 8:15-16). Sometimes it feels like God is not



moving as fast as we would like in answering our prayers. But we need to remember that, if we believe that God hears our prayers, then He will move on our behalf when the time is right.

The Bible tells us that there is great power in our prayers: "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results" (James 5:16). It also says: "We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will" (John 9:31). Jesus taught us: "If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you" (Matthew 18:19). So don't give up when it seems like the answer isn't coming. It will come in God's timing, and His timing is always perfect.

- [Esther 8:15-16](#)
- [James 5:16](#)
- [John 9:31](#)
- [Matthew 18:19](#)

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Esther is Brave

Esther 2-9



What would you do if you were a king or a queen? Listen to hear about how God helped a queen do something that was very good.



A young woman named Esther and her cousin Mordecai were Jews who lived in a country far from Israel. (God's people were called Jews.) Mordecai was kind to Esther and cared for her. One day, King Xerxes (ZUHRK-sees) chose Esther to be his new **queen!**

The king had a helper named Haman. Haman hated Mordecai so much that he wanted to kill him. Because Mordecai was a Jew, Haman wanted to kill all Jews. Haman tricked the king into making a law to kill all the Jews.



Now Esther had a big problem. Haman and King Xerxes did not know that she was a Jew. She wanted to talk to the king about Haman's plans, but she was afraid. Anyone who talked to the king without being invited could be killed—even the queen.



Esther said, "I will go to the king, even though I am afraid." For **three** days, Esther, Mordecai and all the other Jews prayed and did not eat anything. Then Esther got dressed up. She stood at the door where the king was. When she walked through the door, she wondered what the king would do. When King Xerxes saw her, he **SMILED!** Esther came up to the king.



Esther asked the king and Haman to come to **eat** dinner with her. Haman was very **HAPPY** to be the only person invited to have dinner with the king and queen! So King Xerxes and Haman came to Esther's dinner. Esther told the king that someone was going to **KILL** all of her people. She asked the king to please save her life and the lives of all her people. The king got **ANGRY**. He asked, "Who would **DO** such a thing?"

Esther **pointed** at Haman. "The man who wants to do this is **HAMAN!**"

King Xerxes had Haman taken away! Then the king wrote a new law to protect the Jews. Queen Esther and Mordecai and all of God's people were **VERY** happy!



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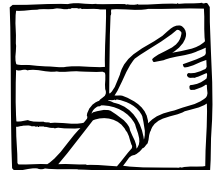
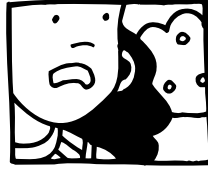
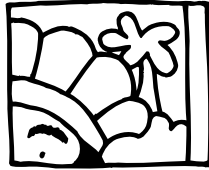
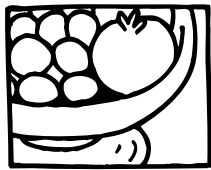
Summer Unit 2:
God Cares for His People

Bible Verse:
"Whenever I'm afraid, I will trust in You."
Psalm 56:3

God's Word & Me (Bottom Line):
God is powerful and can always help me.



Draw a ○ around the little pictures that are part of the big picture. Draw an ✕ on the little pictures that are not part of the big picture.



Queen Esther did good by helping God's people stay safe. God helps us be ready to do good. The Bible says, "Be ready to do whatever is good." Titus 3:1



Draw a ○ around all the objects in the picture that start with a **G**.